

## CURRENT AFFAIRS QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS – APRIL 2019

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ successfully launched EMISAT and 28 international customer satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR in Sriharikota.**

- a) PSLV-C44
- b) PSLV-C40
- c) PSLV-C55
- d) PSLV-C45

Answer d) PSLV-C45. India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C45) today successfully launched EMISAT and 28 international customer satellites from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR in Sriharikota. This flight marked the first mission of PSLV-QL, a new variant of PSLV with four strap-on motors.

**2. In tennis \_\_\_\_\_ lifts his 4th ATP Miami Open title.**

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

Answer b) Roger Federer. In tennis, Roger Federer lifted his fourth ATP Miami Open title with an emphatic 6-1, 6-4 win over defending champion John Isner last night. The 37-year-old world number five took the first set in 24 minutes.

**3. The government extended the deadline for linking PAN with biometric ID Aadhaar by 6 months till \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) November
- b) December
- c) September
- d) August

Answer c) September. The government extended the deadline for linking PAN with biometric ID Aadhaar by 6 months till September 30, as per an official statement. This is the sixth time the government has extended the deadline for individuals to link their Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhaar.

**4. Veteran journalist and academician \_\_\_\_\_ died at age of 82.**

- a) N. Selvaraj
- b) Hedi Turki
- c) Prafulla Rajguru
- d) Rafael Sánchez Ferlosio

Answer c) Prafulla Rajguru. Veteran journalist and academician Prafulla Rajguru died at a hospital here, his family sources said. He was 82. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami, former chief minister Tarun Gogoi and Leader of the Opposition Debabrata Saikia have condoled the demise of the academician-turned journalist.

**5. \_\_\_\_\_ will become the first Indian to be elected a member of FIFA Executive Council for a four-year period.**

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- a) Arvind Saxena
- b) Praful Patel
- c) Nageshwara Rao
- d) Sunil Arora

Answer b) Praful Patel. Praful Patel will become the first Indian to be elected a member of FIFA Executive Council for a four-year period when elections are held in the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) headquarters in Kuala Lumpur.

**6. Direct tax collections have fallen short by \_\_\_\_\_ -thereby failing to meet the revised target of Rs 12 lakh crore for 2018-19.**

- a) Rs 60,000 crore
- b) Rs 40,000 crore
- c) Rs 70,000 crore
- d) Rs 50,000 crore

Answer d) Rs 50,000 crore. Direct tax collections have fallen short by Rs 50,000 crore thereby failing to meet the revised target of Rs 12 lakh crore for 2018-19 fiscal on account of poor personal income tax collections.

the target of personal income tax of Rs 5.29 lakh crore was not met by almost the same shortfall amount of Rs 50,000 crore, which dragged down the direct tax collections for the fiscal 2018-19.

**7. Senior Tripura BJP leader and five-time MLA \_\_\_\_\_ -died after prolonged illness.**

- a) Dilip Sarkar
- b) Dilip Singh
- c) Prafulla Rajguru
- d) None of these

Answer a) Dilip Sarkar. Veteran journalist and academician Prafulla Rajguru died. He was 82. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Assam Speaker Hitendra Nath Goswami, former chief minister Tarun Gogoi and Leader of the Opposition Debabrata Saikia have condoled the demise of the academician-turned journalist.

**8. Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE) a leading warship building company delivered its 100th warship \_\_\_\_\_ -to the Indian Navy.**

- a) "IN LCU L-56"
- b) "ICGS Priyadarshini"
- c) "ICGS L-48 "
- d) "IN LCU L-58 "

Answer a) "IN LCU L-56". Garden Reach Ship Builders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE) a leading warship building company in the country under the administrative control of the Ministry of Defence delivered its 100th warship to the Indian Navy today, March 30, 2019. This makes GRSE the first Indian shipyard to make and deliver 100 warships to the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Mauritius Coast Guard.

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The 100th warship, “IN LCU L-56” was formally “Handed Over” by Rear Admiral V. K. Saxena, IN (Retd).

**9. Reserve Bank of India celebrates its \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation Day on April 1,2019.**

- a) 82th
- b) 85th
- c) 81th
- d) 84th

Answer d) 84th.

The Central Bank of India is celebrating its 84th establishment day today. India’s central banking institution -Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was founded on 1 April 1935 to respond to economic troubles after the First World War. Though originally privately owned, since nationalisation in 1949, the Reserve Bank is fully owned by the Government of India.

**10. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that \_\_\_\_\_ will assume the position of Chief Executive with immediate effect.**

- a) Manu Sawhney
- b) Dilip Sarkar
- c) Manu Kumar
- d) None of these

Answer a) Manu Sawhney. The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that Manu Sawhney will assume the position of Chief Executive with immediate effect. Sawhney has been working alongside the outgoing Chief Executive David Richardson for the last six weeks to ensure a smooth transition for the organization.

**11. J Mahendran was Passed Away At 79, he was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Tamil cinema, director
- b) Player
- c) Singer
- d) Tamil Writer

Answer a) Tamil cinema, director. One of the most prominent faces of Tamil cinema, director J Mahendran breathed at his residence in Chennai. He was 79. he was seen in many films as actor. Starting with Kamaraj in 2004, he continued acting till Petta and Boomerang in 2019.

**12. \_\_\_\_\_ - and the US have set up the first ever secure communication link between the naval headquarters and the US Central.**

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

Answer c) India. India and the US have set up the first ever secure communication link between the naval headquarters and the US Central as well as Pacific Naval Commands under the landmark Indo-US COMCASA pact reached last year.

ET has reliably gathered that the US has also activated the Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module GPS system in some of C-130 and C-17 transport aircraft as a result of the implementation of the COMCASA (Communications, Compatibility & Security Agreement).

**13. \_\_\_\_\_ ranks number 1 in the e-Learning training program of Dept of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government India.**

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

Answer b) Telangana. For the second year in succession, Telangana ranks number 1 in the e-Learning training program of Dept of Personnel and Training (DoPT), Government India.

**14. \_\_\_\_\_ - secured the Test Championship title for a third successive year.**

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

Answer d) India. India secured the Test Championship title for a third successive year and with it the million dollar prize. Virat Kohli's team, who in January recorded their first Test series win in Australia, finished with 116 points, eight points clear of New Zealand.

South Africa were third with Australia edging England for fourth by decimal points after both finished on 104 points.

**15. \_\_\_\_\_ will begin charging customers for peer-to-peer Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions from May 1.**

- a) State Bank of India
- b) ICICI
- c) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- d) IDBI

Answer c) Kotak Mahindra Bank. Kotak Mahindra Bank will begin charging customers for peer-to-peer Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions from May 1, becoming the first bank to do so.

From May, Kotak Mahindra Bank customers will be able to make 30 free P2P transfers each month using UPI.

After this the bank will charge Rs 2.50 per transaction for transfers of Rs 1,000 or less, and Rs 5 plus 18% GST for transfers of more than Rs 1,000.

**16. Google's India and South East Asia President \_\_\_\_\_ has resigned after an eight-year stint at the American tech giant.**

- a) Rajan Anandan
- b) Rajan Kumar
- c) Vikas Agnihotri
- d) None of these

Answer a) Rajan Anandan. Google's India and South East Asia President Rajan Anandan has resigned after an eight-year stint at the American tech giant. Anandan, also an investor in multiple startups, is slated to join venture fund Sequoia Capital. He will work with Google till the end of this month.

Vikas Agnihotri will take on the interim responsibility. He is currently serving as Google's Country Director for Sales.

**17. IT major \_\_\_\_\_ completes acquisition of Strong-Bridge Envision.**

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

Answer c) HCL. IT major HCL Technologies said that its acquisition of US-based Strong-Bridge Envision has been completed. HCL had recently agreed to acquire the Seattle-based company to enhance its digital transformation consulting capabilities. According to reports, the deal was worth 45 million dollars.

**18. China launched 2nd Generation data relay satellite, \_\_\_\_\_ - by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.**

- a) Tianlian VI-01
- b) Tianlian III-01
- c) Tianlian II-02
- d) Tianlian II-01

Answer d) Tianlian II-01. The Tianlian II-01 satellite was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province. This is the first of China's second-generation data-tracking and relay satellites, which will provide services like data relay, measurement and control, and transmission to manned spacecraft, satellites, carrier rockets and non-spacecraft users.

**19. The Reserve Bank of India, RBI will inject long-term liquidity worth \_\_\_\_\_ - US Dollars into the banking system.**

- a) 1 billion
- b) 3 billion
- c) 7 billion
- d) 5 billion

Answer d) 5 billion. The Reserve Bank of India, RBI said it will inject long-term liquidity worth 5 billion US Dollars into the banking system through a dollar-rupee buy-

sell swap for a tenure of three years on April 23. The RBI statement stated that the move intends to meet the durable liquidity needs of the system.

**20. World Autism Awareness Day observed on Which date ?**

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

Answer d) April 2. April 2 is the World Autism Awareness Day. The day is observed every year to raise public awareness of autism. This year the theme of the Day is **Assistive Technologies, Active Participation**.

**21. \_\_\_\_\_ took over as the new national president of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI).**

- a) Satish Magar
- b) Satish Jain
- c) Yoshua Bengio
- d) Rishi Kumar

Answer a) Satish Magar. Satish Magar took over as the new national president of the Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), the apex body of private real estate developers in India. Magar, who is the managing director of Magarpatta City, took over the baton from Jaxay Shah to become the new president of the 20-year-old body.

**22. \_\_\_\_\_ has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2019.**

- a) Lewis Hamilton
- b) Sebastian Vettel
- c) Valtteri Bottas
- d) Roger Federer

Answer a) Lewis Hamilton. Lewis Hamilton (Britain- Mercedes) has won the Formula One Bahrain Grand Prix 2019. Valtteri Bottas was second while Charles Leclerc was third in the F1 race.

**23. The 260-foot \_\_\_\_\_, the longest suspension bridge over the Indus River at Choglamsar village in Leh was opened to the public.**

- a) Shakti Bridge
- b) Maitri Bridge
- c) Sakha Bridge
- d) None of these

Answer b) Maitri Bridge. The 260-foot Maitri Bridge, the longest suspension bridge over the Indus River at Choglamsar village in Leh was opened to the public on March 01. The bridge has been named 'Maitri Bridge', symbolising the excellent civil-military relations existing in the Leh-Ladakh region.

**24. 4th Session of India-Ukraine working group on Trade and Economic Cooperation held in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer b) New Delhi. The 4th Meeting of India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC), under the India-Ukraine Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical, Industrial and Cultural Cooperation was held in New Delhi.

**25. Eminent theatre organiser and playwright \_\_\_\_\_ passed away at his residence following a brief illness.**

- a) Jamshid Mashayekhi,
- b) Aleksey Buldakov
- c) Kartik Chandra Rath
- d) None of these

Answer c) Kartik Chandra Rath. Eminent theatre organiser and playwright Kartik Chandra Rath passed away at his residence following a brief illness. Recipient of Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi award and Odishi Sangeet Natak Akademi award, Rath has penned over hundred plays and directed over 500 plays in his career as a dramatist.

**26. \_\_\_\_\_ beats Kidambi Srikanth to win India Open 2019.**

- a) Taufik Hidayat
- b) Pullela Gopichand
- c) Viktor Axelsen
- d) Syed Modi

Answer c) Viktor Axelsen. Viktor Axelsen dashed Indian hopes with a 21-7, 22-20 win over Kidambi Srikanth at the India Open 2019 final. In a rematch of the 2015 final, the Dane saved a couple of game points in the second game to get his second title after 2017 win.

In women's singles, Thailand's Ratchanok Intanon created history by becoming the first women's singles shuttler to win the title three times, when she beat the third seed He Bingjiao 21-15, 21-14.

**27. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first Indian male squash player to enter the top 10 in the latest PSA world rankings.**

- a) Siddharth Suchde
- b) Saurav Ghosal
- c) Harinder Pal Sandhu
- d) Mahesh Mangaonkar

Answer b) Saurav Ghosal. Saurav Ghosal became the first Indian male squash player to enter the top 10 in the latest PSA world rankings. Indian women squash players Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal had earlier reached top-10 in the world rankings.



**28. The Asian Development Bank downgraded economic growth forecasts to \_\_\_\_\_ from 7.6 Percent for India.**

- a) 7.2 percent
- b) 7.4 percent
- c) 7.0 percent
- d) 7.5 percent

Answer a) 7.2 percent. The Asian Development Bank downgraded economic growth forecasts for India and Southeast Asia for 2019 as global risks from trade tensions to Brexit mount.

Gross domestic product in India will probably increase 7.2 percent this year, down from a December forecast of 7.6 percent, according to the ADB's latest Asian Development Outlook report.

**27. ICC to join hands with \_\_\_\_\_ to fight corruption in sport.**

- a) World Bank
- b) UNESCO
- c) Interpol
- d) IMF

Answer c) Interpol. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has sought closer working relations with the Interpol to widen the scope of its fight against corruption in the sport. The cooperation was discussed during ICC Anti-Corruption Unit General Manager, Alex Marshall's visit to the Interpol headquarters in Lyon, France.

**28. The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) is organizing a NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019, at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Guwahati
- b) Delhi
- c) Indore
- d) Manesar

Answer d) Manesar. The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) is organizing a NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019, at Manesar, NCR, from 27th to 29th November 2019. The objective of the Summit is to share new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future technology trends for faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced automotive technologies for a smarter and greener future.

**29. Air Mshl \_\_\_\_\_ AVSM VM VSM has taken over as Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command.**

- a) B Keshav Rao
- b) Pradeep Padmakar Bapat
- c) D Choudhury
- d) Satish Kumar Dham

Answer c) D Choudhury. Air Mshl D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM has taken over as Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command.



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Air Mshl D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM is an alumnus of National Defence Academy and was commissioned on 22 Dec 1983.

**30. NASA plans to land astronauts on Mars by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 2021
- b) 2022
- c) 2033
- d) 2020

Answer c) 2033. After plans to land American astronauts on the Moon by 2024, four years ahead of its previous schedule, NASA now proposes to put humans on Mars by 2033.

**31. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ of the US as head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar.**

- a) Azali Assoumani
- b) Zuzana Čaputová
- c) Rajan Anandan
- d) Nicholas Koumjian

Answer d) Nicholas Koumjian. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed Nicholas Koumjian of the US as head of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar.

Koumjian will be the first head of the Myanmar mechanism, which was established by the Human Rights Council on September 27, 2018 and welcomed by the General Assembly on December 22, 2018.

**32. \_\_\_\_\_ launches the world's first fully-fledged 5G mobile networks.**

- a) Russia
- b) china
- c) Nepal
- d) South Korea

Answer d) South Korea. South Korea launches the world's first fully-fledged 5G mobile networks. The system will bring smartphones near-instantaneous connectivity 20 times faster than the existing 4G allowing users to download entire movies in less than a second.

**33. Garuda Prakashan launches its two books \_\_\_\_\_ and 'Saffron Swords'.**

- a) 'Modi ji '
- b) 'Modi Modi '
- c) 'Modi Again'
- d) 'Namo Namo'

Answer c) 'Modi Again'. One of India's homegrown startup publishing houses – Garuda Prakashan – is all set to launch its next two books '#Modi Again' and 'Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders' after the success of its recently launched books – 'Urban Naxals' by Vivek Agnihotri and 'Thank you India' by Maria Writh.

**34. Kandhamal Haldi’, a variety of turmeric indigenous to southern \_\_\_\_\_, has earned the Geographical indication (GI) tag.**

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

Answer d) Odisha. ‘Kandhamal Haldi’, a variety of turmeric indigenous to southern Odisha, has earned the Geographical indication (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India, an organisation functioning under the auspices of the Union ministry of commerce & industry.

The recognition coincided with the state’s Foundation Day (Utkal Divas). Odisha, on April 1 1936, was carved out as a separate state in the then British India on a linguistic identity.

**35. \_\_\_\_\_ - and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) signed a MOU to set up integrated customer services and optimise value for customers.**

- a) NTPC
- b) Tata Power
- c) Power Grid Corporation of India LTD
- d) Briquettes India

Answer b) Tata Power. Tata Power and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) signed a memorandum of understanding to set up integrated customer services and optimise value for customers.

**36. Reliance Jio acquires chatbot making startup Haptik for \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Rs220 crore
- b) Rs200 crore
- c) Rs250 crore
- d) Rs230 crore

Answer d) Rs230 crore. Telecom giant Reliance Jio has acquired an 87% stake in Mumbai-based Haptik “to build India’s largest AI assistant company across chat, voice and vernacular languages”. In the rs700-crore deal, rs 230 crore will go for business transfer and ₹470 crore will go towards expansion. Haptik Co-founders Aakrit Vaish and Swapan Rajdev and employees will have a minority stake in Reliance Jio.

**37. Former actress \_\_\_\_\_ has joined Google India as its industry head – agency business.**

- a) Mayoore Kango
- b) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- c) Zuzana Čaputová
- d) None of these

Answer a) Mayoore Kango. Former actress Mayoore Kango, who made her Bollywood debut with 1995 film ‘Naseem’ and acted in films like ‘Papa Kahte Hain’, ‘Betaabi’ among others, has joined Google India as its industry head – agency business. Mayoore,

who chose films over joining IIT Kanpur, left acting in the 2000s. Before Google, she was working as the Managing Director at Performics.

**38. The Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) launched an ambitious franchise-based league for the sport named \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Kho-Kho
- b) paramount Kho-Kho
- c) ideal, Kho-Kho
- d) Ultimate Kho-Kho

Answer d) Ultimate Kho-Kho. The Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) launched an ambitious franchise-based league for the sport named Ultimate Kho-Kho. The KKFI, in collaboration with Dabur India Ltd, will conduct the 21-day IPL-style league, which will see eight franchise teams playing a total of 60 matches in a double round-robin format.

**39. \_\_\_\_\_ awarded the prestigious John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award.**

- a) Pinaki Chandra
- b) Kumar Viswajeet
- c) Manohar Ajgaonkar
- d) Vikram Patel

Answer d) Vikram Patel. Prof Patel has been awarded 2019 John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award for his world-leading research in global mental health, generating knowledge on the burden and determinants of mental health problems in low-and-middle-income countries and pioneering approaches for the prevention and treatment of mental health in low-resource settings.

**40. \_\_\_\_\_ has taken charge as Managing Director of LIC of India.**

- a) Naresh Goyal
- b) Kenichi Ayukawa
- c) Shambhu S Kumaran
- d) Vipin Anand

Answer d) Vipin Anand. Vipin Anand has taken charge as Managing Director of LIC of India. Prior to this, he was in charge of LIC's Western Zone, headquartered at Mumbai.

**41. \_\_\_\_\_ has created history by electing an African-American woman as its mayor for the first time.**

- a) Aurora
- b) Champaign
- c) Joliet
- d) Chicago

Answer d) Chicago. Chicago has created history by electing an African-American woman as its mayor for the first time. Lori Lightfoot, a 56-year-old former federal prosecutor and practicing lawyer who has never before held elected office, won the city's mayoral race by a huge margin. She will also be Chicago's first openly gay mayor.

**42. \_\_\_\_\_ felicitated by Asian Tour for contribution to golf in Asia.**

- a) Pawan Munjal
- b) O. P. Bhatt
- c) Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- d) Rajesh Gopinathan

Answer a) Pawan Munjal. Dr Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Hero MotoCorp – the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters – was felicitated by the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award for his contributions to Asian Golf.

**43. The Reserve Bank of India cut the repo rate by another 25 basis points to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 7 per cent
- b) 6.50 per cent
- c) 6.25 per cent
- d) 6 per cent

Answer d) 6 per cent. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has cut its repo rate under liquidity adjustment facility (LAF), or the rate at which it lends to banks, by 25 basis points to 6%, with immediate effect. This is the second consecutive rate cut from RBI under new Governor Shaktikanta Das, after a rate cut in February.

**44. 45th Postal Pension Adalat to be held in \_\_\_\_\_ on July 25, 2019.**

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

Answer d) Mumbai. The Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra Circle, Mumbai will be holding the 45th Postal Pension Adalat for pensioners / family pensioners of Postal Department, 25-07-2019 at the Office of the Chief Postmaster General, Maharashtra Circle.

**45. \_\_\_\_\_ have launched their new coaching community on the Hive Learning platform.**

- a) Mumbai Indians
- b) Delhi Capitals
- c) Chennai Super Kings
- d) Rajasthan Royals

Answer d) Rajasthan Royals. Rajasthan Royals have launched their new coaching community on the Hive Learning platform. Through this community the Royals coaches and players will deliver the latest techniques, best practices and guidance to all those who aspire to join the cricket fraternity.

**46. Chinese telecommunications giant \_\_\_\_\_ announced the appointment of Bi Yunfeng as the new Chief Executive Officer of the company's R&D centre.**

- a) CenturyLink

- b) SoftBank Group
- c) AT&T
- d) Huawei

Answer d) Huawei. Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei announced the appointment of Bi Yunfeng as the new Chief Executive Officer of the company's R&D centre here.

The Bengaluru centre is Huawei's largest overseas R&D centre, focused on developing software for end-to-end telecom, IT and Cloud solutions, consumer devices, as well as providing professional services for global operators.

**47. The Finance Ministry is believed to have met the revised fiscal deficit target of \_\_\_\_\_ in the last fiscal 2018-19.**

- a) 3.2 per cent
- b) 3.5 per cent
- c) 3.0 per cent
- d) 3.4 per cent

Answer d) 3.4 per cent. The Finance Ministry is believed to have met the revised fiscal deficit target of 3.4 per cent in the last fiscal 2018-19 largely by cutting expenditure, withdrawals from small savings accounts to meet the food subsidy and higher GST collections.

**48. Lawyer-turned-fashion model \_\_\_\_\_ will be the brand ambassador for the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir.**

- a) Preetma Singh
- b) Sana Dua
- c) Swati Bishnoi
- d) None of these

Answer b) Sana Dua. Lawyer-turned-fashion model Sana Dua will be the brand ambassador for the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The first runner-up of Femina Miss India 2017 contest, she had also participated in Miss United Continents 2017, and ended up among the top ten.

**49. The Indian men's football team gained two places to rise to \_\_\_\_\_ in the FIFA rankings.**

- a) 81
- b) 85
- c) 100
- d) 101

Answer d) 101. The Indian men's football team gained two places to rise to 101 in the FIFA rankings issued. With 1219 total ranking points, the Indian team lies 18th among the Asian countries. The team did not play any international match after the last rankings.

**50. \_\_\_\_\_ launches new doctoral programme in Management for working executives with at least eight years of experience.**

- a) IIM kanpur
- b) IIM delhi
- c) IIM indore
- d) IIM Kozhikode

Answer d) IIM Kozhikode. Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode has launched a new doctoral programme, PhD in Management (Practice Track), for working executives with at least eight years of experience, claimed to be the first of its kind in India. In this programme, the executives can work towards a doctoral degree while remaining in their jobs.

**51. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate 3-day National Cardiology Conference in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) Lucknow. Vice President will inaugurate the 3-day conference organised by Dept of Cardiology in which leading national and international experts from Europe, USA, Japan, Singapore South Korea, Indonesia and Australia will deliberate on the latest topics of Interventional cardiology and cutting edge technology.

**52. Secretary, MoHUA, Durga Shankar Misra inaugurates seminar on Greenery & Landscaping in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Lucknow
- c) Pune
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi.

**53. A Russian delegation met Information and Broadcasting Secretary \_\_\_\_ in New Delhi.**

- a) Amit Khare
- b) Sanjay Mitra
- c) Ajay Narayan Jha
- d) none of these

Answer a) Amit Khare. A Russian delegation led by the Russian Deputy Minister of Digital Development, Communications and Mass Media, Alexey Volin met Information and Broadcasting Secretary Amit Khare in New Delhi.

**54. \_\_\_\_\_ declares national disaster after massive blaze engulfs 5 cities.**

- a) china
- b) India
- c) Nepal
- d) South Korea

Answer d) South Korea. The South Korean government declared a state of national disaster over the massive blaze that engulfed five cities and counties along the northeastern coast. One person died after being hit by a falling object and 11 were wounded in the blaze. Thousands of residents were ordered to evacuate overnight.

**55. The 7th Foreign Office consultations between India and \_\_\_\_\_ were held in New Delhi.**

- a) China
- b) Italy
- c) Russia
- d) South Korea

Answer b) Italy. The 7th Foreign Office consultations between India and Italy were held in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Secretary (West), Ministry of External Affairs, A. Gitesh Sarma. The Italian side was led by Director General of Global Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy, Luca Sabbatucci.

**56. Nepal-India Franchise Investment Expo and Conclave will be held in \_\_\_\_\_ from 15th to 16th May, 2019.**

- a) Kathmandu
- b) Delhi
- c) Mumbai
- d) Lalitpur,

Answer a) Kathmandu. Nepal-India Franchise Investment Expo and Conclave will be held in Kathmandu from 15th to 16th May, 2019. The event primarily focuses on building the relations between India and Nepal through entrepreneurship development.

**57. RBI has tweaked LCR norms to provide an additional 2 per cent window to lenders. “LCR” Stand for ?**

- a) liquidity coverage receipt
- b) liquidity Credit ratio
- c) liquidity coverage ratio
- d) None of these

Answer c) liquidity coverage ratio. In a bid to further improve the cash position of banks, RBI has tweaked liquidity coverage ratio (LCR) norms to provide an additional 2 per cent window to lenders. RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, this move will harmonise the liquidity requirements of banks and release additional money for lending.

**58. \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed the IL&FS’s managing director.**

- a) Arun K Saha
- b) Bijay Kumar
- c) Vineet Nayyar
- d) Chandra Shekhar Rajan

Answer d) Chandra Shekhar Rajan. Chandra Shekhar Rajan, who was the non-executive director of IL&FS for the last six months, was appointed the company’s managing



director, IL&FS non-executive chairman Uday Kotak said.

So far, Vineet Nayyar was the executive vice chairman and managing director of the company. He would now continue to be the executive vice chairman.

**59. Micromax Co-founder \_\_\_\_\_ to Launch Revolt Electric Motorcycle in June 2019**

- a) Rahul Sharma
- b) Rajesh Agarwal
- c) Vikas Jain
- d) sumeet kumar

Answer a) Rahul Sharma. Homegrown entrepreneur Rahul Sharma has announced that his new venture, Revolt Intellincorp, will be launching an AI-enabled motorcycle in June 2019.

**60. \_\_\_\_\_ - has received a licence from the Department of Telecommunications to provide Internet and mobile services on flights.**

- a) BSNL
- b) MTNL
- c) Airtel
- d) Idea

Answer a) BSNL. Bharatiya Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has received a licence from the Department of Telecommunications to provide Internet and mobile services on flights. BSNL and its satellite partner, Inmarsat, will be able to offer in-flight connectivity to airlines later this year.

**61. Global ratings agency Fitch retained India's sovereign rating at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) BBB
- b) AA
- c) A
- d) AAA

Answer a) BBB. Global ratings agency Fitch today retained India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-', the lowest investment grade, with stable outlook, saying a weak fiscal position continues to constrain its rating.

**62. \_\_\_\_\_ - receives Sebi approval to start stock broking services.**

- a) Zerodha
- b) MF Utilit
- c) MyCams
- d) Paytm Money

Answer d) Paytm Money. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has given approval to Paytm Money — the investment and wealth management platform of the mobile payments company — to start offering broking services. It had applied for the licence in October last year.

**63. \_\_\_\_\_ has approved loans worth \$280 million for its first two projects in Sri Lanka.**

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

Answer d) AIIB. The Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) has approved loans worth \$280 million for its first two projects in Sri Lanka, aimed at improving living conditions in the country.

**64. Maharashtra Governor C. V. Rao will swear-in the current Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice \_\_\_\_\_ as the new Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.**

- a) Hemant Gupta
- b) M. C. Chagla
- c) Pradeep Nandrajog
- d) Naresh Harishchandra Patil

Answer c) Pradeep Nandrajog. Maharashtra Governor C. V. Rao will swear-in the current Rajasthan High Court Chief Justice Pradeep Nandrajog, as the new Chief Justice of Bombay High Court. He will take over from the present Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court Justice Naresh Harishchandra Patil who retires on Saturday.

**65. The Indian IT industry's apex body Nasscom appoints WNS's \_\_\_\_\_ its Chairman.**

- a) M. C. Chagla
- b) Pradeep Nandrajog
- c) U.B. Pravin Rao
- d) Keshav Murugesh

Answer d) Keshav Murugesh. The Indian IT industry's apex body Nasscom said WNS global services' Chief Executive Keshav Murugesh will be its new chairman for the fiscal 2019-20.

Global software services' Chief Operating Officer U.B. Pravin Rao will be the new Vice Chairman of Nasscom for FY20.

**66. BIS has inked a MoU with the \_\_\_\_\_ to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment.**

- a) IIT Rookee
- b) IIT Kanpur
- c) IIT Delhi
- d) IIT Bombay

Answer c) IIT Delhi. The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment. The MoU was signed by IIT Delhi Director Professor V Ramgopal Rao and Director General of BIS Surina Rajan.

**67. \_\_\_\_\_ has entered into a Mou with Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company to distribute the latter's life insurance products.**

- a) Canara Bank
- b) Union Bank Of India
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) Karnataka Bank

Answer d) Karnataka Bank. Karnataka Bank has entered into a memorandum of understanding with Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company to distribute the latter's life insurance products.

**68. BSE and India INX have signed a memorandum of understanding with \_\_\_\_\_ to connect investor community.**

- a) Deutsche Börse
- b) TMX Group
- c) NASDAQ
- d) Moscow Exchange (MOEX)

Answer d) Moscow Exchange (MOEX). BSE (earlier known as Bombay Stock Exchange) and India International Exchange (India INX) have signed a memorandum of understanding with Moscow Exchange (MOEX) to connect investor community and companies in both countries besides allowing a capital formation platform.

**69. \_\_\_\_\_ board approves merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance.**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) HDFC Bank
- c) ICICI Bank
- d) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Answer d) Lakshmi Vilas Bank. Private sector lender Lakshmi Vilas Bank Ltd (LVB) said that its board had approved a merger with mortgage financier Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd.

**70. Olympic silver medallist \_\_\_\_\_ was named as female sportsperson of the year in the ESPN India Multi-Sport Awards for their achievements in 2018.**

- a) P. C. Thulasi
- b) Arundhati Pantawane
- c) Saina Nehwal
- d) P.V. Sindhu

Answer d) P.V. Sindhu. Olympic silver medallist P.V. Sindhu and star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra were named as female and male sportsperson of the year in the ESPN India Multi-Sport Awards for their achievements in 2018.

**71. \_\_\_\_\_ was unanimously selected as the new president of the World Bank.**

- a) Ferid Belhaj
- b) David Malpass

- c) Jim Yong Kim
  - d) Antonella Bassani
- Answer b) David Malpass.

**72. \_\_\_\_\_ a mobile app aimed to facilitate voting by elders was launched in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.**

- a) Mitra
- b) Sathi
- c) Sahayata
- d) Sahulat

Answer d) Sahulat. Sahulat', a mobile app aimed to facilitate voting by elders was launched in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district. District Election Officer Mohammad Aijaz Asad launched the Android-based application to reach out to the voters who are 90 years old or above, they said.

"The app is designed to aid the old-age voters' only.

**73. \_\_\_\_\_ has dropped the usage fees for small transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI).**

- a) IRDA
- b) NPCI
- c) RBI
- d) SEBI

Answer b) NPCI. The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has dropped the usage fees for small transactions on Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in a bid to expand the system's adoption within banks and payment service providers (PSPs).

**74. \_\_\_\_\_'s autobiography 'Game Changer' set to hit stands on April 30**

- a) Mohammad Amir
- b) Sarfraz Ahmed
- c) Imad Wasim
- d) Shahid Afridi

Answer d) Shahid Afridi. Former Pakistan captain Shahid Afridi has promised his fans a no-holds-barred account of his life in his upcoming biography "Game Changer", which will hit the stands on April 30.

The biography written by well-known TV anchor and broadcaster, Wajahat S Khan tracks the career of Afridi and narrates all the scandals and controversies in the all-rounder's career.

**75. Election Commission has removed Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Anil Chandra Punetha and appointed \_\_\_\_\_ in his place.**

- a) LV Subrahmanyam
- b) Rajesh Kumar
- c) Anuj Sharma
- d) None of these

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Answer a) LV Subrahmanyam. Election Commission has removed Andhra Pradesh Chief Secretary Anil Chandra Punetha and appointed LV Subrahmanyam in his place. Election Commission has also removed Kolkata Police Commissioner Anuj Sharma ahead of the Lok Sabha elections. the commission has appointed Additional Director General of State Pollution Control Board Dr Rajesh Kumar as the new police commissioner of Kolkata.

**76. All India Football Federation president \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of the FIFA Executive Council.**

- a) Himanta Biswa Sarma
- b) P. A. Sangma
- c) Poorna Patel
- d) Praful Patel

Answer d) Praful Patel. All India Football Federation president Praful Patel has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of the FIFA Executive Council. He got 38 out of 46 votes.

**77. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro's (L&T's) proposal to acquire up to 66.15 per cent stake in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Mindtree
- b) wipro
- c) TCS
- d) infosys

Answer a) Mindtree. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved engineering and construction major Larsen & Toubro's (L&T's) proposal to acquire up to 66.15 per cent stake in Mindtree.

**78. \_\_\_\_\_ took charge as the new President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).**

- a) Rakesh Malhotra
- b) Vipin Anand
- c) Keshav Muruges
- d) Vikram Kirloskar

Answer d) Vikram Kirloskar.

**80. \_\_\_\_\_ will be the punch line for the CBSE in the academic session of 2019-20.**

- a) "Experimental Education "
- b) "Experimental learning"
- c) "Experimental School "
- d) None of these

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Answer b) “Experimental learning”. “Experimental learning” will be the punch line for the CBSE in the academic session of 2019-20, the board said. CBSE secretary Anurag Tripathi said from now on every year, the board will have a punch line.

**81. Sreedhanya Suresh 25, has become the first woman from \_\_\_\_\_’s tribal community to crack the Civil Services examination.**

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

Answer b) Kerala. Sreedhanya Suresh, 25, has become the first woman from Kerala’s tribal community to crack the Civil Services examination. In her third attempt, she secured the 410th rank to clear the exam.

**82. \_\_\_\_\_, noted economist and ‘Father of Entrepreneurship Movement’ in India, passed away.**

- a) Anandavally
- b) Arie Irawan
- c) Viharidas Gopaldas Patel
- d) J. Mahendran

Answer c) Viharidas Gopaldas Patel. Viharidas Gopaldas Patel, noted economist and ‘Father of Entrepreneurship Movement’ in India, passed away here after a brief illness. He was 79.

**83. Noted Tamil Scholar and orator \_\_\_\_\_ died due to age-related illness.**

- a) Silamboli Su. Chellappan
- b) Viharidas Gopaldas Patel
- c) J. Mahendran
- d) None of these

Answer a) Silamboli Su. Chellappan. Noted Tamil Scholar and orator Silamboli Su. Chellappan died today morning due to age-related illness at his residence in Kalashetra Colony, Thiruvannamiyur. He was 91.

**84. The \_\_\_\_\_ Government has announced granting long-term visas for the top 100 start-ups.**

- a) INDIAN
- b) US
- c) UK
- d) UAE

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Answer d) UAE. The UAE Government has announced granting long-term visas for the top 100 start-ups shaping the fourth industrial revolution. The 100 Arab start-ups were selected at the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa, held in Jordan between 6-7th April.

**85. Justice \_\_\_\_\_ took oath as the new Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.**

- a) Indira Banerjee
- b) Hemant Gupta
- c) Dhananjaya Y. Chandrachud
- d) Pradeep Nandrajog

Answer d) Pradeep Nandrajog.

**86. The Platinum Jubilee of the Battle of Kangla Tongbi War was commemorated on \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.**

- a) 5 April
- b) 4 April
- c) 8 April
- d) 7 April

Answer d) 7 April. The Platinum Jubilee of the Battle of Kangla Tongbi War was commemorated on 07 Apr 2019 by Army Ordnance Corps at Kangla Tongbi War Memorial near Imphal honouring the valiant brave hearts of Ordnance Personnel of 221 Advance Ordnance Depot who made their supreme sacrifice in the line of duty during the battle of World War-II on the night of 6/ 7 April 1944.

**87. \_\_\_\_\_ was Appointed As CEO of Royal Enfield Preps For 2030 Goal.**

- a) Indira Banerjee
- b) Vinod Dasari
- c) Siddhartha Lal
- d) Vikram Kirloskar

Answer b) Vinod Dasari. Siddhartha Lal has given up his role of the CEO of Royal Enfield. Siddhartha Lal has appointed the Vinod Dasari to take up the position. Vinod Dasari was the CEO and MD of Ashok Leyland since 2011 and now till attempt to take Royal Enfield to the next level.

**88. Amazon India announced the launch of its seller-funding programme \_\_\_\_\_ in partnership with Ketto, a crowd-funding platform.**

- a) Amazon Dreams
- b) Amazon Wings
- c) Amazon Birds
- d) Amazon Flags

Answer b) Amazon Wings. Amazon India announced the launch of its seller-funding programme—Amazon Wings—in partnership with Ketto, a crowd-funding platform.

**89. The government sold “enemy” shares worth Rs 1,150 crore in IT major \_\_\_\_\_, aiming to transfer the proceeds to its disinvestment kitty.**

- a) Infosys
- b) IBM



- c) TCS
- d) Wipro

Answer d) Wipro. The government sold “enemy” shares worth Rs 1,150 crore in IT major Wipro, aiming to transfer the proceeds to its disinvestment kitty.

Enemy shares are called so as they were originally held by people who migrated to Pakistan or China and are not Indian citizens any longer.

**90. The country’s largest power producer NTPC has signed a term loan agreement for Rs 2,000 crore with \_\_\_\_\_-.**

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Allahabad Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) Canara Bank

Answer d) Canara Bank. The country’s largest power producer NTPC has signed a term loan agreement for Rs 2,000 crore with Canara Bank.

**91. Indian Navy signs MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ to undertake joint research and development of advanced technologies.**

- a) JSIR
- b) CSIR
- c) DSIR
- d) None of these

Answer b) CSIR. The Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) inked a MoU to undertake joint research and development of advanced technologies for the Indian Navy. This will be a collaborative arrangement between labs of CSIR, the Indian Navy and Indian industry.

**92. India’s coal import increased by \_\_\_\_\_ to 212.11 million tonnes in the April-February period of FY19.**

- a) 7.5%
- b) 7.2%
- c) 7.4%
- d) 7.8%

Answer d) 7.8%. India’s coal import increased by 7.8% to 212.11 million tonnes in the April-February period of FY19.

**93. Two Indian naval ships — INS ‘Kolkata’ and ‘\_\_\_\_\_’ — would take part in the Chinese Navy’s 70th anniversary of celebrations later this month.**

- a) Shakti
- b) Vikrant
- c) Tarangini
- d) Sukanya

Answer a) Shakti. Two Indian naval ships — INS ‘Kolkata’ and ‘Shakti’ — would take part in the Chinese Navy’s 70th anniversary of celebrations later this month.

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**94. NGT fines \_\_\_\_\_ govt Rs 100 crore over failure to stop sand mining.**

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

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh. The National Green Tribunal has slapped an interim penalty of Rs 100 crore on the Andhra Pradesh government for inaction to prevent illegal sand mining in the state.

**95. \_\_\_\_\_ celebrated Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba, the New Year of the Manipuris on 6 April.**

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

Answer b) Manipur. Manipur celebrated Sajibu Nongma Panba Cheiraoba, the New Year of the Manipuris on 6 April.

**96. World Health Day is celebrated Every year on which date ?**

- a) April 6
- b) April 8
- c) April 4
- d) April 7

Answer d) April 7. April 7 of each year marks the celebration of World Health Day. From its inception at the First Health Assembly in 1948 and since taking effect in 1950. This year's nominated theme is Universal health coverage (UHC) : everyone, everywhere.

**97. NGT forms committee to look into Yamuna floodplain erosion in Sonipat, The Committee headed by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) P Devadass
- b) Adarsh Kumar Goel
- c) N Paul Vasanthakumar
- d) Swatanter Kumar

Answer b) Adarsh Kumar Goel. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) formed a committee to look into the alleged erosion of Yamuna floodplain due to movement of heavy vehicles in Haryana's Sonipat district.

A bench headed by NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel.

**98. The sixth edition of the joint military training exercise \_\_\_\_\_-between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army concluded in Sri Lanka.**

- a) Varuna
- b) Slinex

- c) Vajra Prahar
- d) Mitra Shakti

Answer d) Mitra Shakti. The sixth edition of the joint military training exercise between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, Exercise Mitra Shakti concluded in Sri Lanka. The two-week long training that commenced on 26th March, came to an end with a grand smart and scintillating joint parade by the two continents.

**99. Chinese badminton ace \_\_\_\_\_ clinched the Malaysia Open in Kuala Lumpur.**

- a) Lee Hyun-il
- b) Lee Chong Wei
- c) Momota Kento
- d) Lin Dan

Answer d) Lin Dan. Chinese badminton ace Lin Dan clinched the Malaysia Open in Kuala Lumpur today. After an electric performance, he beat countryman Chen Long 9-21, 21-7, 21-11.

**100. A Nobel Prize-winning biologist \_\_\_\_\_ who helped decipher the genetic code has died.**

- a) Anzac Wallace
- b) Vasily Likhachyov
- c) Sydney Brenner
- d) Wilbert Keon

Answer c) Sydney Brenner. Sydney Brenner, a Nobel Prize-winning biologist who helped decipher the genetic code and whose research on a roundworm sparked a new field of human disease research, has died. He was 92.

**101. \_\_\_\_\_, topped the national ranking of higher institutes released by the Ministry of Human Resources Development (HRD).**

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

Answer b) IIT-Madras. The Indian Institute of Technology(IIT), Madras, topped the national ranking of higher institutes released by the Ministry of Human Resources Development (HRD). The Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, and IIT-Delhi ranked second and third in the list respectively. Of the top 10 institutes, seven are IITs.

**102. \_\_\_\_\_ is Congress' campaign slogan for 2019 Lok Sabha elections.**

- a) 'Ab Hoga Nyay'
- b) 'Ab Hoga Vikash'
- c) 'Ab Hoga Sapna pura'
- d) 'Ab Hoga Desh Aage'

Answer a) ‘Ab Hoga Nyay’. Congress party launched its publicity campaign for 2019 Lok Sabha elections with an over arching slogan of “Ab Hoga Nyay” or justice will happen now. The word NYAY is also the reference to Nyuntam Aay Yojana which is party’s minimum income guarantee promise.

**103. Star raider \_\_\_\_\_ became the second-most expensive player in the history of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL).**

- a) Surender Nada
- b) Pardeep Narwal
- c) Ajay Thakur
- d) Siddharth Desai

Answer d) Siddharth Desai. Star raider Siddharth Desai became the second-most expensive player in the history of the Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) after Telugu Titans pocketed him for a whopping Rs 1.45 crore.

**104. Hockey India has named \_\_\_\_\_ as the new chief coach of the Indian men’s hockey team.**

- a) Jacob Anderson
- b) Joshua Beltz
- c) Jack Hayes
- d) Graham Reid

Answer d) Graham Reid. Hockey India has named Graham Reid as the new chief coach of the Indian men’s hockey team. The 54-year-old will join the team in Bengaluru shortly for the ongoing national camp at the Sports Authority of India.

**105. Backup solutions provider Veeam Software announced the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ - as the Channel Director for Asia Pacific and Japan (APJ).**

- a) Salom Zurichishvili
- b) Pu Zoramthanga
- c) Kelly Knight Craft
- d) Belinda Jurisic

Answer d) Belinda Jurisic. Backup solutions provider Veeam Software announced the appointment of Belinda Jurisic as the Channel Director for Asia Pacific and Japan (APJ).

**106. \_\_\_\_\_ has received the Letter of Intent (LoI) to acquire the insolvent Korba West Power Company (KWPCCL).**

- a) Bina Thermal Power Plant
- b) Adani Power
- c) Chhabra Thermal Power Plant
- d) Parichha Thermal Power Station

Answer b) Adani Power. Adani Power has received the Letter of Intent (LoI) to acquire the insolvent Korba West Power Company (KWPCCL) after the latter’s Committee of Creditors (CoC) approved Adani’s resolution plan for KWPCCL.

**107. World Bank Projects India's GDP To Expand \_\_\_\_\_ In FY20.**

- a) 7.5%
- b) 7.4%
- c) 7.3%
- d) 7.1%

Answer a) 7.5%. India's GDP growth is expected to accelerate moderately to 7.5 percent in fiscal year 2019-20, driven by continued investment strengthening, particularly private-improved export performance and resilient consumption, the World Bank said.

**108. The joint military exercise between \_\_\_\_\_-and the US, "African Lion 2019," kicked off in southern Morocco.**

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

Answer d) Morocco. The joint military exercise between Morocco and the US, "African Lion 2019," kicked off in southern Morocco. The exercise marks the participation of thousands of military officers. The exercise will include various types of training including command post, manoeuvring, peacekeeping, operations, and aerial refuelling.

**109. World Homoeopathy Day is observed on \_\_\_\_\_ every year.**

- a) 11 April
- b) 9 April
- c) 10 April
- d) 12 April

Answer c) 10 April. World Homoeopathy Day is observed on 10 April every year to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of Homoeopathy, Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann. The theme for 2019 is "Linking research with education and clinical practice".

**110. ITBP organises first National Sky Running Championship in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Uttarakhand
- b) Jhansi
- c) Lucknow
- d) Pune

Answer a) Uttarakhand. Border guarding force Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) along with Sky Running Association of India organised the National Sky Running Championship at Mountaineering and Skiing Institute of ITBP at Auli in Uttarakhand.

**111. The \_\_\_\_\_ government has renamed the iconic Chennai Central Railway Station as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway Station.**

- a) Kerala
- b) West Bengal

- c) Karnataka
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer d) Tamil Nadu. The Tamil Nadu government has renamed the iconic Chennai Central Railway Station as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr MGR Central Railway Station. According to a government notification, the station was renamed after the receipt of ‘no objection’ from the Union Home Ministry.

**112. \_\_\_\_\_ has emerged as the best educational institute in India.**

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

Answer a) IIT Madras. The Indian Institute of Technology Madras, (IIT Madras) has emerged as the best educational institute in India, ahead of Indian Institute of Science Bangalore (IISc Bangalore), the union government said in a fresh university rankings report.

**113. Telecom operator \_\_\_\_\_ -has received market regulator Sebi’s approval to raise up to Rs25,000 crore through rights issue.**

- a) JIO
- b) Vodafone
- c) BSNL
- d) Bharti Airtel

Answer d) Bharti Airtel. Telecom operator Bharti Airtel has received market regulator Sebi’s approval to raise up to Rs25,000 crore through rights issue, according to sources. The board of the company had approved the rights issue proposal in February.

**114. SBI puts NPAs worth Rs \_\_\_\_\_ on sale via auction.**

- a) 422 crore
- b) 420 crore
- c) 425 crore
- d) 424 crore

Answer d) 424 crore. State-run State Bank of India (SBI) has put non-performing assets (NPAs or bad loans) worth Rs 423.67 crore on auction to recover unpaid dues. The accounts Kamachi Industries owes Rs 364.80 crore and SNS Starch has Rs 58.87 crore due – to SBI, the bank said. The bidding for these properties will start on April 25.

**115. \_\_\_\_\_ is the first city in the world to implement a 24-hour, seven day a week Ultra Low Emission Zone.**

- a) Kathmandu
- b) London
- c) Delhi
- d) New York

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Answer b) London. London is the first city in the world to implement a 24-hour, seven day a week Ultra Low Emission Zone, inside which vehicles will have to meet tough emissions standards or face a charge.

**116. \_\_\_\_\_ has the highest number of polluted river stretches in the country.**

- a) Kerala
- b) Delhi
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Maharashtra

Answer d) Maharashtra. Maharashtra, a state with the largest economy, has the highest number of polluted river stretches in the country, the NGT has said. Maharashtra also has the most number of cities and towns along polluted stretches, according to a 2015 report and water samples collected from over 30 districts of the state were found to have contaminants.

**117. \_\_\_\_\_ reduced its MCLR by 5 bps across all tenors and slashed interest rate on home loans up to Rs 30 lakh by 10 basis points.**

- a) PNB
- b) BOB
- c) BOM
- d) SBI

Answer d) SBI. State Bank of India (SBI) reduced its MCLR by 5 bps across all tenors and slashed interest rate on home loans up to Rs 30 lakh by 10 basis points.

**118. Asian shot put champion \_\_\_\_\_ has been banned for four years by India's anti-doping agency**

- a) Anamika Das
- b) Ramanpreet Kaur
- c) Chandra Kala
- d) Manpreet Kaur

Answer d) Manpreet Kaur. Asian shot put champion Manpreet Kaur has been banned for four years by India's anti-doping agency after failing a series of drug tests in 2017. Kaur, 29, will lose the gold medal she won at the 2017 Asian Championships with her suspension backdated to July 20 that year.

**119. India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances with overseas Indians sending a whopping \_\_\_\_\_ back home in 2018.**

- a) \$69 billion
- b) \$89 billion
- c) \$59 billion
- d) \$79 billion

Answer d) \$79 billion. India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittances with overseas Indians sending a whopping \$79 billion back home in 2018, the World Bank said in a report.



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India was followed by China (\$67 billion), Mexico (\$36 billion), the Philippines (\$34 billion), and Egypt (\$29 billion).

**120. \_\_\_\_\_ was named the Leading Cricketer in the World and featured in Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year.**

- a) Rohit Sharma
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) MS dhoni
- d) Rahul Pandya

Answer b) Virat Kohli. India captain Virat Kohli was named the Leading Cricketer in the World and featured in Wisden's Five Cricketers of the Year, by the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack on April 10.

**121. will take over as MD, CEO of Indian Overseas Bank from July 1.**

- a) Rana Kapoor
- b) R K Yaduvanshi,
- c) Karnam Sekar
- d) R A Sankara Narayanan

Answer c) Karnam Sekar. The government said Karnam Sekar, MD and CEO of the erstwhile Dena Bank, will take over as MD and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank from July 1. His term will end in June next year. He will work as officer on special duty and whole-time director with IOB till the end of June this year.

**122. HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd has claimed the top spot with an average AUM of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Rs4.42 trillion
- b) Rs3.52 trillion
- c) Rs3.22 trillion
- d) Rs3.42 trillion

Answer d) Rs3.42 trillion. HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd has claimed the top spot with an average AUM of Rs3.42 trillion, overtaking ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd with an average AUM of at Rs3.20 trillion.

**123. SUN Group Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ elected as the new president of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC).**

- a) Vikramjit Singh Sahney
- b) Arvind Saxena
- c) Hasmukh Adhia
- d) P.V Ramesh

Answer a) Vikramjit Singh Sahney. SUN Group Chairman Vikramjit Singh Sahney elected as the new president of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – India. He said the chamber would work with the government to promote India's external trade.

**124. \_\_\_\_\_ became world's first Islamic bank to launch banking via WhatsApp.**

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- a) Al Rayan Bank
- b) Meezan Bank
- c) Qatar Islamic Bank
- d) Emirates Islamic Bank

Answer d) Emirates Islamic Bank. Dubai based Emirates Islamic has announced the launch of Chat Banking services for customers via WhatsApp, marking a global first in the Islamic banking sector. The Chat Banking solution allows customers to use features such as checking account balances and temporarily blocking or unblocking of an existing card.

**125. The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off on Saturday in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) Jordan. The World Economic Forum (WEF) on the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) 2019 kicked off on Saturday in Jordan with over 1,000 participants from more than 50 countries. The 17th WEF meeting in the region called for united efforts to address the most pressing challenges of the area.

**126. Telugu poet \_\_\_\_\_ has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018.**

- a) Kalipatnam Ramarao
- b) N. Gopi
- c) Suddala Hanmanthu
- d) K Siva Reddy

Answer d) K Siva Reddy. Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled Pakkaki Ottigilite.

**127. Israeli Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ is set to win re-election after his main rival former Army chief Benny Gantz conceded defeat.**

- a) Ramtane Lamamra
- b) Benjamin Netanyahu
- c) Salahuddin Rabbani
- d) Edi Rama

Answer b) Benjamin Netanyahu. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is set to win re-election after his main rival former Army chief Benny Gantz conceded defeat.

**128. India has built a 25-bed maternity hospital in \_\_\_\_\_, under the Government of India's Small Development Projects Scheme.**

- a) China
- b) Bhutan

- c) Nepal
- d) Russia

Answer c) Nepal. India has built a 25-bed maternity hospital in Nepal. The hospital has been built under the Government of India's Small Development Projects Scheme. Indian Ambassador to Nepal Manjeev Singh Puri inaugurated the Chandra Narayan Yadav Memorial Maternity Hospital in Siraha district.

**129. The Naval Investiture Ceremony for 2019 was held at the naval helicopter base \_\_\_\_\_ of Western Naval Command (WNC), Mumbai.**

- a) INS Vikrant
- b) INS Virat
- c) INS Vishal
- d) INS Shikra

Answer d) INS Shikra. The Naval Investiture Ceremony for 2019 was held at the naval helicopter base INS Shikra of Western Naval Command (WNC), Mumbai on 10 Apr 19.

**130. Veteran Kerala \_\_\_\_\_, K M Mani passed away in Kochi at the age of 86.**

- a) Director
- b) Writer
- c) politician
- d) Singer

Answer c) politician. Veteran Kerala politician, K M Mani, a sitting MLA over the last 54 years who served as a minister in Kerala government for 25 years passed away in Kochi at the age of 86.

**131. \_\_\_\_\_ – India Limited has announced the first edition of its' Hack2Hire programme in Bengaluru.**

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

Answer d) DBS Bank. DBS Bank India Limited has announced the first edition of its' Hack2Hire programme in Bengaluru. Through the initiative, it aims to hire over 100 of the brightest minds in emerging technologies such as Cloud Computing, AI, Machine Learning and Big Data.

**132. India's education technology startup \_\_\_\_\_ has bagged a \$25,000 Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019.**

- a) 'Mitra Education'
- b) 'Dost Education'
- c) 'sakha Education'
- d) 'student Education'

Answer b) 'Dost Education'. India's education technology startup 'Dost Education' has bagged a \$25,000 Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019. Two other startups, Ubongo (Tanzania) and PraxiLabs (Egypt), also won the award.

**133. Indonesian \_\_\_\_\_ was named by Asian Athletic Association (AAA) as the best athletic coach in Asia.**

- a) Eni Nuraeni
- b) Emilia Nova
- c) Darwati
- d) Hasiati Lawole

Answer a) Eni Nuraeni. Indonesian Eni Nuraeni was named by Asian Athletic Association (AAA) as the best athletic coach in Asia for short-haul run category this year, Indonesian athletic sports association (PB PASI) announced.

**134. Armed forces of India and \_\_\_\_\_ kicked off a joint military exercise, 'Bold Kurukshetra-2019', in Jhansi's Babina Cantonment.**

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

Answer d) Singapore. Armed forces of India and Singapore kicked off a joint military exercise, 'Bold Kurukshetra-2019', in Jhansi's Babina Cantonment (8 March). The three-day exercise is aimed at bolstering cooperation against terrorism, developing defence technology and improving maritime security.

**135. The 64th Railway Week Function of Railway Board was organized on \_\_\_\_\_, 2019 in Rail Bhavan**

- a) 12th April
- b) 11th April
- c) 10th April
- d) 11th April

Answer a) 12th April. The 64th Railway Week Function of Railway Board was organized on 12th April, 2019 in Rail Bhavan, New Delhi. Chairman, Railway Board, Shri V.K. Yadav presided over the function and presented Running Efficiency Shield, Merit Certificates & Awards to officials of Railway Board for their outstanding performances during the year 2018-19. Other Railway Board Members and Senior Officials were also present on the occasion.

**136. Prasar Bharati Chairman, \_\_\_\_\_ released a booklet of the 'Selected speeches of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly', in New Delhi.**

- a) Rajesh Gopinathan
- b) Abidali Neemuchwala
- c) Salil Parekh
- d) A Surya Prakash

Answer d) A Surya Prakash. Prasar Bharati Chairman, A Surya Prakash released a booklet of the 'Selected speeches of Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly', in New Delhi. The event was organized to commemorate the contributions of Baba Saheb in the upliftment of underprivileged in the country.

**137. UAE has announced that \_\_\_\_\_ will be the Guest of Honour country at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019.**

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

Answer d) India. UAE has announced that India will be the Guest of Honour country at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019, to be held from 24th to 30th of this month. The fair aims to highlight the UAE's rich heritage, showcasing its authenticity and modernity, as well as its cultural and literary output.

**138. India and the \_\_\_\_\_ have discussed ways to strengthen bilateral political and economic ties, including boosting cooperation.**

- a) Russia
- b) South Africa
- c) China
- d) Netherlands

Answer d) Netherlands. India and the Netherlands have discussed ways to strengthen bilateral political and economic ties, including boosting cooperation at the United Nations and other international fora.

**139. Veteran communist leader and former parliamentarian \_\_\_\_\_ died.**

- a) Mahendran,
- b) Dmitri Savitski,
- c) Myer Skoog,
- d) Drupad Borgohain

Answer d) Drupad Borgohain. Veteran communist leader and former parliamentarian Drupad Borgohain died. He was 78.

**140. \_\_\_\_\_ has collaborated with tech giant Google to build industry-specific cloud solutions.**

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

Answer a) TCS. India's largest software services firm Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has collaborated with tech giant Google to build industry-specific cloud solutions.

**141. India's population grew at an average annual rate of \_\_\_\_\_ between 2010 and 2019 to 1.36 billion.**

- a) 1.5 per cent
- b) 1.4 per cent
- c) 1.3 per cent
- d) 1.2 per cent

Answer d) 1.2 per cent. India's population grew at an average annual rate of 1.2 per cent between 2010 and 2019 to 1.36 billion, more than double the annual growth rate of China, according to a report by the United Nations Population Fund.

**142. Justice Vikram Nath, seniormost judge of the Allahabad High Court, has been appointed Chief Justice of the \_\_\_\_\_ High Court.**

- a) Assam
- b) Bombay
- c) Kerala
- d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Justice Vikram Nath, seniormost judge of the Allahabad High Court, has been appointed Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court. He succeeds acting CJ Justice C. Praveen Kumar.

**143. \_\_\_\_\_ has been identified as number 1 bank by customers in India, as per Forbes World's Best Bank survey.**

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

Answer c) HDFC Bank. Once again HDFC Bank has added another feather in its cap. This time the private lender has been identified as number 1 bank by customers in India, as per Forbes World's Best Bank survey.

**144. The Reserve Bank of India injected a total liquidity of \_\_\_\_\_ in the market in 2018-19.**

- a) Rs 2.88 lakh crore
- b) Rs 2.95 lakh crore
- c) Rs 2.80 lakh crore
- d) Rs 2.98 lakh crore

Answer d) Rs 2.98 lakh crore. The Reserve Bank of India injected a total liquidity of Rs 2.98 lakh crore in the market in 2018-19.

**145. India's flagship programme, - \_\_\_\_\_ was felicitated with the coveted 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award at the Global Water Summit**

- a) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan
- b) National Rural Health Mission
- c) Mid-day Meal Scheme
- d) Namami Gange

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Answer d) Namami Gange. India's flagship programme, National Mission for Clean Ganga or Namami Gange was felicitated with the coveted 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award at the Global Water Summit.

**146. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with credit profiler CreditVidya to improve the lender's customer experience.**

- a) PNB
- b) BOB
- c) SBI
- d) RBL Bank

Answer d) RBL Bank. RBL Bank has partnered with credit profiler CreditVidya to improve the lender's customer experience. Through this partnership, the private sector lender will be able to gain significant insights into its customer base, it said in a release.

**147. India and \_\_\_\_\_ launched a joint programme that will work towards addressing a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others.**

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

Answer c) Sweden. India and Sweden launched a joint programme that will work towards addressing a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others. The programme was co-funded by Indian Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Swedish agency Vinnova.

**148. AITA signs MoU with \_\_\_\_\_ -Tennis Federation to train junior players.**

- a) American
- b) Russian
- c) Iranian
- d) Serbian

Answer d) Serbian. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) has signed an MoU with Serbian Tennis Federation (STF) to train Indian junior players under world renowned Serbian coaches, at the RK Khanna Stadium. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Secretary General, AITA, Hironmoy Chatterjee, and CEO, STF Dusan Orlandic.

**149. \_\_\_\_\_ announced as Haiti's new Prime Minister.**

- a) Abdelkader Bensalah
- b) Nitin Chugh
- c) Jean Michel Lapin
- d) Sudhir Mathur

Answer c) Jean Michel Lapin. President Jovenel Moise announced that Jean Michel Lapin, who once served as a courier in the public administration, to be the new prime minister of this French-speaking Caribbean Community (CARICOM) country.

**150. The Centre has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS), as Secretary, Defence Finance.**

- a) Vikramjit Singh
- b) Benny Gantz
- c) Gargi Kaul
- d) Praful Patel

Answer c) Gargi Kaul. In a bureaucratic reshuffle, the Centre has appointed Gargi Kaul, a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS), as Secretary, Defence Finance. Kaul was earlier Financial Advisor, Defence Services in the Defence Ministry.

**151. Two schemes of the government for skill development and distribution of bi-cycles to students have won the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards.**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) West Bengal
- d) Kerala

Answer c) West Bengal. Two schemes of the West Bengal government for skill development and distribution of bi-cycles to students have won the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards of the United Nations, Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said. The schemes are “Utkarsh Bangla” and “Sabooj Sathi”.

**152. \_\_\_\_\_ has celebrated its 125th foundation day at Ranchi Mandal office.**

- a) BOB
- b) BOM
- c) SBI
- d) PNB

Answer d) PNB. Punjab National Bank has celebrated its 125th foundation day at Ranchi Mandal office. On 12 April 1895, the first indigenous bank, Punjab National Bank, was founded by the people like late Dayal Singh Majithia, lawyer Kali Prasanna Roy, Lala Harkishan Lal, EC Jessore, Prabhu Dayal, Jayashi Ram Bakshi and Lala Dolan Das.

**153. \_\_\_\_\_ bagged six Abby awards, including three silvers.**

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



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Answer c) The Times of India. The Times of India Group bagged six Abby awards, including three silvers, within the writer category on day some of the star-studded GoaFest 2019, thought to be the Oscars of the media and advertising global.

**154. Digital payments facilitator \_\_\_\_\_ - has acquired US-based financial technology firm Wibmo for USD 70 million.**

- a) CardPe Services Pvt Limited
- b) PayU
- c) Asia Pay
- d) Freecharge Payment

Answer b) PayU. Digital payments facilitator PayU has acquired US-based financial technology firm Wibmo for USD 70 million (about Rs 484 crore), that will help the company scale-up its business. Under the agreement, PayU and Wibmo businesses will continue to run separately.

**155. ‘Uri: The Surgical Strike’ actor \_\_\_\_\_ passed away.**

- a) K. M. Mani
- b) Mus Mulyadi
- c) J. K. Rithesh
- d) Navtej Hundal

Answer d) Navtej Hundal. Actor Navtej Hundal, who played the role of the home minister in Vicky Kaushal-starrer ‘Uri: The Surgical Strike’, passed away.

**156. World Allergy Week 2019 is being observed between \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.**

- a) 05-11 April
- b) 08-14 April
- c) 09-15 April
- d) 07-13 April

Answer d) 07-13 April. World Allergy Week 2019 is being observed between 07-13 April 2019. World Allergy Week is a global campaign of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO), which aims to raise awareness of the impact of allergy in our communities. Theme for 2019: “The Global Problem of Food Allergy.

**157. World Parkinson’s Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) April 13
- b) April 10
- c) April 12
- d) April 11

Answer d) April 11. World Parkinson’s Day is celebrated on April 11 to create awareness about the long-term degenerative disorder. It also marks the birthday of James Parkinson, a physician who described the disease.

**158. National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 15 April
- b) 19 April

- c) 11 April
- d) 10 April

Answer c) 11 April. National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD) is observed annually on 11 April to raise awareness about the proper healthcare of women and maternity facilities to pregnant and lactating women. The theme of 2019 NSMD is “Midwives for Mothers”. Last year’s NSMD theme was ‘Respectful Maternity Care’.

**159. The head of Sudan’s National Intelligence and Security Service, \_\_\_\_\_, has resigned from his post.**

- a) Salih Ghosh
- b) Nitin Chugh
- c) Vikramjit Singh
- d) Kirstjen Nielsen

Answer a) Salih Ghosh. The head of Sudan’s National Intelligence and Security Service, Salih Ghosh, has resigned from his post. Salih Ghosh had overseen a sweeping crackdown led by National Intelligence and Security Service agents against protesters taking part in mass demonstrations that led up to the toppling of President Omar al-Bashir in a coup by the army.

**160. The US Senate has confirmed Colorado native \_\_\_\_\_ as secretary of the Interior Department.**

- a) David Malpass
- b) Kirstjen Nielsen
- c) David Bernhardt
- d) Graham Reid

Answer c) David Bernhardt. The US Senate has confirmed Colorado native David Bernhardt as secretary of the Interior Department. The Republican-controlled upper chamber approved Bernhardt’s nomination in a 56-41 vote, with support from several Democrats who crossed party lines yesterday.

**161. PAISALO signs up with \_\_\_\_\_ to disburse 2 lakh MSME loans in FY20.**

- a) PNB
- b) BOB
- c) BOM
- d) SBI

Answer d) SBI. PAISALO Digital, a leading non-deposit-taking NBFC registered with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), signed a co-origination MSME loan agreement with State Bank of India (SBI). The goal of this partnership is empowering the agriculture and MSME segment.

**162. \_\_\_\_\_ and ASEAN have resolved to strengthen ties by deepening cooperation in the maritime sector and boosting connectivity.**

- a) Russia

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

Answer c) India. India and ASEAN have resolved to strengthen ties by deepening cooperation in the maritime sector and boosting connectivity. The meeting was co-chaired by Vijay Thakur Singh, SOM Leader and Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, and Busaya Mathelin, SOM Leader and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Thailand.

**163. CMFRI signs agreement with \_\_\_\_\_ to save coastal wetlands.**

- a) ONGC
- b) DRDO
- c) NASA
- d) ISRO

Answer d) ISRO. In an attempt to build resilience against impact of climate change, the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) have joined hands to map, validate and protect smaller wetlands in coastal regions. The programme is aimed at restoring them through coastal livelihood programmes.

**164. \_\_\_\_\_ was conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali.**

- a) Vikramjit Singh
- b) Praful Patel
- c) Pankaj Kalra
- d) Dr A K Singh

Answer d) Dr A K Singh. Dr A K Singh was conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali.

**165. Formula One driver \_\_\_\_\_ secured a record-extending sixth Chinese Grand Prix (GP) victory.**

- a) Valtteri Bottas
- b) Alexander Rossi
- c) George Russell
- d) Lewis Hamilton

Answer d) Lewis Hamilton. Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton secured a record-extending sixth Chinese Grand Prix (GP) victory, snatching the world championship lead from his Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas.

**166. Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) launched a mobile app, \_\_\_\_\_, to help women in case they face any problem or a panic situation.**

- a) My Group

- b) My Circle
- c) My Dream
- d) My Country

Answer b) My Circle. Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) launched a mobile app, My Circle, to help women in case they face any problem or a panic situation.

**167. Nation pays tributes to Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar on his \_\_\_\_\_ birth anniversary.**

- a) 125th
- b) 120th
- c) 122th
- d) 128th

Answer d) 128th. President Ram Nath Kovind led the nation in paying homage to the architect of the Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar on his 128th birth anniversary. Mr Kovind paid floral tributes at the statue of Dr Ambedkar at the Parliament House Lawns in New Delhi this morning.

**168. The government has retained the interest rate for General Provident Fund (GPF) at \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 7%
- b) 6%
- c) 8.5%
- d) 8%

Answer d) 8%. The government has retained the interest rate for General Provident Fund (GPF), Contributory Provident Fund and other related schemes at 8 per cent for the first quarter of current financial year.

**169. \_\_\_\_\_ announced the launch of a multimedia campaign to commemorate the completion of the Bank's journey of 25 years.**

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

Answer c) IndusInd Bank. IndusInd Bank announced the launch of a multimedia campaign to commemorate the completion of the Bank's journey of 25 years. Christened '#Just25', the all new campaign takes inspiration from the 25 year olds of today.

**170. \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee.**

- a) Vikram Kirloskar
- b) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak
- c) Praful Patel
- d) None of these

Answer b) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak. Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, who hails from Bhubaneswar, was recently appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee. He is the first Indian to have been nominated to this prestigious post and will serve a two-year term, lasting till the first executive board meeting after Congress 2020.

**171. Siachen Warriors Brigade of Fire & Fury Corps on \_\_\_\_\_— celebrated the 35th Siachen Day.**

- a) 13th April
- b) 11th April
- c) 14th April
- d) 10th April

Answer a) 13th April. Siachen Warriors Brigade of Fire & Fury Corps on 13th April celebrated the 35th Siachen Day with traditional solemnity and reverence.

**172. \_\_\_\_\_’s equity market has overtaken Japan to become the world’s third largest stock market.**

- a) Nepal
- b) Hong Kong
- c) India
- d) China

Answer b) Hong Kong. According to data compiled by Bloomberg, Hong Kong’s equity market has overtaken Japan to become the world’s third largest stock market, in the world, behind only to the U.S. and mainland China.

**173. Funtasy11, a fantasy sports platform, has roped in former Indian cricketer \_\_\_\_\_— as its brand ambassador.**

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Prithvi Shaw
- c) Murali Kartik
- d) Suresh Raina

Answer c) Murali Kartik. Funtasy11, a fantasy sports platform, has roped in former Indian cricketer Murali Kartik as its brand ambassador. Fantasy Gaming Space is rapidly growing and is expected to reach 100 million users by 2020.

**174. Jamia Millia Islamia appoints \_\_\_\_\_ as first-ever woman vice-chancellor.**

- a) Zuzana Čaputová
- b) Kirstjen Nielsen
- c) Najma Akhtar
- d) None of these

Answer c) Najma Akhtar. Jamia Millia Islamia has appointed Najma Akhtar as its vice-chancellor, the first woman to hold the post in the university’s nearly 100-year-long existence. She replaces Talat Ahmad, who resigned from the post last year before completion of his tenure.

**175. Space scientist and Padma-Shri awardee \_\_\_\_\_ passed away.**

- a) D. Babu Paul,
- b) Dr SK Shivakumar
- c) Nand Lal
- d) Jacek Namieśnik

Answer b) Dr SK Shivakumar. Renowned space scientist and former Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite Center (ISAC) director Dr SK Shivakumar passed away after suffering from an illness for the past ten days.

**176. Renowned Hindi poet \_\_\_\_\_ died of cardiac arrest.**

- a) Jacek Namieśnik
- b) Nand Lal
- c) SK Shivakumar
- d) Pradeep Choubey

Answer d) Pradeep Choubey. Renowned Hindi poet Pradeep Choubey died of a cardiac arrest in his home here in the early hours of Friday. Choubey (70) was the younger brother of celebrated humorist, satirist and poet Shail Chaturvedi.

**177. India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' was inaugurated in \_\_\_\_\_, aimed at increasing voter awareness and educating people about the electoral process.**

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

Answer c) Gurugram. India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' was inaugurated in Gurugram, aimed at increasing voter awareness and educating people about the electoral process. Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan inaugurated the park in Vikas Sadan building complex.

**178. Golfer \_\_\_\_\_ clinched his fifth Masters and a 15th major title.**

- a) Brooks Koepka
- b) Tony Finau
- c) Xander Schauffele
- d) Tiger Woods

Answer d) Tiger Woods. Golfer Tiger Woods clinched his fifth Masters and a 15th major title, ending 11-year wait for a major title after overcoming career-threatening back problems. There were raucous celebrations around the 18th green as 43-year-old Woods finished with a two-under-par 70 to win on 13 under, one clear of fellow Americans Dustin Johnson, Xander Schauffele and Brooks Koepka.

**179. India's \_\_\_\_\_ clinches Dutch International badminton title in Wateringen, The Netherlands.**

- a) B. Sai Praneeth

- b) Harsheel Dani
- c) P. V. Sindhu
- d) Lakshya Sen

Answer b) Harsheel Dani. India's Harsheel Dani recovered from a game down to get the better of Denmark's Mads Christophersen to clinch the Dutch International badminton title in Wateringen, The Netherlands.

**180. \_\_\_\_\_ to host global 'Ai Everything' summit to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society.**

- a) India
- b) UAE
- c) UK
- d) None of these

Answer b) UAE. empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society.

The inaugural 'Ai Everything' will take place at the Dubai World Trade Centre, DWTC, between 30th April and 1st May.

**181. CBDT sets \_\_\_\_\_ deadline to dispose of demonetisation cases.**

- a) March 31
- b) January 30
- c) June 30
- d) None of these

Answer c) June 30. Tax authorities have set a deadline of June 30 to clear up all demonetisation-related cases. In its interim action plan for the first quarter of 2019-20, the Central Board of Direct Tax (CBDT) has instructed its officials to "dispose of all cases related to demonetisation where assessment is required to be framed".

**182. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully test fired 1,000 km strike range sub-sonic cruise missile named \_\_\_\_\_ - from Odisha coas.**

- a) 'shahash'
- b) 'Nirbhay'
- c) 'Nidar'
- d) 'Shakti'

Answer b) 'Nirbhay'. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully test fired 1,000 km strike range sub-sonic cruise missile named 'Nirbhay' from Odisha coas. India's Aeronautical Development Establishment has said the cruise missile is India's first indigenously designed and developed long-range missile.

**183. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and \_\_\_\_\_ on Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources.**

- a) China

- b) Cambodia
- c) Italy
- d) Bolivia

Answer d) Bolivia. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Bolivia on Cooperation in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources. The MoU was signed in Bolivia in March, 2019.

**184. Cabinet approved MoU between India and \_\_\_\_\_ on Cooperation in the field of Communications.**

- a) Nepal
- b) Russia
- c) Bolivia
- d) Cambodia

Answer d) Cambodia. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex post-facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Cambodia on Cooperation in the field of Communications. The MoU was signed in Cambodia in March, 2019.

**185. Cabinet approved Cooperation Agreement between India and \_\_\_\_\_ in the field of Renewable Energy with focus on Offshore Wind Energy.**

- a) Russia
- b) Bolivia
- c) Cambodia
- d) Denmark

Answer d) Denmark. The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given its approval for a Cooperation Agreement between Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of India and Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate of the Kingdom of Denmark on strategic sector cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy with a focus on Offshore Wind Energy and a Letter of Intent to establish an Indo-Danish Centre of Excellence for renewable energy in India. The Agreement was signed in March, 2019 in New Delhi.

**186. Cabinet apprised about MoU between India and \_\_\_\_\_ the area of Biotechnology.**

- a) Russia
- b) Cambodia
- c) Brazil
- d) Denmark

Answer c) Brazil. The MoU has been signed to strengthen the ties between India and Brazil to work out the future agenda for the collaboration for innovation in Science & Technology diplomacy to evolve a concrete strategic plan in the area of biotechnology education, training and research.



**187. Boost, one of the leading brands in the health food/drinks category, announced appointment of cricketers \_\_\_\_\_ and Shreyas Iyer as brand ambassadors.**

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) MS Dhoni
- d) Rishabh Pant

Answer d) Rishabh Pant. Boost, one of the leading brands in the health food/drinks category, announced appointment of cricketers Rishabh Pant and Shreyas Iyer as brand ambassadors.

**188. The travel spend in India is expected to grow at 13 per cent to a total of \$136 billion by \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 2022
- b) 2023
- c) 2020
- d) 2021

Answer d) 2021. The travel spend in India is expected to grow at 13 per cent to a total of \$136 billion by 2021, said a new report by Bain & Company and Google India.

**189. Scientists in Israel unveiled a ‘First’ 3D print of a \_\_\_\_\_ with human tissue and vessels.**

- a) heart
- b) kidney
- c) gut
- d) None of these

Answer a) heart. Scientists in Israel unveiled a 3D print of a heart with human tissue and vessels, calling it a first and a “major medical breakthrough” that advances possibilities for transplants.

**190. Bus ticketing platform redBus has appointed cricketer \_\_\_\_\_ as its brand ambassador.**

- a) Rishabh Pant
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Rohit Sharma
- d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

Answer d) Mahendra Singh Dhoni. Bus ticketing platform redBus announced that it has appointed cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni as its brand ambassador. The cricketer will appear in a hockey player avatar in his first cameo for the brand, slated to be launched soon.

**191. The Supreme Court has banned all mining activities along the \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Kanha National Park
- b) Pench National Park

c) Jim Corbett National Park

d) Kaziranga National Park

Answer d) Kaziranga National Park. The Supreme Court has banned all mining activities along the Kaziranga National Park and catchment area of rivers originating in Karbi Anglong Hills in Assam. A bench comprising Justices Arun Mishra and Deepak Gupta issued a notice to the Assam government and sought its reply within three weeks.

**192. Former Congress MP and freedom fighter \_\_\_\_\_ died at his residence.**

a) D. Babu Paul

b) Anne Ware Lewis

c) Nand Lal

d) Paripooranand Painuli

Answer d) Paripooranand Painuli. Former Congress MP and freedom fighter Paripooranand Painuli died at his residence. Painuli was 94. Born on November 19, 1924, Painuli was elected to the 5th Lok Sabha in 1971 after defeating the erstwhile Maharaja of Tehri Garhwal.

**193. The second edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and \_\_\_\_\_ Peoples' Navy (IN – VPN BILAT EX) was held off Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam.**

a) France

b) China

c) Nepal

d) Vietnam

Answer d) Vietnam. The second edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy (IN – VPN BILAT EX) was held off Cam Ranh Bay in Vietnam from April 13 to April 16, 2019.

**194. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched the 'NRI-Insta-Online' account-opening process for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries.**

a) Bank Of Baroda

b) ICICI Bank

c) HDFC Bank

d) IDBI Bank

Answer d) IDBI Bank. IDBI Bank has launched the 'NRI-Insta-Online' account-opening process for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries. The person will not be required to furnish physical documents and KYC proofs for opening an account with the bank.

**195. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes the first public sector bank in India to meet RBI's EMV mandate.**

a) BOM

- b) HDFC
- c) SBI
- d) Canara Bank

Answer d) Canara Bank.

**196. The World Bank in collaboration with the \_\_\_\_\_ has officially launched a cryptocurrency token dubbed “Learning Coin.”**

- a) DRDO
- b) WHO
- c) WTO
- d) IMF

Answer d) IMF. The World Bank in collaboration with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has officially launched a cryptocurrency token dubbed “Learning Coin.” The token is set to lay a better knowledge for their staff how the distributed ledger technology works.

**197. New Palestinian Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ and his cabinet members were sworn in before President Mahmoud Abbas.**

- a) Youcef Yousfi
- b) Mohammed Ishtaye
- c) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- d) Abdullah Abdullah

Answer b) Mohammed Ishtaye. New Palestinian Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtaye and his cabinet members were sworn in before President Mahmoud Abbas at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.

**198. World Hemophilia Day is held annually on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) April 17
- b) April 13
- c) April 18
- d) April 15

Answer a) April 17. World Hemophilia Day is held annually on April 17 by the WFH. It is an awareness day for hemophilia and other bleeding disorders, which also serves to raise funds and attract volunteers for the WFH. It was started in 1989; April 17 was chosen in honor of Frank Schnabel’s birthday. The theme for 2019 World Hemophilia Day is “Reaching out – connect to your community”.

**199. \_\_\_\_\_ has been awarded the prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in the category of Financial Inclusion.**

- a) Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB)
- b) Fino PayTech Limited
- c) India Post Payments Bank
- d) Jio Payments Bank

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Answer a) Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB). Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB) has been awarded the prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in the category of Financial Inclusion, for 'Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses'. The award recognizes LAP (Loans Against Property) D.Lite, a tab-based solution designed and developed in-house by Fincare SFB for origination and instant underwriting of loans against property targeted at micro and small enterprises.

**200. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a unique proposition through its campaign #BijliOnEMI to pay electricity bill on EMIs.**

- a) HDB Financial Services
- b) Power Finance Corp
- c) Tata Capital
- d) Bajaj Finserv

Answer d) Bajaj Finserv. Bajaj Finserv through its lending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd. has launched a unique proposition through its campaign #BijliOnEMI wherein customers buying air-conditioners on EMI can avail an Insta Credit loan in their Bajaj Finserv Wallet which they can use to pay their electricity bills on EMI.

**201. Ace cricketer \_\_\_\_\_ has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup.**

- a) Hardik Pandya
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Mithali Raj
- d) None of these

Answer c) Mithali Raj. Ace cricketer Mithali Raj has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup. Captain of India's woman ODI side, Mithali joins former captain Saurav Ganguly and IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals in supporting the team.

**202. ADB committed to provide \_\_\_\_\_ in sovereign loans to India in 2018.**

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

Answer d) USD 3 billion. ADB committed to provide USD 3 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2018, the highest level of assistance since sovereign operations began in the country in 1986, said the annual report of multilateral lending agency.

**203. India is joining hands with \_\_\_\_\_ and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to implement two projects in Africa.**

- a) Italy
- b) Japan

- c) China
- d) Nepal

Answer b) Japan. India is joining hands with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to implement two projects in Africa as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent where strategic rival China has made deep inroads.

**204. The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Delhi
- c) Pune
- d) Greater Noida

Answer d) Greater Noida. The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.

It covers sectors with maximum thrust and growth potential in home decor, furnishing, furniture, flooring and textiles.

**205. Indian men's hockey team would join the elite Pro League in early \_\_\_\_\_ after International Hockey Federation's approval.**

- a) 2022
- b) 2021
- c) 2023
- d) 2020

Answer d) 2020. Indian men's hockey team would join the elite Pro League in early 2020 after International Hockey Federation's approval recently. The Pro League replaced the Men's FIH Hockey World League since 2019

**206. The Reserve Bank of India has put into circulation \_\_\_\_\_ denomination banknotes signed by its Governor Shaktikanta Das.**

- a) Rs 100 banknotes
- b) Rs 10 banknotes
- c) Rs 20 banknotes
- d) Rs 50 banknotes

Answer d) Rs 50 banknotes. The Reserve Bank of India has put into circulation 50 rupees denomination banknotes signed by its Governor Shaktikanta Das. The RBI in Mumbai said the design of these notes is similar in all respects to 50 banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi new series.

**207. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a hefty fine of one lakh seventy-six thousand Euros on \_\_\_\_\_ Hockey Federation (PHF).**

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

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Answer a) Pakistan. The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a hefty fine of one lakh seventy-six thousand Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for not honouring the Pro League commitments.

**208. North Korean leader \_\_\_\_\_ will visit Russia for his first meeting with President Vladimir Putin.**

- a) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- b) Edi Rama
- c) Kim Jong Un
- d) Bujar Nishani

Answer c) Kim Jong Un. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will visit Russia later this month for his first meeting with President Vladimir Putin.

**209. Nepal successfully launched its first satellite \_\_\_\_\_ into space from Virginia in the United States.**

- a) NepaliSat-2
- b) NepaliSat-1
- c) NepaliSat-V
- d) NepaliSat-IV

Answer b) NepaliSat-1. Nepal successfully launched its first satellite NepaliSat-1 into space from Virginia in the United States. The satellite was developed by the Nepalese scientists.

**210. IT authorities seizes Rs 1.48 Cr unaccounted cash from premises of AMMK party functionary at Andipatti in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer c) Tamil Nadu. In Tamil Nadu, Income Tax authorities have seized 1.48 crore rupees unaccounted cash from the premises of Mr TTV Dinakaran-led AMMK party functionary at Andipatti.

**211. \_\_\_\_\_ has received approval from the CCI for the proposed scheme of amalgamation of Gruh Finance with the bank.**

- a) BOB
- b) Axis Bank
- c) SBI
- d) Bandhan Bank

Answer d) Bandhan Bank. Bandhan Bank has received approval from the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the proposed scheme of amalgamation of Gruh Finance with the bank.

**212. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes India's first comprehensive financial services app to integrate UPI.**

- a) M-Connect Plus
- b) iMobile
- c) Freedom
- d) ETMONEY

Answer d) ETMONEY. India's largest app for financial services, ETMONEY announced that it has integrated Unified Payment Interface (UPI) as a payment method on its platform as it looks to double its monthly user base by the end of the year.

**213. \_\_\_\_\_ has partnered with MIXchange TReDS platform for MSME bill discounting.**

- a) SBI
- b) PNB
- c) BOB
- d) BOM

Answer d) BOM. State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has partnered with MIXchange TReDS platform for MSME bill discounting.

Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) is a digital platform to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to get their bills financed at a competitive rate through an auction where multiple registered financiers can participate.

**214. \_\_\_\_\_, a diversified global analytics company, will transfer its ratings business to its proposed new wholly-owned subsidiary.**

- a) CRISIL Ltd
- b) Crayon Data
- c) Absolutdata
- d) ICRA Limited

Answer a) CRISIL Ltd. CRISIL Ltd, a diversified global analytics company, will transfer its ratings business to its proposed new wholly-owned subsidiary.

**215. \_\_\_\_\_ has been appointed Vice President of the Delhi Hockey Association (DHA).**

- a) Ajay Kumar Dixit
- b) Gursimran Singh
- c) Padmaja Alaganandan
- d) Gargi Kaul

Answer b) Gursimran Singh. Gursimran Singh has been appointed Vice President of the Delhi Hockey Association (DHA).

Singh, whose appointment was announced in the presence of DHA General Secretary Mahesh Dayal, is a National-level hockey player.

Gursimran Singh represented the CBSE national team in 2011 and participated in the National School Games in 2012.

**216. \_\_\_\_\_ launched the Open Partner Engagement Network (OPEN), an initiative, to help its asset-owner partners in the country in growing their**

**businesses.**

- a) The Lalit Hotels
- b) OYO
- c) InterContinental
- d) None of these

Answer b) OYO. OYO Hotels & Homes launched the Open Partner Engagement Network (OPEN), an initiative for a year, to help its asset-owner partners in the country in growing their businesses.

**217. Mali's Prime Minister \_\_\_\_\_ has resigned along with his entire government.**

- a) Ibrahim Boubacar Keita
- b) Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga
- c) Ashraf Ghani
- d) Abdelaziz Bouteflika

Answer b) Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga. Mali's Prime Minister Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga has resigned along with his entire government after it came under mounting pressure over handling the violence in the restive Mopti region.

**218. Former Peruvian president \_\_\_\_\_ died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.**

- a) Alan Garcia
- b) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- c) Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga
- d) Youcef Yousfi

Answer a) Alan Garcia.

**219. Pakistan's Finance Minister \_\_\_\_\_, who was involved in extensive discussions with the IMF to finalise a bailout package for the cash-strapped country, quit the Cabinet.**

- a) Asad Umar
- b) Imran Khan
- c) Alan Garcia
- d) None of these

Answer a) Asad Umar. Pakistan's Finance Minister Asad Umar, who was involved in extensive discussions with the IMF to finalise a bailout package for the cash-strapped country, quit the Cabinet after Prime Minister Imran Khan expressed his desire to shift him to the energy ministry.

**220. \_\_\_\_\_ will host the 18th Asian Billiards, the 20th Under-21 Asian Snooker Championship and the 3rd Ladies Asian Snooker Championship.**

- a) Indore
- b) Chandigarh



c) Pune

d) Delhi

Answer b) Chandigarh. Chandigarh will host the 18th Asian Billiards, the 20th Under-21 Asian Snooker Championship and the 3rd Ladies Asian Snooker Championship from April 27 to May 3, officials of the Punjab Billiards and Snooker Association (PBSA) said.

**221. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes first Indian woman to be elected Royal Society Fellow.**

a) Sean Vah

b) Pam Kostka

c) Gagandeep Kang

d) None of these

Answer c) Gagandeep Kang. The Royal Society of London has announced a list of 51 eminent scientists elected to its fellowship in the year 2019. Among these are Gagandeep Kang, who is now with the Translational Health Science and Technology Institute, Faridabad. Dr. Kang is the first Indian woman to be elected to the Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS).

**222. India and \_\_\_\_\_ to hold largest ever 'Varuna' naval exercise off Goa coast.**

a) Russia

b) China

c) France

d) Nepal

Answer c) France. With the objective of expanding their strategic partnership in the Indian Ocean region (IOR), India and France will conduct their largest ever naval exercise 'Varuna'. The exercise will be conducted early next month and will witness the participation of aircraft carriers, destroyers, submarines and fighters.

**223. Two Indian Navy warships, namely the destroyer INS Kolkata and tanker INS \_\_\_\_\_, would be taking part in Chinese Fleet Review.**

a) Shakti

b) Arihant

c) Virat

d) None of these

Answer a) Shakti.

**224. \_\_\_\_\_ has been elevated to the post of chairman of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH).**

a) N. Kashinath

b) Asad Umar

c) Ravinder Kumar Passi

d) Padmaja Alaganandan

Answer c) Ravinder Kumar Passi. Ravinder Kumar Passi has been elevated to the post of chairman of the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH). Passi, who was

previously the vice chairman of EPCH, has taken charge as the chairman from his predecessor O P Prahladka.

**225. Deutsche Bank appointed \_\_\_\_\_ as the chief executive officer.**

- a) Mohammed Ishtayeh,
- b) Ravneet Gill
- c) Kaushik Shaparia
- d) Gargi Kaul

Answer c) Kaushik Shaparia. Deutsche Bank appointed Kaushik Shaparia as the chief executive officer for India to succeed Ravneet Gill. Gill left the bank to head private lender YES Bank earlier this year.

**226. India has dropped two places on a global press freedom index to be ranked \_\_\_\_\_ out of 180 countries.**

- a) 144th
- b) 145th
- c) 142th
- d) 140th

Answer d) 140th. India has dropped two places on a global press freedom index to be ranked 140th out of 180 countries in the annual Reporters Without Borders analysis released.

Norway is ranked first in the 2019 Index for the third year running while Finland (up two places) has taken second place from the Netherlands (down one at 4th).

**227. McAfee, the device-to-cloud cybersecurity company, announced the appointment of \_\_\_\_\_ as managing director, India.**

- a) Gargi Kaul
- b) Sanjay Singh
- c) Sanjay Manohar
- d) None of these

Answer c) Sanjay Manohar.

**228. India has rebuilt Chhyoiphel Kundeling Monastery in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) Nepal. India has rebuilt Chhyoiphel Kundeling Monastery in Nepal. Shyalpa Tenzin Rinpoche inaugurated newly reconstructed Monastery at Lisankhu village in Sindhupalchok district.

**229. National Investigation Agency (NIA ) carried out search operations in \_\_\_\_\_ in connection with the Abu Dhabi ISIS module case.**

- a) Bhopal
- b) Delhi

- c) Hyderabad
- d) Pune

Answer c) Hyderabad. National Investigation Agency (NIA ) carried out search operations in Hyderabad today in connection with the Abu Dhabi ISIS module case.

**230. India's \_\_\_\_\_ has regained the world number one spot in the men's 65-kilogram freestyle category rankings.**

- a) Sushil Kumar
- b) Pawan Kumar
- c) Yogeshwar Dutt
- d) Bajrang Punia

Answer d) Bajrang Punia. India's Bajrang Punia has regained the world number one spot in the men's 65-kilogram freestyle category rankings. The rankings were released by United World Wrestling.

**231. NASA's first female astronaut candidate, pilot \_\_\_\_\_, has died.**

- a) Jerrie Cobb
- b) Reggie Cobb
- c) Zora Dirnbach
- d) Patrick Sercu

Answer a) Jerrie Cobb. NASA's first female astronaut candidate, pilot Jerrie Cobb, has died.

Cobb served for decades as a humanitarian aid pilot in the Amazon jungle. She emerged in 1998 to make another pitch for space, as NASA prepared to launch John Glenn on shuttle Discovery at age 77.

**232. Book on Jallianwala Bagh poem \_\_\_\_\_ released in UAE.**

- a) Khooni Vaisakhi
- b) Khooni Kahani
- c) Khooni Saam
- d) None of these

Answer a) Khooni Vaisakhi. India's Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri has commended the launch of a book containing english translation of the Punjabi poem, Khooni Vaisakhi, saying the 100-year old classic ballad about the Jallianwala Bagh massacre is now reaching a global audience.

**233. Scotland all-rounder, \_\_\_\_\_, who had been diagnosed with a brain tumour, died at the age of 38.**

- a) Con de Lange
- b) Patrick Sercu
- c) Joe Armstrong
- d) Shantha Mayadunne

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Answer a) Con de Lange.Scotland all-rounder, Con de Lange, who had been diagnosed with a brain tumour, died at the age of 38. South Africa-born played 21 internationals for Scotland, made his debut in T20 international in June 2015 against Ireland.

**234. \_\_\_\_\_ has provided soft loans of USD 266.60 million to Rawanda for various projects.**

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) Bandhan Bank
- c) Exim Bank
- d) ICICI Bank

Answer c) Exim Bank. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said Exim Bank has provided soft loans of USD 266.60 million to Rawanda for various projects. The funding, done in three separate tranches to Rawanda, is to support agricultural projects, development of special economic zones (SEZs) and for financing road project in the African nation.

**235. \_\_\_\_\_ and non-bank lender Srei Equipment Finance announced a co-lending for infrastructure equipment finance.**

- a) SBI
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) Bank of Baroda
- d) Exim Bank

Answer c) Bank of Baroda. Second largest state-run lender Bank of Baroda and non-bank lender Srei Equipment Finance announced a co-lending for infrastructure equipment finance. Iquippo, a non profit started by Srei's promoters, will facilitate sourcing of loans, an official statement said.

**236. NASA astronaut \_\_\_\_\_ - is set to spend the longest duration in space by a woman.**

- a) Mae Jemison
- b) Valentina Tereshkova
- c) Christina Koch
- d) Anne McClain

Answer c) Christina Koch.NASA astronaut Christina Koch is set to spend the longest duration in space by a woman, surpassing the previous record of 288 days in spaceflight by astronaut Peggy Whitson. The move comes after recent changes in NASA's change in schedule for astronauts.

**237. \_\_\_\_\_ - is now a step closer to powering all its operations with solar energy.**

- a) Lucknow Metro
- b) Delhi Metro
- c) Hyderabad Metro
- d) None of these

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Answer b) Delhi Metro. Delhi Metro is now a step closer to powering all its operations with solar energy.

The Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) started receiving solar power from Madhya Pradesh's Rewa Solar Power Project, kick-starting an initiative to be the world's first 100% green energy rail network.

**238. \_\_\_\_\_ has tied up with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer two-wheeler insurance to its customers across India.**

- a) Jio Payments Bank
- b) Airtel Payments Bank
- c) Bandhan Payments Bank
- d) Post Payments Bank

Answer b) Airtel Payments Bank. Airtel Payments Bank has tied up with Bharti AXA General Insurance to offer two-wheeler insurance to its customers across India. This insurance will be available on My Airtel app and at over 40,000 Airtel Payments Bank — banking points, with presence even in rural India.

**239. Renowned city-based chronicler and writer-journalist \_\_\_\_\_ passed away in Chennai.**

- a) Doreen Spooner,
- b) Krasimir Bezinski,
- c) S Muthiah
- d) Polly Higgins,

Answer c) S Muthiah. Renowned city-based chronicler and writer-journalist S Muthiah passed away in Chennai. He was 89.

**240. Tech Mahindra and i2Chain collaborate to leverage next gen technologies.**

- a) Tech Mahindra Ltd
- b) Oracle Financial Services
- c) Hexaware
- d) Larsen & Toubro Infotech

Answer a) Tech Mahindra Ltd. Tech Mahindra Ltd., announced a strategic collaboration with i2Chain Inc., a San Francisco-based startup, leveraging next gen technologies to secure customer information and data assets.

**241. The Indian Navy launched guided missile destroyer \_\_\_\_\_ at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders in Mumbai.**

- a) Mysore
- b) Chennai
- c) Mormugao
- d) Imphal

Answer d) Imphal. The Indian Navy launched guided missile destroyer Imphal at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders in Mumbai. Imphal is the third ship to be launched under a project in which ships are built to carry and operate two multiple role helicopters.

**242. Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) has given clearance for the construction of the North Koel Dam in core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve in Latehar and Garhwa districts of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Manipur
- b) Assam
- c) Kerala
- d) Jharkhand

Answer d) Jharkhand. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's (MoEF&CC's) Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) has given Stage II clearance for the construction of the North Koel Dam in core area of Palamau Tiger Reserve in Latehar and Garhwa districts of Jharkhand.

**243. SoftBank Group International Chief Financial Officer (CFO) \_\_\_\_\_ will step down from his post.**

- a) Padmaja Alaganandan
- b) Alok Sama
- c) Asad Umar
- d) None of these

Answer b) Alok Sama. SoftBank Group International Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Alok Sama will step down from his post. He will remain a senior adviser at the company, according to a memo, which did not provide a reason for his departure.

**244. Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPB) has appointed entrepreneur \_\_\_\_\_ to its board of directors.**

- a) Sairee Chahal
- b) Asad Umar
- c) Alok Sama
- d) Padmaja Alaganandan

Answer a) Sairee Chahal. Paytm Payments Bank Ltd (PPB) said it has appointed entrepreneur Sairee Chahal to its board of directors. Sairee Chahal is the founder and CEO of Sheroes — a community platform for women.

**245. Maldivian President \_\_\_\_\_ is flying to Bengaluru today to attend an IPL match on the invitation of BCCI.**

- a) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- b) Edi Rama
- c) Ashraf Ghani
- d) Abdullah Abdullah

Answer a) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih. Maldivian President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih is flying to Bengaluru to attend an IPL match on the invitation of BCCI.

**246. The Asian Athletics Championships begins in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Delhi
- b) kathmandu
- c) Doha
- d) None of these

Answer c) Doha. The Asian Athletics Championships begin in Doha. The first day will decide eight gold medals.

From the Indian perspective, the Women's 400 metres race will be the most anticipated one. Sprint sensation Hima Das will be running in the preliminary round in the morning, while the final will be held in the evening.

**247. \_\_\_\_\_ has identified 75 senior officials of state-run banks for leadership roles across public sector banks (PSB).**

- a) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Reserve Bank of India
- d) Banks Board Bureau (BBB)

Answer d) Banks Board Bureau (BBB). The Banks Board Bureau (BBB) has identified 75 senior officials of state-run banks for leadership roles across public sector banks (PSB). the Bureau has also sought autonomy for the PSBs to decide on their organisational structure.

**248. MOU signed between \_\_\_\_\_ and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research for cooperation in research and education in areas of traditional systems of medicine and its integration with modern science.**

- a) Ministry of AYUSH
- b) Ministry of External Affairs
- c) Ministry of Finance
- d) None of these

Answer a) Ministry of AYUSH. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between the Ministry of AYUSH and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi today for cooperation in research and education in areas of traditional systems of medicine and its integration with modern science.

**249 The Saudi Arabian government has raised India's Haj quota to \_\_\_\_\_ from 1.75 lakh.**

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

Answer a) 2 lakh. The Saudi Arabian government has issued a formal order, notifying increase in Indias Haj quota to 2 lakh from 1.75 lakh, about two months after Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman gave the assurance to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

**250. The CBSE students, from \_\_\_\_\_, will be allowed to use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination.**

- a) 2023
- b) 2021
- c) 2020
- d) 2022

Answer c) 2020. The CBSE students, from 2020, will be allowed to use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination.

**251. The Election Commission (EC) launched a new mobile application \_\_\_\_\_ for near-realtime availability of voter turnout during elections across the country.**

- a) 'Voter Turnout'
- b) 'Voter Output'
- c) 'Voter Spread out'
- d) None of these

Answer a) 'Voter Turnout'. The Election Commission (EC) launched a new mobile application for near-realtime availability of voter turnout during elections across the country.

The beta version of the "Voter Turnout" app, available for Android via the Google Play store, currently shows the state-wise and constituency-wise voter turnout in the ongoing Lok Sabha elections.

**252. "World Creativity And Innovation Day" is observed on which date ?**

- a) 23st April
- b) 25st April
- c) 24st April
- d) 21st April

Answer d) 21st April. The United Nations resolved to include World Creativity and Innovation Day, April 21 as a Day of Observance to encourage people to use creativity in problem-solving for all issues related to achieving the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. 2018 marks the first year the UN will observe WCID.

**253. \_\_\_\_\_ - Wins Landslide Victory In Ukrainian Presidential Election.**

- a) Evelyn Wever-Croes
- b) Armen Sarkissian
- c) Mauricio Macri
- d) Volodymyr Zelenskiy

Answer d) Volodymyr Zelenskiy. Comedian Volodymyr Zelenskiy won the Ukrainian election by a substantial margin.

Two exit polls showed Zelenskiy winning 73% of the vote, beating incumbent President Petro Poroshenko in the run-off election.



**254. Eminent \_\_\_\_\_ Amar Paul passed away Saturday evening in a hospital following a cardiac arrest.**

- a) Bengali Actor
- b) Bengali folk singer
- c) Bengali Writer
- d) None of these

Answer b) Bengali folk singer. Eminent Bengali folk singer Amar Paul passed away Saturday evening in a hospital following a cardiac arrest. He was 97.

**255. Indian-American Professor \_\_\_\_\_ inducted into Cleveland International Hall of Fame.**

- a) Paul Burik
- b) Akram Boutros
- c) Sree Sreenath
- d) None of these

Answer c) Sree Sreenath. An Indian-American scientist and social activist Sree Sreenath has been inducted into the prestigious Cleveland International Hall of fame for his contribution in applications in systems biology, global issues and sustainable development.

**256. Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) April 22. Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. The theme for Earth Day 2019 is to 'Protect Our Species.' This theme is created to focus on the destruction caused to plants and wildlife populations mainly due to human activity.

**257. India rises to \_\_\_\_\_ in global startup ecosystem ranking from 37th.**

- a) 15th
- b) 18th
- c) 11th
- d) 17th

Answer d) 17th. According to data released by StartupBlink, India moved up to the 17th position in 2018 from 37th spot last year in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019. India ranks 17 globally among 100 countries, based on the strength of its startup ecosystem, according to StartupBlink, which tracks startup ecosystems on a number of parameters.

**258. Olympic bronze medallist \_\_\_\_\_ and World No. 1 Bajrang Punia will spearhead India's campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships starting in Xi'an, China.**

- a) Khashaba Dadasaheb Jadhav
- b) Sakshi Malik
- c) Sushil Kumar Solanki
- d) None of these

Answer b) Sakshi Malik. Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik and World No. 1 Bajrang Punia will spearhead India's campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships starting in Xi'an, China.

**259. Indian athletes won five medals on the opening day of the Asian Athletics Championships in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Beijing
- b) Doha
- c) Delhi
- d) None of these

Answer b) Doha. Indian athletes won five medals on the opening day of the Asian Athletics Championships in Doha. Javelin thrower Annu Rani and 3000-meter steeple chaser Avinash Sable won the silver medals.

**260. \_\_\_\_\_ launched a country-wide campaign to administer anti-polio drops 39 million children under five years of age.**

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

Answer c) Pakistan. Pakistan, one of the three countries where polio is still endemic, launched a country-wide campaign to administer anti-polio drops 39 million children under five years of age.

**261. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) captain \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first Indian batsman to hit 200 sixes in the Indian Premier League (IPL).**

- a) Virender Sehwag
- b) Rohit sharma
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) MS Dhoni

Answer d) MS Dhoni. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) captain MS Dhoni has become the first Indian batsman to hit 200 sixes in the Indian Premier League (IPL). Dhoni achieved this feat during his sensational 84-run knock in Sunday's game against Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) which CSK lost by only one run.

**262. \_\_\_\_\_, Veteran Bengali Folk Singer, Died in Kolkata.**

- a) S. Muthiah,
- b) Simon Kaipuram
- c) Amar Pal
- d) None of these

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Answer c) Amar Pal. Renowned Bengali folk singer Amar Pal is no more! A widower, he was 98 at the time of death.

In 1948, Pal came in contact with Sachindranath Bhattacharya, a lyricist empanelled with the All India Radio in Kolkata, and got a chance to sing in the radio.

**263. Malayalam film \_\_\_\_\_ directed by Jayaraj won the best cinematography award at the Beijing International Film Festival.**

- a) Premam
- b) Bhayanakam
- c) Lucifer
- d) Madhura Raja

Answer b) Bhayanakam. Malayalam film Bhayanakam (Fear) directed by Jayaraj won the best cinematography award at the Beijing International Film Festival. The cinematography was done by Nikihil S Praveen. The film had also won the best cinematography award at the 65th National Film Awards.

Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan-starrer “Zero” was screened at the end of the festival.

**264. Micro blogging platform Twitter announced that it has appointed \_\_\_\_\_ — as new managing director for the India market.**

- a) Rishi Singh
- b) Rajeev Kumar
- c) Manish Kumar
- d) Manish Maheshwari

Answer d) Manish Maheshwari. Micro blogging platform Twitter announced that it has appointed Manish Maheshwari as new managing director for the India market effective 29 April.

**265. \_\_\_\_\_ has helped modernise a network of more than 1.5 lakh post offices in the country.**

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

Answer d) Tata Consultancy Services. India’s largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has helped modernise a network of more than 1.5 lakh post offices in the country. The company said that it has developed an integrated solution for India Post that helped it achieve this feat.

**266. Former deputy election commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as special observer for Tripura.**

- a) Manish Maheshwari
- b) Vinod Zutshi
- c) Manish Kumar
- d) None of these

Answer b) Vinod Zutshi. Former deputy election commissioner Vinod Zutshi was appointed as special observer for Tripura where the Lok Sabha polls to one of the seats was postponed in view of the law and order situation.

**267. \_\_\_\_\_ has launched a product to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber attacks.**

- a) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- b) LIC India
- c) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- d) SBI General Insurance

Answer d) SBI General Insurance. SBI General Insurance has launched a product to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber attacks. In the initial phase, the focus will be on SMEs and mid-market businesses, but later the product can cater to larger business conglomerates as well, the insurer said in a statement.

**268. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance in collaboration launched their first product \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) ‘Total Health Secure Dream’
- b) ‘Total Health Secure Scheme’
- c) ‘Total Health Secure yojna’
- d) ‘Total Health Secure Goal’

Answer d) ‘Total Health Secure Goal’. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance in collaboration launched their first product ‘Total Health Secure Goal’. This insurance plan is designed to take care of customers’ health and life goals, through one comprehensive insurance policy. Thus, removing hassles of maintaining two separate policies.

**269. Network Intelligence Signs Partnership With \_\_\_\_\_ to Provide Security Services to its Members Under the SEBI Cybersecurity Guidelines.**

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) NSE
- d) BSE

Answer d) BSE. BSE, India’s largest stock exchange & Network Intelligence, a global cybersecurity services provider & CERT-IN empanelled vendor, entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide cybersecurity services to its members in line with the cybersecurity framework set by SEBI.

**270. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) in which India’s overall rank is \_\_\_\_\_ out of 28 countries.**

- a) 15th
- b) 18th
- c) 11th
- d) 19th

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Answer d) 19th. The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) in which India's overall rank is 19th out of 28 countries, with a score of 64.9.

**271. \_\_\_\_\_ became the first Indian boxer to be assured of a fourth successive medal at the Asian Championships.**

- a) Dingko Singh
- b) Vijender Singh
- c) Shiva Thapa
- d) Sarita Devi

Answer c) Shiva Thapa. Shiva Thapa became the first Indian boxer to be assured of a fourth successive medal at the Asian Championships by advancing to the semifinals in Bangkok. The 25-year-old from Assam defeated Thailand's Rujakran Juntrong in a one-sided lightweight (60kg) contest. He prevailed 5-0.

**272. The Badminton Asia Championships began in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) China. The Badminton Asia Championships began at Wuhan in China. The Indian contingent comprises PV Sindhu and Saina Nehwal in Women's Singles, and Kidambi Srikanth and Sameer Verma in Men's Singles.

**273. \_\_\_\_\_ wins Gold in Asian Wrestling C'ship.**

- a) Pawan Kumar
- b) Babita Kumari
- c) Sushil Kumar
- d) Bajrang Punia

Answer d) Bajrang Punia. India clinched one gold, one silver and bronze at the Asian Wrestling Championship in China's Xian. World number one Bajrang Punia logged 10 points in a row in the gold medal bout to reclaim his Asian Championship crown. He defeated Kazakhstan's Sayatbek Okassov 12-7 in a nail-biting 65kg men's freestyle final.

**274. The Reserve Bank of India announced a \_\_\_\_\_ - liquidity injection through purchase of government securities in May.**

- a) Rs 20,000-crore
- b) Rs 25,000-crore
- c) Rs 22,000-crore
- d) Rs 23,000-crore

Answer b) Rs 25,000-crore. The Reserve Bank of India announced a Rs 25,000-crore liquidity injection through purchase of government securities in May. The purchase, called as open market operations (OMOs), will be undertaken in two equal tranches with the first one on May 2, the central bank said in a statement.

**275. A Pune-born \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first ethnic Indian to contest and win an election in Japan.**

- a) Krishna Prasad
- b) Puranik Yogendra
- c) Surendra Lal
- d) Gyani Nand

Answer b) Puranik Yogendra. A Pune-born man has become the first ethnic Indian to contest and win an election in Japan. Puranik Yogendra, who goes by the nickname “Yogi”, has been elected to Tokyo’s Edogawa Ward assembly.

**276. Indonesia released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary of diplomatic ties with India.**

- a) 25th
- b) 50th
- c) 100th
- d) 70th

Answer d) 70th. Indonesia released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th anniversary of diplomatic ties with India. The stamp, designed by renowned Indonesian sculptor Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuart, features a scene from Hindu epic Ramayana in which Jatayu valiantly fought to save Sita.

**277. \_\_\_\_\_ took over as the 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts.**

- a) Rajendra Kumar Singh
- b) Rajendra Kumar Nayak
- c) Rajeev Kumar
- d) Rishi Kumar

Answer b) Rajendra Kumar Nayak. Shri Rajendra Kumar Nayak took over as the 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts. He is from the Indian Defence Accounts Service of 1983 batch.

**278. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its in-principle approval to Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd for acquiring 9.9 per cent stake in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Bandhan Bank
- b) Axis Bank
- c) Dena Bank
- d) IDBI Bank

Answer a) Bandhan Bank. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has given its in-principle approval to Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Ltd for acquiring 9.9 per cent stake in Bandhan Bank following the Gruh Finance deal. Gruh Finance, the affordable housing finance arm of HDFC Ltd, was taken over by Bandhan Bank in a share-swap deal in January.

**279. India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in Global Talent Competitiveness Index 2019**

- a) 9th
- b) 78th
- c) 80th
- d) 44th

Answer c) 80th. India remains the laggard in the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) region and was ranked 80 even as Singapore retained its leading position in the Asia-Pacific region for the sixth consecutive year in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2019.

**280. Veteran Lady Mountaineer of the country \_\_\_\_\_-Paul passed away.**

- a) Samantha Larson
- b) John Ewbank
- c) Rama Sengupta
- d) Anna Czerwińska

Answer c) Rama Sengupta. Veteran lady mountaineer of the country Rama Sengupta Paul, who led the first successful all-women expedition to Kedarnath Dome in Garhwal Himalaya, died following a cardiac arrest.

**281. National Panchayati Raj Day is celebrated on which day ?**

- a) 24 April
- b) 23 April
- c) 26 April
- d) 25 April

Answer a) 24 April.

**282. The total deposits in bank accounts opened under the Jan Dhan scheme are set to cross \_\_\_\_\_ soon.**

- a) Rs 2 lakh crore
- b) Rs 3 lakh crore
- c) Rs 1.5 lakh crore
- d) Rs 1 lakh crore

Answer d) Rs 1 lakh crore. The total deposits in bank accounts opened under the Jan Dhan scheme are set to cross Rs 1 lakh crore soon. Government data claimed that the cumulative balance in 35.29 crore accounts under the flagship programme of the Modi government reached Rs 97,665.66 crore as on April 3.

**283. \_\_\_\_\_, a former bureaucrat who took over as the Secretary General of Assocham in August last year, has resigned from the post.**

- a) Asad Umar
- b) Manish Maheshwari
- c) Uday Kumar Varma
- d) None of these

Answer c) Uday Kumar Varma. Uday Kumar Varma, a former bureaucrat who took over as the Secretary General of Assocham in August last year, has resigned from the post.

**284. The second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was awarded to author Rana Dasgupta for his 2010 novel \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Capital Gains
- b) Notes on a Suicide
- c) Tokyo Cancelled
- d) Solo

Answer d) Solo. The second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize was awarded to author Rana Dasgupta for his 2010 novel “Solo”, a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence.

**285. The first-ever solo exhibition of sculptures by India’s eminent artist G. Ravinder Reddy will open in a \_\_\_\_\_ art gallery.**

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

Answer c) Kolkata. The first-ever solo exhibition of sculptures by India’s eminent artist G. Ravinder Reddy will open in a Kolkata art gallery in June.

Titled ‘RASA’, the exhibition curated by art critic-curator Anupa Mehta, will open at Emami Art, a contemporary art gallery at the Kolkata Centre for Creativity (KCC).

**286. \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully tested the world’s first floating nuclear power plant (NPP).**

- a) India
- b) Russia
- c) china
- d) Nepal

Answer b) Russia. Russia has successfully tested the world’s first floating nuclear power plant (NPP), Akademik Lomonosov, a subsidiary of Rosatom nuclear corporation stated. Reactors of the floating atomic block were launched in November 2018.

**287. \_\_\_\_\_ have completed the signing of Indian defender Keegan Pereira on a one-year deal.**

- a) Guwahati City FC
- b) FC Green Valley
- c) Udalguri FC
- d) Jamshedpur FC

Answer d) Jamshedpur FC. Jamshedpur FC have completed the signing of Indian defender Keegan Pereira on a one-year deal.



Keegan, primarily a left back, started his football journey with Mumbai FC in the I-League and is remembered for his famous winning goal against Salgaocar in Cooperage stadium.

**288. Public sector BEML, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for financing earth moving and construction equipment manufactured by BEML with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) Bandhan Bank
- c) Syndicate Bank
- d) ICICI Bank

Answer c) Syndicate Bank. Public sector BEML, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for financing earth moving and construction equipment manufactured by BEML with Syndicate Bank. Syndicate Bank and BEML expect to book business worth ₹100 crore, by March 2020 under this window.

**289. \_\_\_\_\_ has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Network Intelligence to provide cybersecurity services.**

- a) RBI
- b) SEBI
- c) BSE
- d) NSE

Answer c) BSE. BSE, India's largest stock exchange has entered a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Network Intelligence, a global cybersecurity services provider & CERT-IN empanelled vendor to provide cybersecurity services to its members in line with the cybersecurity framework set by SEBI.

**290. \_\_\_\_\_ announced the country's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles.**

- a) BOB
- b) BOM
- c) RBI
- d) SBI

Answer d) SBI. State Bank of India announced the country's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles. The new scheme will offer loan at 20 basis points lesser than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes.

**291. India's middle-distance runner \_\_\_\_\_ won the country's third gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships 2019 in Doha, Qatar.**

- a) Shiny Abraham
- b) PU Chitra
- c) O. P. Jaisha
- d) None of these

Answer b) PU Chitra. India's middle-distance runner PU Chitra won the country's third gold medal at the Asian Athletics Championships 2019 in Doha, Qatar by finishing on the top step of the podium in the women's 1500m event. Gomathi Marimuthu (women's 800m) and Tajinder Pal Singh (men's shot put) had won India gold medals.

**292. The first official International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace will be celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.**

- a) April 24
- b) April 21
- c) April 20
- d) April 23

Answer a) April 24. On April 24 2019, the first official International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace will be celebrated and the General Assembly will convene a one-day high-level plenary meeting PDF to commemorate and promote the day.

**293. The Immunisation Awareness Week will be celebrated this year between \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) April 23 and April 39
- b) April 22 and April 28
- c) April 20 and April 26
- d) April 24 and April 30

Answer d) April 24 and April 30. To promote the importance of vaccination and immunization, the world celebrates World Immunisation Week, initiated by the efforts of World Health Organisation. The Immunisation Awareness Week will be celebrated this year between April 24 and April 30.

**294. UN English Language Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 24 April
- b) 20 April
- c) 21 April
- d) 23 April

Answer d) 23 April. UN English Language Day is observed annually on 23 April. The event was established by UN's Department of Public Information in 2010 "to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity as well as to promote equal use of all six official languages throughout the Organization".

**295. The world's first malaria vaccine has been rolled out in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) Malawi. The world's first malaria vaccine has been rolled out in Malawi to protect 360,000 children under two in Malawi, Kenya and Ghana in Sub-Saharan Africa from the mosquito-borne disease that causes 435,000 people global deaths each year.

**296. Jonai in \_\_\_\_\_'s Dhemaji will host the 27th convention of the National Children's Science Congress (NCSC), Dhemaji district unit in September this year.**

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

Answer d) Assam. Jonai in Assam's Dhemaji will host the 27th convention of the National Children's Science Congress (NCSC), Dhemaji district unit in September this year.

**297. Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader \_\_\_\_\_ began their first-ever talks in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok.**

- a) Mamuka Bakhtadze
- b) Kim Jong Un
- c) Kim Sol-song
- d) Kim Yo-jong

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Answer b) Kim Jong Un. Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un began their first-ever talks in the Pacific port city of Vladivostok. Mr. Putin said he supports ongoing efforts to ease tensions on the Korean peninsula and wants to boost bilateral economic ties.

**298. The United Nations and the \_\_\_\_\_ have signed a joint framework aimed at strengthening partnership in counter-terrorism efforts.**

- a) IMF
- b) UAE
- c) UK
- d) European Union (EU)

Answer d) European Union (EU). The United Nations and the European Union (EU) have signed a joint framework aimed at strengthening partnership in counter-terrorism efforts. The UN Office of Counter-Terrorism said that the framework was enacted on the occasion of the second EU-UN high-level political dialogue on Counter-Terrorism that was held in New York.

**299. Based on the recommendation of second Narasimham Committee, the Reserve Bank has divested its entire stake in NHB and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) IDBI
- b) NABARD

- c) SEBI
- d) IRDA

Answer b) NABARD. Based on the recommendation of second Narasimham Committee, the Reserve Bank has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

**300. Rating and Research Agency \_\_\_\_\_ has reported that Wireless broadband subscriber base in India has surged to 532 million in February 2019.**

- a) CARE
- b) ICRA
- c) BWR
- d) SMERA

Answer b) ICRA. Rating and Research Agency ICRA has reported that Wireless broadband subscriber base in India has surged to 532 million in February 2019. ICRA in its latest report said the wireless broadband subscriber base continues to maintain its strong growth trajectory witnessing the addition of 10.2 million during the month.

**301. \_\_\_\_\_ reduces minimum subscription requirement for REITs, InvITs.**

- a) IMF
- b) SBI
- c) SEBI
- d) RBI

Answer c) SEBI. Markets regulator Sebi has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs). REITs have to offer their units in lots worth at least Rs 50,000 in initial and follow on public offers.

**302. \_\_\_\_\_ Introduces First Indian Platform for Wholesale Cryptocurrency Trading.**

- a) Bitbns
- b) BuyUcoin
- c) Localbitcoins
- d) Wazirx

Answer b) BuyUcoin. BuyUcoin, which is the second oldest Cryptocurrency Exchange in India, announces the launch of a new and unique platform for wholesale cryptocurrency trading which allows its users to trade on a large scale with low price fluctuations. The platform currently works on free trading model i.e. charges zero fee on any trade.

**303. \_\_\_\_\_ has announced the launch of an industry-first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's e-Mandate API platform.**

- a) Punjab National Bank
- b) State Bank of India
- c) NABARD
- d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer d) Kotak Mahindra Bank. Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced the launch of an industry-first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's e-Mandate API platform.

Kotak becomes the first Destination Bank to go live with Net Banking and Debit Card-based e-mandate authentication, the bank said in a statement adding that the capability will enable its customers to create electronic mandates (similar to the erstwhile eNACH with Aadhaar + OTP) via both the Debit Card and Net Banking channels.

**304. \_\_\_\_\_ is the first central bank in the Asia-Pacific region to begin an explicit interest rate easing cycle.**

- a) Central Bank of Bahrain
- b) Central Bank of Afghanistan
- c) Reserve Bank of India
- d) Reserve Bank of Australia

Answer c) Reserve Bank of India. The Reserve Bank of India is the first central bank in the Asia-Pacific region to begin an explicit interest rate easing cycle buoyed by benign food inflation and easier global financial condition, Fitch Ratings said.

**305. \_\_\_\_\_ has set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments including from India.**

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) India
- c) China
- d) Kazakhstan

Answer d) Kazakhstan. Central Asia's biggest and resource-rich Kazakhstan has set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments including from India.

**306. \_\_\_\_\_ and Pakistan have agreed to set up a joint border "reaction force" following a number of deadly attacks by militant groups on their frontier.**

- a) China
- b) Iraq
- c) India
- d) Iran

Answer d) Iran. Iran and Pakistan have agreed to set up a joint border "reaction force" following a number of deadly attacks by militant groups on their frontier, Iranian President Hassan Rouhani announced after talks with visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan.

**307. China's smartphone maker \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first official smartphone partner of Wimbledon tennis championships.**

- a) Gionee
- b) OPPO
- c) Alcatel
- d) Tecno

Answer b) OPPO. China's smartphone maker OPPO has become the first official smartphone partner of Wimbledon tennis championships, the All England Lawn Tennis Club (AELTC) announced.

OPPO, based in South China's Shenzhen, signed a five-year deal with AELTC at the Champions Room of the world's most famous tennis tournament, the Xinhua news agency reported.

**308. \_\_\_\_\_ wins First gold at Asian Boxing Championships.**

- a) Vijender Singh
- b) Amit Panghal
- c) Pooja Rani
- d) None of these

Answer b) Amit Panghal. Asian Games champion Amit Panghal (52 kg) gave India its first gold medal at the ongoing Asian Boxing Championships. Panghal, who had won the Asian Games gold medal last year, defeated Korea's Kim Inkyu in a unanimous decision, thereby clinching his second gold of the year.

**309. One of the world's largest diamonds weighing a whopping 1,758 carats has been found in \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer b) Botswana. One of the world's largest diamonds weighing a whopping 1,758 carats has been found in Botswana, a mining company said.

**310. 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness began in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Dhaka
- b) Beijing
- c) Delhi
- d) Kathmandu

Answer d) Kathmandu.

**311. World Intellectual Property Day is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 26 April
- b) 24 April
- c) 27 April
- d) 26 April

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

WIPD-2019 Theme is “Reach Gold-Intellectual Property (IP) And Sports“.

**312. The government announced the appointment of former army chief Dalbir Singh Suhag as India’s next high commissioner to \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Bhutan
- b) Botswana
- c) Seychelles
- d) Pakistan

Answer c) Seychelles. The government announced the appointment of former army chief Dalbir Singh Suhag as India’s next high commissioner to Seychelles.

**313. \_\_\_\_\_, Joint Managing Director, the Kochi-based Arjuna Natural Ltd, has been conferred with the National Intellectual Property Award for 2019**

- a) Benny Antony
- b) K Siva Reddy
- c) Alice G. Vaidyan
- d) None of these

Answer a) Benny Antony. Benny Antony, Joint Managing Director, the Kochi-based Arjuna Natural Ltd, has been conferred with the National Intellectual Property Award for 2019

**314. Pakistan’s \_\_\_\_\_ Named IPI’s World Press Freedom Hero for Exposing Country’s Militant Links.**

- a) Hamid Mir
- b) Cyril Almeida
- c) Ahmed Rashid
- d) Reham Khan

Answer b) Cyril Almeida. The International Press Institute (IPI) named Cyril Almeida, an assistant editor and columnist at Pakistani daily ‘Dawn’ who is currently facing sedition charges in the country, as the recipient of its 71st World Press Freedom Hero award.

**315. \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.**

- a) British Airways
- b) Etihad Airways
- c) Jet Airways
- d) None of these

Answer b) Etihad Airways. The UAE’s flag carrier Etihad Airways has become the first airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board, in a bid to raise awareness about pollution on Earth Day. According to the Abu Dhabi-based national airline of the UAE, the flight EY484 landed in Brisbane on April 22, Earth Day.

**316. National Award-winning filmmaker \_\_\_\_\_, popular scriptwriter Salim Khan and yesteryears dancing diva Helen were honoured with the prestigious**

**Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award.**

- a) Mani Ratnam
- b) Madhur Bhandarkar
- c) Shyam Benegal
- d) Anurag Kashyap

**Answer b) Madhur Bhandarkar.** National Award-winning filmmaker Madhur Bhandarkar, popular scriptwriter Salim Khan and yesteryears dancing diva Helen were honoured with the prestigious Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Award.

**317. Former Dena Bank MD \_\_\_\_\_ is set to take over as the new Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank.**

- a) Aditya Puri
- b) Amitabh Chaudhry
- c) Karnam Sekar
- d) Rana Kapoor

**Answer c) Karnam Sekar.** Former Dena Bank MD Karnam Sekar is set to take over as the new Managing Director and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank from July 1, 2019. He will take over from R Subramaniakumar, who was instrumental in taking measures to turn around the bank, which has been reporting losses due to high NPA.

**318. India's Divyansh Singh Panwar secured the country's fourth Olympic quota place in \_\_\_\_\_ by winning a silver in the ISSF World Cup in Beijing**

- a) Hockey
- b) Badminton
- c) shooting
- d) Boxing

**Answer c) shooting.** India's Divyansh Singh Panwar secured the country's fourth Olympic quota place in shooting by winning a silver in the ISSF World Cup in Beijing.

**319. \_\_\_\_\_ -becomes only Indian institute to feature in QS EMBA Rankings 2019.**

- a) IIM-Delhi
- b) IIM-Lucknow
- c) IIM-Bangalore
- d) IIM-Indore

**Answer c) IIM-Bangalore.** The Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore (IIM-B) has once again made a mark at the global level. The institute's post-graduate programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) has secured the 12th rank in APAC listing and came 61st globally in the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019.

It is the only Indian B-school to secure a place among the top 100 B-Schools across the world.

**320. State-owned Allahabad Bank said the government has increased its authorised capital by Rs5,000 crore to \_\_\_\_\_.**



- a) Rs6,000 crore
- b) Rs9,000 crore
- c) Rs10,000 crore
- d) Rs8,000 crore

Answer d) Rs8,000 crore. State-owned Allahabad Bank said the government has increased its authorised capital by Rs5,000 crore to Rs8,000 crore.

**321. World’s only floating nuclear power station dubbed ‘Chernobyl on ice’ launched by \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer a) Russia. A floating nuclear power plant that environmental campaigners have dubbed “Chernobyl on ice” is ready to begin supplying electricity, Russia has announced.

**322. World’s Largest Medical Drone Delivery Service Started in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) China
- b) America
- c) Ghana
- d) India

Answer c) Ghana. Vice President Dr Mamahudu Bawumia launched the first-ever medical drone delivery service in Ghana, and the largest such drone delivery network in the world, at Omenako, near Suhum, in the Eastern Region.

**323. India’s ace cueist \_\_\_\_\_ defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran 6-4 to claim the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title.**

- a) Yasin Merchant
- b) Aditya Mehta
- c) Pankaj Advani
- d) Geet Sethi

Answer c) Pankaj Advani. India’s ace cueist Pankaj Advani defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran 6-4 to claim the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title. Advani, a 21-time world snooker and billiards champion, beat Nezhad 52-40, 66(58)-0, 1-63(62), 78-4, 35-47, 0-51, 47-35, 38-39, 53(49)-35, 51(50)-20 in the final.

**324. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the “ombudsman scheme” for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to non deposit-taking NBFCs with asset size of at least \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Rs 10 crore
- b) Rs 200 crore
- c) Rs 150 crore
- d) Rs 100 crore

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Answer d) Rs 100 crore. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the “ombudsman scheme” for non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) to non deposit-taking NBFCs with asset size of at least Rs 100 crore.

**325. The finance ministry has ratified the hike of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) interest rate to \_\_\_\_\_ as approved by retirement fund manager EPFO.**

- a) 8.50%
- b) 8.55%
- c) 8.65%
- d) 8.75%

Answer c) 8.65%. The finance ministry has ratified the hike of the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) interest rate to 8.65% as approved by retirement fund manager EPFO. The finance ministry’s approval is a procedural formality, but is a requirement before interest rates are passed on to 60 million EPFO subscribers.

**326. Niti Aayogs Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and \_\_\_\_\_ signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) for children empowerment.**

- a) RBI
- b) Unicef India
- c) IMF
- d) Unesco India

Answer b) Unicef India. Niti Aayogs Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Unicef India signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to provide an open platform to promote participation, skilling and empowerment among young children across different communities.

**327. India bagged a gold and two silver medals at the Asian Boxing Championships in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Beijing
- b) Dhaka
- c) Delhi
- d) Bangkok

Answer d) Bangkok. India bagged a gold and two silver medals at the Asian Boxing Championships in Bangkok. With this, India has won 13 medals, including two gold, four silver and seven bronze.

**328. 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness began in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Beijing
- b) Kathmandu
- c) Delhi
- d) Pune

Answer b) Kathmandu. 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness began in Kathmandu.

The theme of the two-day summit is “Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities”.

**329. Indian Army signed an MoU with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) to construct tunnels on borders with China and \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer c) Pakistan. Indian Army signed an MoU with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) to construct tunnels on borders with China and Pakistan for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment.

**330. The Central Works Public Department (CPWD) has constituted an expert committee to formulate a design policy for building construction, under the chairmanship of \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) A. K. Antony
- b) Mallikarjun Kharge
- c) M K Sharma
- d) M K Singh

Answer c) M K Sharma. The Central Works Public Department (CPWD) has constituted an expert committee to formulate a design policy for building construction and infrastructure development.

A government official said the committee has been set up under the chairmanship of CPWD’s Additional Director General M K Sharma.

**331. ICMR launched Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) - India and organised the stakeholders’ meeting at ICMR headquarters, \_\_\_\_\_.**

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

Answer d) New Delhi.

**332. Microsoft reaches \_\_\_\_\_ market value for the first time.**

- a) \$2 trillion
- b) \$3 trillion
- c) \$10 trillion
- d) \$1 trillion

Answer d) \$1 trillion. Microsoft became the third U.S. company to hit \$1 trillion in market value, joining rivals Apple and Amazon. The tech company’s Azure cloud software helped deliver third-quarter results that topped analyst estimates, boosting its stock price and pushing its value past the trillion-dollar mark.

**333. Indian-American Hirsh Singh has announced that will seek the Republican nomination for US Senate in \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 2022
- b) 2020
- c) 2023
- d) 2021

Answer b) 2020. Indian-American Hirsh Singh has announced that will seek the Republican nomination for US Senate in 2020 against Democratic New Jersey Senator Cory Booker.

**334. Indian shooter \_\_\_\_\_ won the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol event at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup.**

- a) Vijay Kumar
- b) Abhinav Bindra
- c) Abhishek Verma
- d) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Answer c) Abhishek Verma. Indian shooter Abhishek Verma won the gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol event at the ongoing International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup.

**335. World Intellectual Property Day is being observed \_\_\_\_\_ across the globe.**

- a) 28 April
- b) 27 April
- c) 25 April
- d) 26 April

Answer d) 26 April. World Intellectual Property Day is being observed 26 April across the globe.

Intellectual property refers to creations of the mind, inventions, literary and artistic works, and symbols, names and images used in commercial activities.

The theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2019 is Reach for Gold: IP and Sports.

**336. Tony Award-Winning Playwright \_\_\_\_\_ Died At Age 79.**

- a) Mark Medoff
- b) David Alan Mamet
- c) John David Logan
- d) None of these

Answer a) Mark Medoff. Mark Medoff, whose Tony Award-winning play Children of a Lesser God opened the stage for deaf actresses, died at his home in Las Cruces, N.M., at the age of 79.

**337. About 200 US companies seeking to move manufacturing base from \_\_\_\_\_ to India.**

- a) America

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

Answer c) China. About 200 American companies are seeking to move their manufacturing base from China to India post the general elections, a top US-based advocacy group has said, observing that there is a fantastic opportunity with firms looking at alternatives to the Communist giant.

**338. The India Pavilion at the 29th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair was inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister of United Arab Emirates, \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Abdullah Abdullah
- b) Ilir Meta
- c) Shri Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahayan
- d) Edi Rama

Answer c) Shri Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahayan. The India Pavilion at the 29th Abu Dhabi International Book Fair was inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister of United Arab Emirates, Shri Saif Bin Zayed Al Nahayan on 24th April, 2019.

**339. Private sector lender \_\_\_\_\_ said it plans to raise rs35,000 crore debt instrument, including in foreign currency, to fund business growth.**

- a) Axis Bank
- b) ICICI Bank
- c) HDFC Bank
- d) None of these

Answer a) Axis Bank. Private sector lender Axis Bank said it plans to raise rs35,000 crore debt instrument, including in foreign currency, to fund business growth. The decision in this regard will be taken at the annual general meeting held on July 20.

**340. The US placed \_\_\_\_\_ on its ‘Priority Watch List’ alleging lack of “sufficient measurable improvements” to its Intellectual Property (IP) framework.**

- a) South Africa
- b) India
- c) Russia
- d) China

Answer b) India. The US placed India on its ‘Priority Watch List’ alleging lack of “sufficient measurable improvements” to its Intellectual Property (IP) framework on long-standing and new challenges that have negatively affected American right holders over the past year.

**341. Star golfer \_\_\_\_\_ wins outstanding achievement as player award.**

- a) Arjun Singh Cheema
- b) Abhishek Verma
- c) Gaganjeet Bhullar
- d) None of these

Answer c) Gaganjeet Bhullar. Arjuna awardee and star Indian golfer Gaganjeet Bhullar won the outstanding achievement as a player award at the fourth edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) awards at the Delhi Golf Club.

The GIA awards were held along with the 8th India Golf & Turf Expo (IGTE), South Asia's largest golf trade show.

**342. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up \_\_\_\_\_ Committee to review regulatory framework on micro insurance.**

- a) Mallikarjun Kharge
- b) Suresh Kumar
- c) Suresh Mathur
- d) M K Singh

Answer c) Suresh Mathur. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up Suresh Mathur Committee to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and to recommend measures to increase demand for such products.

**343. \_\_\_\_\_ becomes first female umpire to officiate men's ODI.**

- a) Daryl Harper
- b) Simon Taufel
- c) Claire Polosak
- d) Paul Reiffel

Answer c) Claire Polosak. Australia's Claire Polosak will become the first female umpire to officiate in a men's one-day international at the ICC World Cricket League Division.

**344. \_\_\_\_\_, extended the deadline for Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) codes for participation in non-derivative markets.**

- a) NHB
- b) RBI
- c) SBI
- d) SEBI

Answer b) RBI. The RBI, extended the deadline for Legal Entity Identifier (LEI) codes for participation in non-derivative markets. Now, the deadline for entities with net worth of over Rs1,000 crore to get the code is December 31, 2019, against the earlier deadline of April 30 this year.

**345. Public sector lender \_\_\_\_\_ and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance announced the launch of 'Webassurance'.**

- a) Allahabad Bank
- b) Bank of Baroda
- c) Punjab National Bank
- d) Canara Bank

Answer d) Canara Bank. Public sector lender Canara Bank and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance announced the launch of 'Webassurance'

**346. \_\_\_\_\_ and Max Bupa launch AnyTimeHealth machines to distribute health insurance products.**

- a) HDFC Bank
- b) ICICI bank
- c) Bandhan Bank
- d) None of these

Answer a) HDFC Bank. Max Bupa, one of India's leading standalone health insurance players, and HDFC Bank, one of India's leading private sector banks, announced the launch of 'digital first' propositions for the bank's 40+ million customers, spread across its 5,000+ branches.

**347. \_\_\_\_\_ reduces minimum net worth requirements for clearing corp in IFSC.**

- a) SBI
- b) PNB
- c) Sebi
- d) RBI

Answer c) Sebi. Sebi in its circular provided the methodology to determine the minimum net worth requirements for clearing corporations that included capital requirement based on credit risk, business risk, orderly winding down or recovery of operations and legal and operational risks assessment.

**348. International Dance Day is celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 28th April
- b) 25th April
- c) 27th April
- d) 29th April

Answer d) 29th April. International Dance Day is a global celebration of dance, created by the Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute, the main partner for the performing arts of UNESCO.

The event takes place every year on 29th April, the anniversary of the birth of Jean-Georges Noverre, the creator of modern ballet.

**349. \_\_\_\_\_ clinched a fourth clay-court win over Rafael Nadal to reach the Barcelona Open final.**

- a) Gerald Melzer
- b) Jürgen Melzer
- c) Dominic Thiem
- d) None of these

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Answer c) Dominic Thiem. Dominic Thiem clinched a fourth clay-court win over Rafael Nadal to reach the Barcelona Open final at the expense of the world number two. Thiem lost to Nadal in the French Open final last year but had earlier beaten the Spaniard at the Madrid Open and had the measure of him again.

**350. Govt raises wheat import duty to \_\_\_\_\_ in order to support local farmers.**

- a) 45%
- b) 42%
- c) 30%
- d) 40%

Answer d) 40%. The Centre raised wheat import duty by a third to 40 per cent to support local farmers from further price fall and prevent its possible import on the back of a growing demand for animal feed in drought hit states including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

**351. Sri Lankan President \_\_\_\_\_ appointed former Army Commander Gen. S. H. S Kottegoda as the Secretary of Defence.**

- a) Mauricio Macri
- b) Nikol Pashinyan
- c) Ilir Meta
- d) Maithripala Sirisena

Answer d) Maithripala Sirisena. Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena appointed former Army Commander Gen. S. H. S Kottegoda as the Secretary of Defence.

**352. \_\_\_\_\_ wins women's singles title at Kunming Tennis Open.**

- a) Zheng Jie
- b) Peng Shuai
- c) Zhang Shuai
- d) Zheng Saisai

Answer d) Zheng Saisai. No. 2 seed Zheng Saisai defeated compatriot Zhang Shuai 6-4, 6-1 to win women's singles title at the Kunming Open.

**353. Ex-South Africa all-rounder \_\_\_\_\_ has been honoured with the Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division.**

- a) Brian McMillan
- b) Jacques Kallis
- c) Hansie Cronje
- d) Lance Klusener

Answer b) Jacques Kallis. Ex-South Africa all-rounder Jacques Kallis has been honoured with the Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division. The national honour is bestowed by the President of South Africa on citizens who have made significant contributions to arts, literature, music, journalism, culture, and sports.

**354. Real life 'Padman' \_\_\_\_\_ Named in Fortune's World Leaders List**

- a) Stanislav Petrov



- b) Lance Klusener
- c) Arunachalam Muruganatham
- d) None of these

Answer c) Arunachalam Muruganatha. Real life 'Padman', Arunachalam Muruganatham, who made headlines for manufacturing low-cost sanitary napkins with his innovative cellulose-based pads, has made it to Fortune magazine's list of the top 100 world's greatest leaders.

**355. The DMK'S former Rajya Sabha MP and the party's State women minority wing's president \_\_\_\_\_ died night after a brief illness.**

- a) Vasanthi Stanley
- b) Josef Šural
- c) Wayson Choy
- d) Daniel Horlaville

Answer a) Vasanthi Stanley. The DMK'S former Rajya Sabha MP and the party's State women minority wing's president Vasanthi Stanley died night after a brief illness. Vasanthi Stanley, a native of Palayamkottai in Tirunelveli district, had served as DMK's Rajya Sabha member from 2008 to 2014. She had also served as a member of various parliamentary committees.

**356. Former Ethiopian president \_\_\_\_\_ has died in Germany.**

- a) Vasanthi Stanley
- b) Negasso Gidada
- c) Josef Šural
- d) None of these

Answer b) Negasso Gidada. Former Ethiopian president Negasso Gidada has died in Germany where he was undergoing medical treatment for an unspecified illness.

**357. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed annually on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) 26 April
- b) 29 April
- c) 27 April
- d) 28 April

Answer d) 28 April. The World Day for Safety and Health at Work is observed annually on 28 April to raise awareness for promoting safe, healthy and decent work. The theme for 2019 is Safety and Health and the future of work.

**358. Workers' Memorial Day, International Workers' Memorial Day or International Commemoration Day (ICD) Celebrated on \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) April 29
- b) April 27
- c) April 26
- d) April 28

Answer d) April 28. Workers' Memorial Day, International Workers' Memorial Day or International Commemoration Day (ICD) for Dead and Injured or Day of Mourning takes place annually around the world on April 28, an international day of remembrance and action for workers killed, disabled, injured or made unwell by their work.

The Theme for 2019: "Dangerous substances – get them out of the workplace".

**359. Former Ethiopian president \_\_\_\_\_ has died in Germany.**

- a) Arvi Parbo
- b) B. Subhashan Reddy
- c) Negasso Gidada
- d) None of these

Answer c) Negasso Gidada. Former Ethiopian president Negasso Gidada has died in Germany where he was undergoing medical treatment for an unspecified illness, state broadcaster EBC reported.

Negasso, who was 75, was president between 1995 and 2001 and was the first head of state after Ethiopia adopted a new constitution transforming the country into a federal state, with increased autonomy given to the different regions.

**360. \_\_\_\_\_ has been named in Forbes' inaugural Blockchain 50 List.**

- a) Prudential Financial
- b) Sbi Life insurance
- c) Liberty Mutual
- d) MetLife

Answer d) MetLife. MetLife has been named in Forbes' inaugural Blockchain 50 List, the first-ever ranking of the top 50 organizations that are leading the pack in regard to adapting decentralized ledgers to their business.

MetLife was recognized for its Vitana experiment, which was launched in Singapore last August by LumenLab, MetLife's Asia innovation center.

**361. \_\_\_\_\_ settled for a silver in 82kg while Gyanender won a bronze in 60kg on the final day of competition.**

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Virat Kohli
- c) Harpreet Singh
- d) None of these

Answer c) Harpreet Singh. India wrapped up their campaign at the Asian Wrestling Championships on a resounding note with 16 medals after Greco-Roman grapplers added a silver and a bronze on the concluding day in Xi'an, China. Harpreet Singh settled for a silver in 82kg while Gyanender won a bronze in 60kg on the final day of competition.

India's overall tally of 16 medals included eight — one gold, three silver and four bronze — won by men's freestyle wrestlers, four bronze by women and three silver and a bronze by Greco-Roman wrestlers.

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With this performance, India's Greco-Roman wrestlers have bettered their tally of two bronze from the last edition and is the country's best ever showing in this discipline so far at the Asian Championships.

**362. Air Marshal \_\_\_\_\_ will take over as the Vice Chief of Indian Air Force.**

- a) Arjan Singh
- b) Anil Khosla
- c) Birender Singh Dhanoa
- d) Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria

Answer d) Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria. Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria will take over as the Vice Chief of Indian Air Force on May 1 succeeding Air Marshal Anil Khosla who is superannuating.

Bhadauria is at present heading IAF's Bengaluru-based Training Command and in his earlier avatar as the Deputy Chief, he was the chairman of the Indian negotiating team for the 36 Rafale combat aircraft deal with France.

**363. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will launch an awareness programme on Goods and Services Tax (GST) in collaboration with \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) London Stock Exchange
- b) NSE
- c) BSE
- d) None of these

Answer c) BSE. The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will launch an awareness programme on Goods and Services Tax (GST) in collaboration with Bombay Stock Exchange Institute Limited from its July 2019 session, the varsity said.

The programme, which will be launched by IGNOU's School of Management Studies aims to impart basic knowledge and skills required to fulfil various requirements under the GST Act.

This programme would be beneficial to people who are engaged in maintaining accounts and filing of various indirect tax returns.

**364. \_\_\_\_\_ has been named the 2019 footballer of the year by the Football Writers' Association (FWA).**

- a) Raheem Sterling
- b) Bobby Moore
- c) Peter Shilton
- d) None of these

Answer a) Raheem Sterling. Raheem Sterling has been named the 2019 footballer of the year by the Football Writers' Association (FWA). The Manchester City and England forward topped the poll of the 400-strong FWA membership as a clear winner, with 62 percent of the votes.

**365. Digital payments \_\_\_\_\_ introduces new keyboard for seamless transaction.**

- a) PhonePe
- b) Instamojo
- c) CCAvenue
- d) Noneof these

Answer a) PhonePe. Digital payments platform PhonePe launched a special keyboard on Tuesday that will allow users to transact conveniently and securely with just a click, anytime and anywhere while using their Android phone.

The PhonePe keyboard will allow users to send and request money, check their account balance and invite friends and family to explore the PhonePe platform, across all apps and use cases on any phone where a keyboard is required.

**366. \_\_\_\_\_ Consumer Care and Lighting has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Splash Corp., Philippines’s largest personal care company.**

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

Answer d) Wipro. Wipro Consumer Care and Lighting has signed a definitive agreement to acquire Splash Corp., Philippines’s largest personal care company. Splash, which clocked \$80 million revenue last year, owns brands including SkinWhite, Maxi-peel and Vitress.

**367. \_\_\_\_\_ was appointed as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the office of Lokpal.**

- a) Manish Maheshwari
- b) Dilip Kumar
- c) Pujith Jayasundara
- d) Uday Kumar Varma

Answer b) Dilip Kumar. Senior IAS officer Dilip Kumar was appointed as the Officer on Special Duty (OSD) in the office of Lokpal. It is perhaps the first official appointment of a bureaucrat in Lokpal.

**368. World number three tennis player \_\_\_\_\_ (Czech Republic) beat Anett Kontaveit (Estonia) to win Stuttgart Porsche Grand Prix for her second title of the year.**

- a) Serena Williams
- b) Rafael Nadal
- c) Petra Kvitova
- d) Andy Murray

Answer c) Petra Kvitova. World number three tennis player Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic) beat Anett Kontaveit (Estonia) to win Stuttgart Porsche Grand Prix for her

second title of the year.

Kvitova is a two-time Wimbledon champion. The championship was held at Stuttgart, Germany.

**369. The government has issued a notification taking over the National Housing Bank (NHB) after buying entire stake for ₹1,450 crore from \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) SBI
- b) SEBI
- c) RBI
- d) IMF

Answer c) RBI. The government has issued a notification taking over the National Housing Bank (NHB) after buying entire stake for ₹1,450 crore from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

The RBI has exited the NHB, thus making it a fully government-owned entity. The central bank was holding 100% stake in the NHB, the housing finance regulator.

**370. \_\_\_\_\_ launches video streaming app Wynk Tube to woo Bharat in fight with Jio.**

- a) Reliance
- b) Airtel
- c) Idea
- d) None of these

Answer b) Airtel. After conceding market share to rival Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel is now taking the fight to Jio's turf – rural India – with the launch of a new audio-video streaming app targeted at the non-English speaking population possessing entry-level smartphones.

**371. ISRO plans to launch radar imaging satellite \_\_\_\_\_ in May.**

- a) RISAT 1BR1
- b) RISAT 2BR3
- c) RISAT 2BR2
- d) RISAT 2BR1

Answer d) RISAT 2BR1. India is planning to launch its radar imaging satellite RISAT 2BR1 sometime towards the end of May 2019 on one of the variants of its Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) rocket.

The rocket that would carry RISAT 2BR1 is designated as PSLV-C46 as per ISRO's numbering system and will blast off from the first launch pad at the country's rocket port in Sriharikota.

**372. \_\_\_\_\_ launched the Kashmiri version of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati', The show is named, "Kus Bani Koshur Karorpaet".**

- a) COLORS TV
- b) SONI TV

c) ZEE TV

d) DDKisanChannelDD-Kashir

Answer d) DDKisanChannelDD-Kashir. DDKisanChannelDD-Kashir launched the Kashmiri version of 'Kaun Banega Crorepati' at the Doordarshan Kendra's Srinagar Studios. The show is named, 'Kus Bani Koshur Karorpaet'.

**373. The New Zealand Open Badminton tournament began in \_\_\_\_\_.**

a) Hamilton

b) Auckland

c) Wellington

d) Rotorua

Answer b) Auckland. The New Zealand Open Badminton tournament began in Auckland. Some Qualification matches are being played today along with Mixed Doubles opening round fixtures.

Ace Indian shuttler Saina Nehwal will be aiming to win her second title this year. She will take on China's Wang Zhiyi in the Women's Singles first round tomorrow. Olympic silver medalist PV Sindhu is not competing in this tournament.

**374. Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) has decided to bid for the \_\_\_\_\_ edition of the biennial World Team Championships.**

a) 2020

b) 2023

c) 2022

d) 2024

Answer d) 2024. Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) has decided to bid for the 2024 edition of the biennial World Team Championships. Federation secretary M P Singh said the time has come for India to host a high-profile event and TTFI will bid for the 2024 edition in which 32 teams will take part. The last time India hosted a World Championships was way back in 1987.