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1. NCLT- in this "T" represents_____.

- a) Tribunal
- b) Trade
- c) Trend
- d) None of these

Answer a) Tribunal.

2. Which finance company has become 1st financial services firm to be taken to NCLT?

- a) Adithya Birla Finance
- b) Zeelearn Finance
- c) DHFL
- d) HDFC Finance

Answer c) DHFL. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has referred Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL) to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) for insolvency proceedings, making it the first financial services player to go NCLT for a possible debt resolution.

3. Who has been appointed as Chairman, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)?

- a) Harish Babu
- b) Shri Hari Mohan
- c) Vaidhya Nathan M
- d) Siva Lingam Joshi

Answer b) Shri Hari Mohan. Shri Hari Mohan has taken over the charge as Chairman, Ordnance Factory Board (OFB) w.e.f. December 01, 2019 from Shri Saurabh Kumar who superannuated from the services.

4. Who has been appointed as new Controller General of Accounts?

- a) Angu Lakshmi S
- b) Soma Roy Burman
- c) Medina Hassan
- d) Sana Mufthil

Answer b) Soma Roy Burman Smt. Soma Roy Burman, a 1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) Officer, took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts here.

5. World AIDS Day is observed on_____.

- a) December 01
- b) December 02
- c) December 03
- d) December 04

Answer a) December 01. The commemoration of World AIDS Day, which will take place on 1 December 2019, is an important opportunity to recognize the essential role that communities have played and continue to play in the AIDS response at the international, national and local levels.

6. Theme for World AIDS Day is_____.

- a) Difference the communities
- b) Able to adopt the communities
- c) Recognised it

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d) Communities make the difference
Answer d) Communities make the difference.

7. Which country has introduced mandatory face scans for phone users?

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

Answer d) China. China will require telecom operators to collect face scans when registering new phone users at offline outlets starting Sunday, according to the country's information technology authority, as Beijing continues to tighten cyberspace controls.

8. Hornbill festival is associated with_____.

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

Answer d) Nagaland. The Nagaland Hornbill Festival began at Naga Heritage Village at Kisama in Nagaland on 1 December 2019.

9. National Pollution Control Day is observed on_____.

- a) December 02
- b) December 03
- c) December 07
- d) December 09

Answer a) December 02. Every year 2 December is observed as National Pollution Control Day to commemorate the people who lost their lives in the unfortunate incident of Bhopal Gas Tragedy that occurred on this day in 1984.

10. International Day for Abolition of Slavery is observed on_____.

- a) December 02
- b) December 03
- c) December 07
- d) December 09

Answer a) December 02. Every year 2 December is observed as International Day for the Abolition of Slavery, across the world.

11. South Asian Games begins in _____.

- a) Dhaka
- b) Kathmandu
- c) Bhaktapur
- d) Pokhara

Answer b) Kathmandu. On December 1, 2019, the President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari opened the South Asian Games in Kathmandu.

12. Mitra Shakti - a joint training exercise between India and _____.

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

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Answer c) Sri Lanka. India – Sri Lanka joint training exercise Mitra Shakti 2019 is the seventh edition of the exercise aimed to enhance interoperability and operational efficiency amongst the armies of both India and Sri Lanka when deployed as part of United Nations peacekeeping forces.

13. 25th U.N. Climate Change Conference Begins In _____.

- a) Norway
- b) Poland
- c) Spain
- d) Mexico

Answer c) Spain. As alarm bells ring ever louder worldwide over climate change, some 25,000 delegates will meet for the next two weeks in Spain for COP25.

14. Gurpreet Singh, Sunil Kumar won gold medals in Senior National C'ships, is associated with _____.

- a) Weight Lifting
- b) Wrestling
- c) Boxing
- d) Swimming

Answer b) Wrestling. In wrestling, Asian Championships silver medallists Gurpreet Singh and Sunil Kumar clinched gold medals on the final day of the senior national championships in Jalandhar.

15. Which country has become the first country to make the entire process for pilgrims going on Haj completely digital?

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

Answer d) India. India has become the first country to make the entire process for pilgrims going on Haj completely digital. Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi today said this after signing the bilateral agreement for next year's pilgrimage with the Saudi Haj Minister in Jeddah.

16. _____ and Aditya Birla health insurance introduce Cancer Protect Cover.

- a) Paytm
- b) Master Card
- c) Visa Card
- d) MobiKwik

Answer d) MobiKwik. Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co Limited (ABHICL), the health insurance subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Limited (ABCL), a significant non-bank financial services conglomerate, announced its strategic alliance with MobiKwik.

17. Exercise HAND-IN-HAND 2019 - joint training exercise between India and _____.

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

Answer d) China. Exercise HAND-IN-HAND 2019 is to be conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya.

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The 8th India-China joint training is held under the United Nations mandate. The exercise will be held from 7-20 December 2019.

18. Who won 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize'?

- a) Stephen Millen
- b) Reba John
- c) Mathew Johny Samson
- d) Tony Joseph

Answer d) Tony Joseph . English author Tony Joseph has won 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize' for his 2018 book, 'Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came'.

19. India's first Maritime Museum in _____.

- a) Gujarat
- b) Punjab
- c) Assam
- d) Tamil nadu

Answer a) Gujarat. The Government of India is planning to establish a National Maritime Heritage Museum at Lothal in Gujarat. The museum will also act as an independent research center for archaeology of boat building, reconstruction of maritime history and materials traded.

20. Who has been appointed as president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- a) Shiva Nadar
- b) Masatsugu Asakawa
- c) Jashwanth Singh
- d) Kim jimly

Answer b) Masatsugu Asakawa. Masatsugu Asakawa was elected to be president of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) by its board of governors in Manila, the Philippines.

21. United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed on _____.

- a) December 02
- b) December 03
- c) December 05
- d) December 09

Answer b) December 03 . International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3) is an international observance promoted by the United Nations since 1992.

22. Theme for United Nations' International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2019 is _____.

- a) Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda
- b) Promoting the persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda
- c) Promote an understanding of disability issues and mobilize support for the dignity
- d) Promote rights and well-being of persons with disabilities

Answer a) Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda.

23. Who won 2019 Ballon d'Or Prize For Record Sixth Time?

- a) Paul Pogba
- b) Cristiano Ronaldo
- c) Lionel messi
- d) Sadio Mane

Answer c) Lionel Messi. Lionel Messi won a record sixth men's Ballon d'Or award at a ceremony in Paris, beating Liverpool defender Virgil van Dijk to take the honours.

24. Walmart launches credit card in partnership with _____.

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

Answer c) HDFC. Walmart India, in partnership withHDFC Bank, launched a co-branded credit card exclusively for members of its Best Price Modern Wholesale "B2B Cash & Carry" stores, offering "free credit up to 50 days.

25. Global Migration Film Festival organised in _____.

- a) Lahore
- b) Dhaka
- c) Tokyo
- d) New Delhi

Answer b) Dhaka. The Global Migration Film Festival (GMFF) was organised in Dhaka. The day-long festival screened 15 films on the theme of migration and its various aspects.

26. Who won Abu Dhabi GP as Formula 1 season?

- a) Max verstappen
- b) Lewis Hamilton
- c) Sebastian Vettel
- d) Micheal Suchuma

Answer b) Lewis Hamilton . Lewis Hamilton celebrated his championship-winning season in style with a commanding victory in the last race of the Formula 1 season in Abu Dhabi.

27. Mission Indra Dhanush 2.0 is associated with _____.

- a) Economy
- b) Education
- c) Sports
- d) Healthcare

Answer d) Healthcare. Government has launched its flagship scheme 'Intensified Mission Inradhanush 2.0' to focus on full immunization coverage of 272 districts spread over 27 states and 652 blocks of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar among hard-to-reach and tribal populations.

28. Which Railway station has been certified as India's first 'Eat Right Station' with a 4-Star rating awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai central
- c) Madurai
- d) Delhi

Answer a) Mumbai. The Mumbai Central Terminus of Western Railway has been certified

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as India's first 'Eat Right Station' with a 4-Star rating awarded by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

29. Which cricket team won 2019 Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award?

- a) India
- b) England
- c) Australia
- d) New Zealand

Answer d) New Zealand. The national cricket team of New Zealand was awarded the Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award for the year 2019. England team captain Kane Williamson was presented with the award during the drawn second Test between his team and England.

30. National Organ and _____ Transplant Organisation (NOTTO).

- a) Tele
- b) Tissue
- c) Trade
- d) Tampon

Answer b) Tissue. The autonomous organisation National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) of Union Health & Family Welfare Ministry (MoHFW) conferred, Organ Donation Awards on the occasion of 10th National Organ Donation Day in a programme held at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi.

31. India and _____ has joined hands to set up a healthcare innovation centre to promote research.

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

Answer d) Sweden. India and Sweden has joined hands to set up a healthcare innovation centre to promote research, broadly in non-communicable diseases (NCDs) and help scale-up Indian start-ups in the sector.

32. From India, Which place secured rank 11th in the list of world's tops 100 destinations and is to gain 8th rank in 2019, According to Euro Monitor International?

- a) Agra
- b) Delhi
- c) Kashmir
- d) Tamil Nadu

Answer b) Delhi. The National Capital has been witnessing soaring popularity and wellness tourism across the world. According to Euro Monitor International, Delhi currently ranks 11th in the list of world's tops 100 destinations and is to gain 8th rank in 2019. The ranking was released by the organization on December 3, 2019 under the title "Top 100 city destination ranking"

33. Navy Day in India is celebrated on _____.

- a) December 01
- b) December 02
- c) December 04
- d) December 06

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Answer c) December 04. Navy Day in India is celebrated on 4 December every year to recognize the achievements and role of the Indian Navy to the country.

34. Theme for Navy Day in India 2019 is _____.

- a) India Navy - Empower Duty
 - b) Indian Navy, Mission-deployed and Combat-ready
 - c) Indian Navy – Silent, Strong and Swift
 - d) Indian Navy – Maritime Power for National Prosperity
- Answer c) Indian Navy – Silent, Strong and Swift.

35. Who is the current President of Maldives?

- a) Ibrahim Mohamed Solih
- b) Mahammed sathai
- c) Sabith Aslam
- d) Ashik Abbas Ali

Answer a) Ibrahim Mohamed solih. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jointly inaugurated several key development projects in Maldives via video conference.

36. India has launched 1st debt exchange-traded fund is called as _____.

- a) Exchange Bond DTF
- b) Bharat Bond ETF
- c) Private Bond DTF
- d) None of these

Answer b) Bharat Bond ETF. The Union Cabinet approved the launch of India's first debt exchange-traded fund, called the Bharat Bond ETF, comprising bonds of state-run companies and other government entities.

37. Who won PETA's 2019 Person of the Year?

- a) Virat Kohli
- b) Anjelica Hutson
- c) Oprah Winfrey
- d) Joaquin Phoenix

Answer d) Joaquin Phoenix. Phoenix's dedication to animal rights is just one of the many reasons the actor won the prestigious honor, along with his veganism at the age of 3 after seeing a fish caught and killed.

38. Who is the new CEO of Alphabet?

- a) Larry Page
- b) Sergey Brin resign
- c) Sundar Pichai
- d) Amzad Khan

Answer c) Sundar Pichai. Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin are taking a step back, resigning from their posts of CEO and president at Alphabet.

39. Who has been appointed as Biocon CEO, joint MD?

- a) Prithvi Shaw
- b) Virender Yash
- c) Siddharth Mittal
- d) Hansoi Bhol

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Answer c) Siddharth Mittal. Pharmaceutical firm Biocon Ltd said Siddharth Mittal has taken over as the company's chief executive officer (CEO) and joint managing director (MD) starting 1 December.

40. The 3rd edition of National Public Procurement Conclave is held in _____.

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

Answer c) New Delhi. The 3rd edition of National Public Procurement Conclave began held in New Delhi. The conclave was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Commerce & Industry and Railways, Piyush Goyal along with Minister of State of Commerce and Industry, Som Parkash.

41. International day of Soil is observed on _____.

- a) December 01
- b) December 02
- c) December 04
- d) December 05

Answer d) December 05 . The International Year of Soils, 2015 was declared by the Sixty-eighth session of the United Nations General Assembly on December 20th, 2013 after recognizing December 5th as World Soil Day.

42. Pacific Air Chiefs' Symposium 2019 being held in _____.

- a) Alaska
- b) Maldives
- c) Hawaii
- d) Bora Bora

Answer c) Hawaii . The Chief of Indian Air Force (IAF) Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria is set to participate in Pacific Air Chiefs Symposium 2019 (PACS 2019) being held at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam in Hawaii (a state of USA).

43. According to a new report from Comparitech, India secured _____ worst country in terms of invasive use of biometric data.

- a) Second
- b) Fifth
- c) Eight
- d) Tenth

Answer b) Fifth. According to a new report from Comparitech, a Britain-based tech research firm, India is fifth worst country after China, Malaysia, Pakistan and United States in terms of extensive and invasive use of biometric data.

44. The 2nd edition of Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit is being organized in _____.

- a) Goa
- b) Daman
- c) Puducherry
- d) Chandigarh

Answer a) Goa . The 2nd edition of Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit is being

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organized in Goa on 6-7 December 2019 for Fund Managers and Limited Partners of Top Global Venture Capital (VC) Firms.

45. MadhuApp has launched by _____.

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

Answer a) Odisha. Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha has launched a MadhuApp.

46. MadhuApp is associated with _____.

- a) School children
- b) Adults
- c) Patients
- d) Women

Answer a) School children. Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister of Odisha has launched a smart learning phone application 'MadhuApp' for school children. This app is aims to help school students in learning their lessons via videos and tutorials.

47. Catholic Syrian Bank headquarter is situated in _____.

- a) Chennai
- b) Thrissur
- c) Mumbai
- d) Coimbatore

Answer b) Thrissur. The Kerala based CSB Bank, formerly known as formerly known as Catholic Syrian Bank, in its board meeting held on 2 December, re-appointed Rajendran Chinna Veerappan as Managing Director and CEO of the Bank.

48. India secured _____th rank in Global Climate Risk Index.

- a) 2
- b) 4
- c) 5
- d) 6

Answer c) 5. India is the fifth most vulnerable country to climate change, according to a report released by Environment think tank, Germanwatch.

49. Government procured just _____% of pulses, seeds targeted under PM-AASHA scheme.

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 6
- d) 8

Answer b) 3. Less than 3% of this season's sanctioned amount of pulses and oilseeds have actually been procured so far under the once-hyped PM-AASHA scheme, Agriculture Ministry data show. Arrivals of these crops began in October and will end by February.

50. D.C. Fontana is passed away at 80, is associated with _____.

- a) Writer
- b) Story editor
- c) Actor

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d) Both a and b

Answer d) Both a and b. D.C. Fontana, a writer and story editor for the original Star Trek television series and later a contributor to Star Trek: The Next Generation and other related projects, has died at age 80.

51. India secured _____rd rank in UN index assessing e-commerce readiness.

- a) 23
- b) 43
- c) 53
- d) 73

Answer d) 73. India has ranked 73rd out of 152 countries in a business-to-consumer E-commerce index that measures an economy's preparedness to support online shopping, moving seven places up in the list.

52. International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is observed on _____.

- a) December 05
- b) December 07
- c) December 08
- d) December 09

Answer a) December 05. The day, which is also known as International Volunteer Day (IVD), gives volunteers a chance to work together on projects and campaigns promoting their contributions to economic and social development at local, national and international levels.

53. Theme for International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development is _____.

- a) Volunteer for an inclusive future
- b) Contributions to economic and social development
- c) Support volunteer efforts and recognize
- d) Highlighting SDG 10 and the pursuit of equality

Answer a) Volunteer for an inclusive future.

54. The 2nd Nagaland Honey Bee Day was celebrated on _____.

- a) December 03
- b) December 05
- c) December 06
- d) December 09

Answer b) December 05. The 2nd Nagaland Honey Bee Day was celebrated on 5 December 2019 at the Heritage, Old DC Bungalow, Kohima, Nagaland. It aims to give more effort to continue on mission for more production of honey and to make Nagaland a Honey destination.

55. Who has been appointed as a Senior Security Advisor in the Home Ministry headed by Amit Shah?

- a) K Vijay Kumar
- b) Samnath Singh
- c) Kiraba Anandh Kumar
- d) Dilshik Skanda

Answer a) K Vijay Kumar. K Vijay Kumar is appointed as a Senior Security Advisor in the

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Union Home Ministry. He will be advising the Home Ministry headed by Amit Shah on security-related matters of Union Territory of JK and Left Wing Extremism (LWE). 56

56. Civil Defence Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 01
- b) December 03
- c) December 04
- d) December 06

Answer d) December 06. Civil Defence Day is celebrated on 6 December 2019 in India. Day is observed every year. The day aims to make aware of the citizens and highlight the importance of Civil Defence.

57. Exercise Indra: a Joint tri service Exercise between India and _____.

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

Answer c) Russia. The Joint tri service exercise between India and Russia, INDRA 2019 is to be held between December 10-19, 2019 in Pune.

58. Who has conferred with UNICEF's Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award?

- a) Alia Bhatt
- b) Soundarya Rajinikanth
- c) Priyanka Chopra
- d) Gautami

Answer c) Priyanka Chopra . Priyanka Chopra recently received the UNICEF's Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award for her service as the organisation's Goodwill Ambassador.

59. Lini Puthussery won National Florence Nightingale Award 2019, is associated with _____.

- a) Social Activist
- b) Actress
- c) Environmental Activist
- d) Nurse

Answer d) Nurse. Lini Puthussery, the nurse from Kerala who died due to Nipah virus that she contracted while treating a patient last year during the Nipah outbreak, was posthumously awarded National Florence Nightingale Award 2019.

60. Who won Alternate Nobel Prize for protecting the Amazon rainforest?

- a) Lourival
- b) Davi Kopenawa
- c) Shilan Shami
- d) Sajna thirpa

Answer b) Davi Kopenawa. Yanomami shaman Davi Kopenawa, the "Dalai Lama of the Rainforest," has received this year's Right Livelihood Award, also known as the "Alternative Nobel Prize" at Stockholm, Sweden.

61. Who won the 31st William Hill Sports Book of the Year award?

- a) Duncan Hamilton
- b) Neville Cardus

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- c) Brian Moore
- d) Marcus Trescothick

Answer a) Duncan Hamilton. Duncan Hamilton has won the 31st William Hill Sports Book of the Year award, becoming the only author in its history to have won three times.

62. From India, Which city has topped on Top 100 City Destinations list?

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

Answer b) Delhi. A UK-based global market research company Euromonitor International has named seven Indian cities in its recent Top 100 City Destinations 2019 report. Delhi features as the 11th city on the list.

63. Who has been named as the top star of Indian cinema and television series in 2019?

- a) Disha Patani
- b) Priyanka Chopra
- c) Hrithik Roshan
- d) Akshay Kumar

Answer b) Priyanka Chopra. Actress Priyanka Chopra has been named as the top star of Indian cinema and television series in 2019, in a list released by the global film and TV website IMDb. Actress Disha Patani, who has attained the second position, is followed by Hrithik Roshan, Kiara Advani, Akshay Kumar and Salman Khan. Last year, Deepika Padukone topped the list.

64. Who has been appointed as the Plogging Ambassador of India?

- a) Kiren Rijiju
- b) Saina Nehwal
- c) Ripu Daman Bevli
- d) Dutee Chand

Answer c) Ripu Daman Bevli. Minister of State(I/C) for Youth Affairs & Sports, Shri Kiren Rijiju felicitated Ripu Daman Bevli, popularly known as the Plogman of India and named him the Plogging Ambassador of India.

65. Who has conferred with the Change Maker award at the just concluded Grant Thornton SABERA Awards 2019?

- a) Swagatha Krishnan
- b) Maya Devi
- c) Ruby Ahluwalia
- d) Priyanka Das

Answer c) Ruby Ahluwalia. Ruby Ahluwalia, Founder of Sanjeevani – Life Beyond Cancer was conferred with the Change Maker award at the just concluded Grant Thornton SABERA Awards 2019 in recognition of her unflinching dedication and support to underprivileged cancer patients and for helping to rehabilitate them.

66. ICAI International Conference 2019 inaugurated at _____.

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

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Answer d) Mumbai. The two day International Conference organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) was inaugurated on December 6, 2019 at Mumbai.

67. Which state has maintain its Position as a Leading State in Frost & Sullivan's 2019 "Growth, Innovation & Leadership Index for Economic Development in India"?

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Maharastra
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Gujarat

Answer a) Tamil Nadu. This year, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh, along with Tamil Nadu, were named the top 5 states in overall economic development in the country. Tamil Nadu's high rank was an outcome of its impressive scores across all 10 pillars of analysis

68. Who has become the first woman match referee to oversee a men's One Day International (ODI)?

- a) Sonali Rani
- b) Priyadharshini L
- c) GS Lakshmi
- d) Shabarni Gosh

Answer c) GS Lakshmi. Former India cricketer GS Lakshmi has become the first woman match referee to oversee a men's One Day International (ODI). She officiated the opening match of the third series of the World Cup League 2 in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

69. Oxford Dictionaries has named ' _____ ' as its 2019 Word of the Year.

- a) Flight Shame
- b) Extinction
- c) Climate Emergency
- d) Eco friendly

Answer c) Climate Emergency. Being chosen as Word of the Year, reflects that 'Climate Emergency' was a real preoccupation of the English-speaking world in 2019.

70. 4th India Water Impact Summit held in _____.

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

Answer a) Delhi. At the summit, the experts from various fields discuss the biggest problems associated with water.

71. Artificial Intelligence introduced as a subject in _____.

- a) State board
- b) ICSE Schools
- c) Government Schools
- d) CBSE schools

Answer d) CBSE schools. The Ministry of Human Resource and Development has introduced Artificial Intelligence in classes VIII, IX and X in CBSE schools. The study materials have already been provided to the schools through official CBSE website.

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72. Armed Forces Flag Day observed on _____.

- a) December 07
- b) December 08
- c) December 10
- d) December 11

Answer a) December 07. Over the years, it has become a tradition to commemorate this day as an honour to the soldiers, sailors and airmen of India.

73. Which Indian police station has been adjudged the best performing police station in the country ?

- a) Aberdeen
- b) Balasinor
- c) Palakad
- d) Ajk Burhanpur

Answer a) Aberdeen. Aberdeen in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been adjudged the best performing police station in the country while dealing with property offence, crime against women and weaker sections, the Home Ministry said.

74. Which company has world's largest ever initial public offering (IPO)?

- a) Adani
- b) Aramco
- c) Reliance
- d) Zee

Answer b) Aramco. Saudi oil giant Aramco has announced its initial public offering (IPO) at \$25.6 billion, which is the world's largest ever. The gulf nation's state oil company made the announcement on December 5, 2019

75. International Civil Aviation Day _____.

- a) December 05
- b) December 07
- c) December 11
- d) December 15

Answer b) December 07. The purpose of International Civil Aviation Day is to help generate and reinforce worldwide awareness of the importance of international civil aviation to the social and economic development of states.

76. Theme of International Civil Aviation Day 2019 is _____.

- a) Helping States to cooperate and realize a truly global rapid transit network.
- b) Help generate and reinforce worldwide
- c) 75 years of connecting the World
- d) Unique role of ICAO in helping States

Answer c) 75 years of connecting the World.

77. Which country has host South Asian Games 2019?

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

Answer c) Nepal. South Asian Games 2019: India leads the medal tally at the 13th edition of South Asian Games (SAG) with 178 medals, which includes 89 gold, 62 silver and 27 bronze

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medals. The host nation Nepal stands second with 123 medals and Sri Lanka at third position with 144 medals.

78. Which company has introduced new insurance benefits that include the LGBT employees?

- a) CTS
- b) TCS
- c) Reliance
- d) Wipro

Answer b) TCS. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has announced changes in its health insurance policy in order to provide benefits to employees involved in LGBT employees, a same-sex relationship. TCS became the first Tata Group companies to bring the change.

79. Who has been appointed as new of Chairman National Stock Exchange?

- a) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- b) Shamana Raj
- c) Abhimanyu Kiran
- d) Sibin Therattil

Answer a) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi. The National Stock Exchange(NSE) has appointed Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its new chairman. His appointment comes following the approval of markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

80. Human Library event is held in _____.

- a) Coimbatore
- b) Leh
- c) Indore
- d) Mysuru

Answer d) Mysuru . A human library, a concept which seeks to replace books with humans, will be organised in Mysuru on December 8.

81. “Parivartan Sangosthi” is organised by _____.

- a) Indian Army
- b) Income Tax Dept
- c) Indian Raliway
- d) Indian Navy

Answer c) Indian Railway. Accentuating on the agenda of reform & perform, Indian Railways is organizing a twodays conclave “Parivartan Sangosthi” in New Delhi which aims to deliberate on the suggestions received from the officers of various Zonal Railways to take Indian Railways to the next level of reforms.

82. Asia’s First Numberless Card has launched by _____.

- a) Grab
- b) Paytm
- c) Rupay
- d) Mobikwik

Answer a) Grab. Grab, Southeast Asia’s leading everyday super app announced the launch of GrabPay Card, Asia’s first numberless card that offers users unparalleled card security, access to an expanded rewards ecosystem and hassle-free Grab payments integration in order to bring cashless convenience to millions in Southeast Asia.

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83. Ron Leibman is passed away at the age of 82, is associated with _____.

- a) Politician
- b) Actor
- c) Car Racer
- d) None of these

Answer b) Actor. Award-winning American actor Ron Leibman, famed for playing Rachel Green's overbearing dad in the sitcom Friends, has died at the age of 82.

84. Who won Miss Universe 2019 title?

- a) Young su sing
- b) Vartika Singh
- c) Catriona Gray
- d) Zozibini Tunzi

Answer d) Zozibini Tunzi. Miss South Africa Zozibini Tunzi was crowned as Miss Universe 2019 at the event held at Tyler Perry Studios in Atlanta, United States. The 26-year-old Zozibini Tunzi was presented the crown by Philippines' Catriona Gray, who was the Miss Universe winner in 2018.

85. Who has become World's Youngest-Serving Prime Minister?

- a) Sanna Marin
- b) Antti Rinne
- c) Soloman Rayl
- d) Racheal Ray

Answer a) Sanna marin. The 34-year-old Sanna Marin, was selected by her Social Democratic party of Finland to become the country's youngest prime minister ever, taking over after resignation of outgoing leader Antti Rinne.

86. International Anti-Corruption Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 02
- b) December 05
- c) December 09
- d) Decemebr 11

Answer c) December 09. The International Day of Anti-Corruption is marked by the United Nations every year on December 9 since 2003.

87. Theme for International Anti-Corruption Day is _____.

- a) Universe Against Corruption
- b) United Against Corruption
- c) Nation Against Corruption
- d) None of these

Answer b) United Against Corruption.

88. Integrated Command and Control Centre inaugurated in _____.

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Assam
- c) Odisha

Answer b) Haryana. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the ambitious Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Gurgaon, Millennium City of the country.

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89. Siu-Ka-Pha Award presented to Dr Padmeswar Gogoi, is associated with _____.

- a) Educationist
- b) Botanist
- c) Folklore researcher
- d) All of these

Answer d) All of these. The Siu-Ka-Pha Award, instituted by the central committee of different ethnic groups and organisations of Golaghat district, was presented to noted educationist, Botanist and folklore researcher Dr Padmeswar Gogoi at a programme held at Siu-Ka-Pha Samannay Kshetra in Golaghat.

90. Who has become first ever cricketer to play 150 Ranji matches?

- a) Wasim Jaffer
- b) Devendra Bundela
- c) Amol Muzumdar
- d) Priyadharshan

Answer a) Wasim Jaffer. Batsman Wasim Jaffer has become the first-ever cricketer to play 150 Ranji Trophy matches, achieving the feat after taking the field for Vidarbha against Andhra.

91. According to UNDP, India secured _____th rank in 2019 human development index.

- a) 100
- b) 111
- c) 129
- d) 184

Answer c) 129. India climbed one spot to 129 among 189 countries in the 2019 human development index, according to a report by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). **92. International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime is observed on _____.**

- a) December 01
- b) December 04
- c) December 07
- d) December 09

Answer d) Decemeber 09. The adoption of the 1948 Convention. This year marked the 70th anniversary of the Convention.

93. India & Australia hold third 2+2 dialogue in _____.

- a) Sydney
- b) Melbourne
- c) Mumbai
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. The third India-Australia Secretary-level 2+2 dialogue was held on 9 December 2019 in New Delhi. The Indian side was led by Defense Secretary Ajay Kumar and Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale.

94. Duchifat is associated with _____.

- a) Virus
- b) Satellite
- c) Weapon

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d) None of these

Answer b) Satellite. Three youngsters Alon Abramovich, Meitav Assulin and Shmuel Aviv Levi, all 17 to 18 years old from Sha'ar HaNegev High school in Israel's southern region will be traveling to India to launch a satellite dubbed as- 'Duchifat 3'.

95. Human Rights Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 10
- b) December 12
- c) December 15
- d) December 20

Answer a) December 10. Human Rights Day is celebrated annually across the world on 10 December every year. The date was chosen to honour the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation.

96. Theme for Human Rights Day 2019 is _____.

- a) Youth standing up for Human rights
- b) Everybody standing up for Human rights
- c) Human standing up for Human rights
- d) None of these

Answer a) Youth standing up for Human rights.

97. Which place has been selected as the world's leading Sports tourism Destination?

- a) Singapore
- b) Goa
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Paris

Answer c) Saudi Arabia. Abu Dhabi has been selected as the world's leading Sports tourism Destination at the 26th edition of the World Travel Awards (WTA) being held in Muscat. This is the seventh time in a row that Abu Dhabi has been selected for this coveted award.

98. 'Iron Union 12 - a joint military exercise between _____.

- a) India and US
- b) US and Russia
- c) UAE and US
- d) UAE and India

Answer c) UAE and US. 'Iron Union 12', a joint military exercise between the ground forces of the UAE and the United States, commenced in the presence of Major General Saleh Mohamed Saleh Al Amiri, UAE Commander of Land Forces and Lieutenant General Terry Ferrell, Commander of US Army Central, USARCENT.

99. Which country has banned from international sporting events for four years?

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

Answer b) Russia. The World Anti-Doping Agency, WADA, banned Russia for four years, from participation in global sporting events, including the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics, after accusing Moscow of falsifying data from an anti-doping laboratory.

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100. Who has received the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize?

- a) Lemma Megersa
- b) Isaias Afwerki
- c) Meles Zenawi
- d) Abiy Ahmed

Answer d) Abiy Ahmed. Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed has received the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to achieve international peace and co-operation.

101. MCLR - in this "M" represents_____.

- a) Market
- b) Mphasis
- c) Merge
- d) Maginal

Answer d) Marginal. Country's largest lender State Bank of India has announced the reduction in its marginal cost of fund based lending rate (MCLR) by 10 basis points across all one-year products.

102. Who has been named TIME's 2019 Person of the Year?

- a) Greta Thunberg
- b) Malala
- c) Yosami Ukenlava
- d) Steffi Racheal

Answer a) Greta Thunberg. Climate activist Greta Thunberg has been named TIME's 2019 Person of the Year. The 16-year-old is the youngest individual ever named TIME's Person of the Year.

103. Who has been appointed as Ambassador for National Anti-Doping Agency?

- a) Akshay Kumar
- b) Salman Khan
- c) Suniel Shetty
- d) Kamal Hasan

Answer c) Suniel Shetty. National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), India's anti-doping body has selected Bollywood actor Suniel Shetty has been selected as its brand ambassador.

104. International Mountain Day is observed on_____.

- a) December 10
- b) December 11
- c) December 13
- d) December 15

Answer b) December 11. The same day is celebrated in US and Japan as well as National Mountain Day. The US began to mark mountain day even before the UN since 1877.

105. Theme for International Mountain Day 2019 is_____.

- a) Our Mountain
- b) Mountain matters for All
- c) Mountain Matter
- d) Mountains matter for youth

Answer d) Mountains matter for youth.

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106. Digital Exhibition on history of Constitution of India being held in _____.

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

Answer d) New Delhi. It will be organised for two days from 9-10 December 2019.

107. Which company has become world's most valuable company at \$1.9 trillion?

- a) Adani
- b) Reliance
- c) Aramco
- d) Lufthansa

Answer c) Aramco. The Saudi state-run oil company raised \$25.6 billion in the world's largest Initial Public Offering (IPO) beating Alibaba's \$25 billion listing in 2014. Aramco sold a 1.5% stake in the IPO.

108. India secured _____th rank in Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI).

- a) 9
- b) 10
- c) 12
- d) 15

Answer a) 9. This is a result of efforts made to bring down India's carbon emission. On the other hand, the United States included in the worst-performing countries for the first time.

109. World's first fully-electric commercial aircraft completed test flight in _____.

- a) California
- b) India
- c) Canada
- d) Italy

Answer c) Canada. The world's first fully-electric aircraft for commercial flight has taken to the skies in Canada. The plane flew above the Fraser River outside Vancouver for about seven minutes before touching down at around 8:30 a.m. local time on Tuesday.

110. Who is the Inventor of Bar code?

- a) George J. Laurer
- b) James Lough
- c) Christopher
- d) John M. Mathew

Answer a) George J. Laurer. George J. Laurer, whose invention of the Universal Product Code at IBM transformed retail and other industries around the world, has died. He was 94. He died on Thursday at his home in Wendell, North Carolina in US.

111. BioAsia 2020 event is held at _____.

- a) Tokyo
- b) Hyderabad
- c) Mumbai
- d) Taiwan

Answer b) Hyderabad. BioAsia 2020 will be held on the theme 'Today For Tomorrow' between February 17-19 at Hyderabad.

112. Who won the Right Livelihood Award for the year 2019?

- a) Greta Thunberg and Aminatou Haidar
- b) Guo Juanmei
- c) Davi Kopenawa Yanomami
- d) All the above

Answer d) All the above. Four people won the Right Livelihood Award for the year 2019. The awardees are Greta Thunberg, Aminatou Haidar, Guo Juanmei and Davi Kopenawa Yanomami.

113. FCI - in this "F" represents_____.

- a) Foreign
- b) Forum
- c) Food
- d) None of these

Answer c) Food. Food Corporation of India has raised Rs 8,000 crore in one of the largest bond sales in India this year, to fund the state-run agency's plan to increase storage capacity for food grains.

114. BIMSTEC: International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming Systems held in _____.

- a) Sweden
- b) New Delhi
- c) Canada
- d) Canada

Answer b) New Delhi. A three day "International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming systems" is being held in New Delhi. It was inaugurated on December 11, 2019.

115. World's New Nation-Bougainville gains independence from _____.

- a) Fiji
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Papua New Guinea
- d) Solomon Island

Answer c) Papua New Guinea. On December 11, 2019, the South Pacific Archipelago of Bougainville voted to become independent of Papua New Guinea. Around 98% of 1,81,067 voters voted to get independent from Papua New Guinea.

116. Who has been appointed as Pepsico Ambassador?

- a) Akshay Kumar
- b) Salman Khan
- c) Hrithik Roshan
- d) Shah Rukh Khan

Answer b) Salman Khan. Bollywood star Salman Khan is returning to the cola space after a gap of three years, this time to endorse brand Pepsi, a move that has surprised a few experts. The two-year deal is estimated at Rs 15 crore, two external industry officials said.

117. Who has named WTA Player of the Year 2019?

- a) Petra Kvitova
- b) Elina Svitolina
- c) Naomi Osaka
- d) Ashleigh Barty

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Answer d) Ashleigh Barty. Barty, who is the first Australian to top the women's tennis rankings since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1976, took the award with 82 percent of the media vote.

119. International Universal Health Coverage day is observed on _____.

- a) December 04
- b) December 06
- c) December 10
- d) December 12

Answer d) December 12. Every year, December 12 is celebrated as the International Universal Health Coverage Day. It is a United Nations' recognized international day, which is observed with an aim to provide access to quality and affordable health care to every person across the globe.

120. Theme for International Universal Health Coverage day 2019 is _____.

- a) Keep The Promise
- b) Affordable health care to every person
- c) Take Care
- d) Health care to all

Answer a) Keep Promise.

121. International Day of Neutrality is observed on _____.

- a) December 10
- b) December 12
- c) December 14
- d) December 18

Answer b) December 12. Every year on December 12th, the International Day of Neutrality promotes the importance of peaceful, friendly, and mutually beneficial relations between countries.

122. Which Bank has become first bank to cross Rs 7 lakh crore market cap?

- a) SBI
- b) PNB
- c) HDFC
- d) Axis bank

Answer c) HDFC. HDFC Bank, the country's largest private sector lender, has joined the Rs 7 lakh crore market capitalisation (M-cap) league, making it only the third Indian company to do so after Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries and Tata Consultancy Services.

123. India will renew its pact with _____ for supply of uranium from 2020 to 2024.

- a) Kazakhstan
- b) Saudi Arabia
- c) Kuwait
- d) Tajikistan

Answer a) Kazakhstan. India will renew its pact with Kazakhstan for supply of uranium from 2020 to 2024, the ambassador of the central Asian country said.

124. Which state government has received the 2019 World Habitat Award?

- a) Assam
- b) Punjab

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- c) Odisha
- d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer c) Odisha. The award was conferred by the World Habitat, a UK based organization, in association with the United Nations (UN)-Habitat. The programme has set a global benchmark to empower the urban poor.

125. 2 plus 2 India-US dialogue to be held in _____.

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

Answer b) New Delhi. Briefing media in New Delhi, External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Raveesh Kumar said they will meet their US counterparts for a comprehensive review of cross-cutting foreign policy and defence and security issues in India-US relations.

126. World's first liquid hydrogen carrier ship launched in _____.

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

Answer d) Japan. Japan's Kawasaki Heavy Industries debuted the world's first marine carrier that transports liquefied hydrogen, using technology that will vastly expand cargo capacity of the green energy source.

127. Who has been appointed as Information and Broadcasting Secretary?

- a) Ravi Mittal
- b) Chander Hasan
- c) Rama Narayan
- d) Mani Rampal M

Answer a) Ravi Mittal. Mittal is currently working as the Special Secretary in the Department of Financial Services in the Ministry of Finance.

128. INDRA - a joint military exercise between India and _____.

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

Answer a) Russia. This military exercise is being held under the aegis of the United Nations (UN) aimed at combating terrorism and insurgency.

129. Who has topped Forbes' list of world's most-powerful women in 2019?

- a) Angela Merkel
- b) Christine Lagarde
- c) Nirmala Sitharaman
- d) Smriti Irani

Answer a) Angela Merkel. Following Merkel was Christine Lagarde, president of the European Central Bank.

130. Which country will host 36th International Geological Congress (IGC)?

- a) Bahrain

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- b) Italy
- c) India
- d) Sweden

Answer c) India. India is to host the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in New Delhi during the first week of March 2020. It is popularly described as the Olympics of Geosciences.

131. Who has been appointed as expenditure secretary in the finance ministry?

- a) Chandra Murmu
- b) Saminathan
- c) TV Somanathan
- d) Abi Rao

Answer c) TV Somanathan. The government appointed TV Somanathan as an expenditure secretary in the finance ministry. Somanathan will replace Girish Chandra Murmu, who was named the first lieutenant governor of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in October.

132. NABARD - in this "R" represents_____.

- a) Research
- b) Rural
- c) Root
- d) Rebel

Answer b) Rural. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and National Board of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed Memorandum of Understanding on December 13, 2019.

133. World Monkey Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 09
- b) December 11
- c) December 14
- d) December 18

Answer c) December 14. Monkey Day is an unofficial international holiday celebrated on December 14. Monkey Day celebrates monkeys and "all things simian", including other non-human primates such as apes, tarsiers, and lemurs.

134. Who has been appointed as Chief of Indian Oil Corporation?

- a) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya
- b) Ravi Mittal
- c) Sanjiv Singh
- d) Mohan Vaidya

Answer a) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya. The Public Enterprise Selection Board has shortlisted Shrikant Madhav Vaidya to be the next Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd.

135. India Skills Report finds _____% of students employable.

- a) 46.21
- b) 24.91
- c) 37.65
- d) 69.61

Answer a) 46.21. About 46.21 per cent students were found employable or ready to take up jobs in 2019, compared with 33 per cent in 2014, and 47.38 per cent in 2018, according to the India Skills Report 2019-20.

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136. 6th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) between India and Maldives is held at _____.

- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Male
- d) Addu city

Answer b) New Delhi. External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid co-chaired the 6th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) between India and Maldives on December 13, 2019 in New Delhi.

137. Gollapudi Maruthi Rao is passed away at 80, is associated with _____.

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

Answer d) Actor. Veteran actor and literary figure Gollapudi Maruthi Rao passed away. He was 80. The actor/writer who was ailing was admitted to a Chennai hospital where he breathed his last.

138. World Design Organization to launch World Design Protopolis in _____.

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

Answer b) Bengaluru. World Design Organization (WDO) will be launching its new global programme 'World Design Protopolis' in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

139. Military Literature Festival organised in _____.

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

Answer c) Chandigarh. The military literature extravaganza was inaugurated by Punjab Governor and UT Administrator VP Singh Badnore. The festival would bring together the finest men from battle grounds and literary fields to discuss watershed of information on defence issues.

140. National Energy Conservation Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 10
- b) December 12
- c) December 13
- d) December 14

Answer d) December 14. The National Energy Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 14 December. The Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under Union Ministry of Power spearheads the celebrations of the day every year since 1991.

141. International Tea Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 11
- b) December 12
- c) December 14

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d) December 15

Answer d) December 15 . International Tea Day aims to draw global attention of governments and citizens to the impact of the global tea trade on workers and growers, and has been linked to requests for price supports and fair trade.

142. Which state has been selected for the 1st prize in 100-Day Work Programme for Promoting Livelihoods?

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

Answer a) West Bengal. The Rural Development Ministry has selected Bankura and Cooch Behar Districts of the state for 1st and 2nd positions among districts in the country in implementation of rural job scheme.

143. BEE - in this "B" represents_____.

- a) Bureau
- b) Board
- c) Bilingual
- d) None of these

Answer a) Bureau. Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the guidance of Ministry of Power, Government of India, organised the 29th National Energy Conservation Awards.

144. Who has crowned Miss World Asia 2019?

- a) Suman Rao
- b) Preethi Singh
- c) Tusang Suang
- d) Philadel Danisha

Answer a) Suman Rao. Rajasthan's Suman Rao, who had represented India at the Miss World 2019 beauty pageant held on Saturday, was crowned Miss World Asia.

145. Who has been appointed as Chief Commercial Officer of Air Asia?

- a) RK Singh
- b) Ankur Garg
- c) Sheethal Gowda
- d) Sanjay Kumar

Answer b) Ankur Garg. AirAsia India has appointed Ankur Garg as its Chief Commercial Officer (CCO) to manage operations related to network and revenue management, marketing and sales, and cargo.

146. Who has crowned Miss World 2019 ?

- a) Ophély Mézino
- b) Suman Rao
- c) Toni-Ann Singh
- d) Lisa Hanna

Answer c) Toni-Ann Singh. Twenty-three-year-old Toni-Ann Singh is the first Jamaican to win the Miss World title since Lisa Hanna in 1993.

147. Miss World 2019 event is held in_____.

- a) Paris

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- b) Geneva
- c) London
- d) California

Answer c) London. Jamaica's Toni-Ann Singh was crowned Miss World 2019 at the pageant's finale held in London on Saturday.

148. Which island will host surfing events at the 2024 Paris Olympics?

- a) Tahiti
- b) Papeete
- c) Aure
- d) Papenoo

Answer a) Tahiti. The Polynesian island of Tahiti will host the surfing events at the 2024 Paris Olympics. The events will take place at Teahupoo.

149. Among the following, Who are the winners for the WEFs Crystal Award?

- a) Deepika Padukone
- b) Jin Xing
- c) Theaster Gates and Lynette Wallworth
- d) All the above

Answer d) All the above. World Economic Forum (WEF) has announced 4 winners for the 26th Crystal Award. The winners will be awarded during the opening session of the WEF Annual Meeting 2020 at Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, on January 20, 2020.

150. Who has been appointed as an additional director on the board of Reliance Capital?

- a) Somasundram M
- b) AN Sethuraman
- c) Ajay Kumar A
- d) Vishnu Raj

Answer b) AN Sethuraman. Sethuraman, who is currently Group President of Reliance Group, and handles corporate and regulatory affairs, has been appointed an additional director with effect from December 13 and will hold office till the conclusion of the ensuing Annual General Meeting, Reliance Capital said in a regulatory filing.

151. Nation celebrates Vijay Diwas is observed on _____.

- a) December 10
- b) December 12
- c) December 14
- d) December 16

Answer d) December 16. The nation celebrates Vijay Diwas today to commemorate India's victory over Pakistan in 1971 war. Rich tributes are being paid to the martyrs who laid down their lives during the war.

152. Which company has become India's largest company?

- a) Indian Oil Corporation
- b) Adani
- c) Reliance
- d) Reserve Bank of India

Answer c) Reliance. With a revenue of ₹5.81 lakh crore in 2018-19, the Mukesh Ambani-led

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conglomerate also became the first privately-held and the only other company to become India's largest corporation apart from IOC for the first time in 10 years, Fortune India said.

153. Which company has completed acquisition of Essar Steel?

- a) ArcelorMittal
- b) US Steel
- c) Gerdau
- d) Aperam

Answer a) ArcelorMittal. Global steel giant ArcelorMittal on Monday said it has completed acquisition of Essar Steel and formed a joint venture with Nippon Steel (AM/NS India) to own and operate the debt-ridden firm.

154. Who has been appointed as Senior Air Staff Officer- Western Air Command in IAF?

- a) RJ Duckworth
- b) Arpit passi
- c) AS Sachin Nath
- d) Veer Ranj

Answer a) RJ Duckworth. Air Marshal RJ Duckworth Vishisht Seva Medal , took over as Senior Air Staff officer , Headquarters Western Air Command on 16 Dec 19.

155. India secured _____rd rank in Ease Of Doing Business.

- a) 53
- b) 63
- c) 83
- d) 93

Answer b) 63. India ranks 63rd among 190 countries improving by 14 ranks from its rank of 77 in 2019. India has improved its rank in 7 out of 10 indicators and has moved closer to international best practices.

156. Which railway zone won energy conservation awards?

- a) North Frontier Railway
- b) South Frontier Railway
- c) Western Railway
- d) Southern Railway

Answer d) Southern Railway. The electrical department of Southern Railway had bagged three national energy conservation awards from Bureau of Energy Efficiency.

157. Who won the 2019 South Asian Literature award?

- a) Sujatha
- b) Amitabha Bagchi
- c) Nirolatha Nas
- d) Fareek Hanna

Answer b) Amitabha Bagchi. Amitabha Bagchi's novel Half The Night Is Gone won the South Asian Literature 2019 award. Pradeep Gyawali, minister for foreign affairs of Nepal presented the award to Bagchi at the IME Nepal Literature Festival in Pokhara, Nepal.

158. Who is the new Commandant of National Defence College?

- a) Santhosh Sivan
- b) D Choudhury

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- c) Veer Singh
- d) Hamiman ChakraDev

Answer b) D Choudhury . He previously served as the Senior Air Staff Officer at the Headquarters of Western Air Command, New Delhi. He replaced Vice Admiral Srikant.

159. Who has been appointed as the CMD of NALCO?

- a) Sasi Kanth
- b) Thoufik M
- c) Sridhar Patra
- d) Ramakrishna moorthy

Answer c) Sridhar Patra. Patra is currently serving as the Director (Finance) in the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO). He will be serving as the CMD of NALCO till the date of his superannuation, i.e. 31 October 2024.

160. Who has become the next chief of the Indian army?

- a) Devraj Anbu
- b) Anil Chauhan
- c) Abhay Krishna
- d) Mukund Naravane

Answer d) Mukund Naravane. Lt General Manoj Mukund Naravane is set to become the next chief of the Indian army. The three-year tenure of the current Army Chief Bipin Rawat ends on December 31 as he retires.

161. According to World Economic Forum Report, India Secured _____th rank in Gender Gap.

- a) 98
- b) 100
- c) 105
- d) 112

Answer d) 112. On December 17, the World Economic Forum released its report according to which India ranked 112th in terms of gender gap.

162. Which country will Host International Geological Congress 2020?

- a) Australia
- b) Canada
- c) Geneva
- d) India

Answer d) India. India is set to host the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in New Delhi during the first week of March 2020. The theme for next year conference is 'Geosciences: The Basic Science for a Sustainable Development'.

163. Bernard Arnault is the chairman of _____.

- a) Mercedes Benz
- b) Louis Vuitton
- c) World Bank
- d) Reserve Bank of India

Answer b) Louis Vuitton. French billionaire Bernard Arnault, the Chairman of Louis Vuitton owner LVMH, briefly became the world's richest person surpassing Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos on Monday.

164. Which app has most downloaded app of this decade, as per data by app analytics firm App Annie?

- a) Facebook
- b) Whatsappd
- c) Snapchat
- d) Instagram

Answer a) Facebook. Facebook was the most downloaded app of this decade, as per data by app analytics firm App Annie. Following Facebook were three apps owned by it, namely Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp and Instagram.

165. Who is the current Prime Minister of Portugal?

- a) Antonio Costa
- b) Corina Samson
- c) Avarico Jumanta
- d) Steffin John

Answer a) Antonio Costa . Prime Minister of Portugal Mr Antonio Costa will be visiting India on a working visit from 19-20 Dec on an invitation extended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to attend the second meeting of the Organising Committee on the celebrations for the 150th Birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 19 Dec 2019.

166. Who has been appointed as Vistara chief commercial officer (CCO)?

- a) Sanjiv Kapoor
- b) Palani Vel
- c) Vinod Kannan
- d) Arvind Kannan

Answer c) Vinod Kannan. Vinod Kannan, chief strategy officer, will take over as the CCO at the Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines joint venture carrier.

167. Karanji Lake is located at _____.

- a) Odisha
- b) Punjab
- c) Karnataka
- d) Kerala

Answer c) Karnataka. The two-day Karanji Lake Festival began on Monday with the caretaker of the lake, Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens or Mysuru Zoo.

168. Fifth EAC meeting of 15th Finance Commission held in _____.

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Thrissur

Answer c) New Delhi . In the meeting, possible macro assumptions related to real growth, inflation, ongoing structural reforms, tax revenue including GST, adherence to Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act and fiscal transparency were discussed.

169. Who has been appointed as Governor of Meghalaya?

- a) R N Ravi
- b) Tathagata Roy
- c) Ram Singh
- d) Prabu Raj M

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Answer a) R N Ravi. Nagaland Governor R N Ravi has been given additional charge of Meghalaya, a statement issued by the Rastrapati Bhavan said. "The President of India is pleased to appoint R N Ravi, Governor of Nagaland to discharge the functions of the Governor of Meghalaya, in addition to his own duties, during the absence on leave of Tathagata Roy, Governor of Meghalaya," it said, without citing further details.

170. _____ and British oil major BP Plc ink new fuel retail JV to set up 5,500 petrol pump outlets in 5 years.

- a) Tata
- b) Essar
- c) Indian oil corporation
- d) Reliance

Answer d) Reliance. Together, the companies plan to set up 5,500 fuel retail stations across the country, which may include the 1,378 retail outlets RIL independently runs across India at present.

171. Who has named as women's Best cricketer and ODI player of 2019?

- a) Smriti Mandana
- b) Ellyse Perry
- c) Alyssa Healy
- d) Hana Mansly

Answer b) Ellyse Perry. Ellyse Perry was named as women's Best cricketer and ODI player of 2019. The announcement was made by the world governing body International Cricket Council (ICC).

172. Who won India Cyber Cop of the Year 2019 award?

- a) V Rajendran
- b) Jitender Das
- c) Mohammed Hamim
- d) B.P.Raju

Answer d) B. P. Raju. He won the award for investigating and cracking a fraud case in an online entrance exam conducted by an engineering college in Rajasthan.

173. International Migrants Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 18
- b) December 19
- c) December 20
- d) December 22

Answer a) December 18. On 18 December 1990, the General Assembly adopted a resolution on the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families.

174. Theme for International Migrants Day is _____.

- a) Unite Together
- b) Protect Migrant
- c) Rights of All Migrant
- d) We Together

Answer d) We Together.

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175. UN Arabic Language Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 16
- b) December 17
- c) December 18
- d) December 19

Answer d) December 19. UN Arabic Language Day is observed annually on December 18. The event was established by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

176. Shriram Lagoo passed away at 92, is associated with _____.

- a) Politician
- b) Actor
- c) Social Activist
- d) Journalist

Answer b) Actor. Veteran actor Shriram Lagoo passed away in Pune last night. The 92-year old actor died due to age-related ailments. Lagoo played important role in the growth of theatre movement in Maharashtra in the post-Independence era.

177. According to US Report, India secured _____ rank in Largest Producer Of Scientific Articles.

- a) 1st
- b) 2nd
- c) 3rd
- d) 4th

Answer c) 3rd. India has emerged as the world's third largest publisher of science and engineering articles, according to a latest US report.

178. Who has been appointed as Global Board of US-India Business Council?

- a) Mukesh Ambani
- b) Indra Nooyi
- c) Mallika Srinivasan
- d) Subramani Das

Answer c) Mallika Srinivasan. This appointment takes immediate effect as she joins a prestigious list of CEOs and executives on USIBC's 35-member board.

179. Who has been appointed chairman of Essar Steel?

- a) Aditya Mittal
- b) Lakshmi Mittal
- c) Dilip Oommen
- d) Rayan Kumar

Answer a) Aditya Mittal. Aditya Mittal, son of ArcelorMittal chairman Lakshmi Mittal, has been appointed as the chairman of Essar Steel after the European major along with its Japanese partner took control of the local metal maker.

180. PDS - in this "P" represents _____.

- a) Private
- b) Public
- c) Pre
- d) None of these

Answer b) Public. The GoI think tank Niti Aayog on December 18, 2019, announced that it

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is considering options to include fish, chicken and eggs in the PDS (Public Distribution System).

181. A star to be named after Indian Woman Scientist _____.

- a) Bibha Chowdhuri
- b) Anna Mani
- c) Aditi Pant
- d) Rohini Godbole

Answer a) Bibha Chowdhuri. The star will be named Bibha and the orbiting exoplanet will be named Santamasa, a Sanskrit term for clouded. The move by IAU is aimed to bring the attention of the global countries to exoplanet research. Bibha Chowdhuri is a 20th-century Indian woman physicist.

182. The 11th RQC is to be held at _____.

- a) Udaipur
- b) Rajkot
- c) Rudrapur
- d) Indore

Answer c) Rudrapur. The 11th Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) was held on 20th December 2019 at, Rudrapur, District Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand.

183. WHO approved a biosimilar medicine for breast cancer that is derived from _____.

- a) Chemicals
- b) Non living sources
- c) Living sources
- d) Affected Cell

Answer c) Living sources. The World Health Organization (WHO) has now approved a biosimilar medicine that is derived from living sources instead of the chemicals.

184. Minorities Right Day celebrated in India on _____.

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

Answer a) December 18. The Minorities Rights Day was celebrated by the National Commission for Minorities in India in order to focus religious harmony and better understanding of the minority communities in the country.

185. India-US 2+2 Dialogue held at _____.

- a) Washington
- b) New Delhi
- c) California
- d) Texas

Answer a) Washington. On December 18, 2019 India and United States held security dialogue in Washington. This was their second 2+2 dialogue. The countries signed industrial security agreement allowing defense technology transfer.

186. Who has been named the highest-earning YouTuber for the second year in a row by Forbes with ₹184 crore earnings in a year?

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- a) Ryan Kaji
- b) Anastasia Radzinskaya
- c) Royson Dia
- d) Papaanzo Perfect

Answer) Ryan Kaji. Ryan Kaji, an eight-year-old boy who reviews toys on YouTube channel 'Ryan's World' has been named the highest-earning YouTuber for the second year in a row by Forbes with ₹184 crore earnings in a year.

187. Shashi Tharoor won Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for _____.

- a) Member of Parliament
- b) Enlightenment of Era
- c) An Era Of Darkness
- d) Dark Shadow

Answer) An Era Of Darkness . Indian politician, writer and Congress party member Shashi Tharoor won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 today. The Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram won the prestigious award for his book An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India. The book was published in 2016.

188. Who has been appointed as MD & CEO of BMW Financial Services India?

- a) Henna Milen
- b) Zorbthang Jaing
- c) Harman Preet
- d) Kathrin Frauscher

Answer) Kathrin Frauscher. Before her new appointment, Frauscher was serving as the CEO of BMW Financial Services in Denmark and has been associated with the BMW Group since 2007.

189. Who has become first Indian to bag two international hat-tricks?

- a) Ravindra Jadeja
- b) Bhuvaneshwar Kumar
- c) Ravichandra Ashwin
- d) Kuldeep Yadav

Answer) Kuldeep Yadav. Wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav became the first India player to claim two hat-tricks in international cricket, joining an elite band that includes pace legend Wasim Akram.

190. India Green Energy Award 2019 won by_____.

- a) BHEL Tiruchi
- b) Wind Energy Plant Kalpakkam
- c) GAIL
- d) NTPC limited Delhi

Answer) BHEL Tiruchi. The 7.5 MWp Solar Photo Voltaic Plant functioning in BHEL Tiruchi has won for the Corporation Indian Green Energy Award 2019 instituted by the Indian Federation of Green Energy (IFGE).

191. Who won Bengaluru Open Golf Championship 2019?

- a) Abhinav Lohan
- b) Alexander Fernandas
- c) Amritha Iyer
- d) Smritha Devi

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Answer a) Abhinav Lohan. Lohan shot four-under 68 to take his four-day total to 13-under-275 with seven birdies, a bogey and a double-bogey to show on his card.

192. Mirabai Chanu won gold at Qatar International Cup, is associated with _____.

- a) Boxing
- b) Weightlifting
- c) Wrestling
- d) Swimming

Answer b) Weightlifting. Former world champion, weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the women's 49kg category gold medal to open India's account at the 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha.

193. India's first 3D 'trick art' museum is located in _____.

- a) Bangalore
- b) Pune
- c) Kolkata
- d) Chennai

Answer d) Chennai. India's first interactive three-dimensional art museum is located in Chennai and houses paintings designed to 'trick' the eye.

194. Which country has sets up Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize?

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

Answer d) Portugal. Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa announced the setting up of a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize in order to help promote Mahatma Gandhi's ideals.

195. Aphan exercise is associated with _____.

- a) Army
- b) Air Force
- c) Navy
- d) Railway

Answer c) Navy. On December 18, 2019, the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard at Cochin port conducted large scale anti-hijacking exercise. The exercise was called Aphan. Multiple agencies participated in the exercise.

196. International Human Solidarity Day is observed on _____.

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

Answer c) December 20. The Sustainable Development Agenda is centred on people & planet, underpinned by human rights and supported by a global partnership determined to lift people out of poverty, hunger and disease.

197. Who has been appointed as Lokayukta of Telangana?

- a) CV Ramulu
- b) Bala Krishnan

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- c) Venkadesh Naidu
- d) Niranjan Rao

Answer a) CV Ramulu. In Telangana, former High Court Judge Justice CV Ramulu has been appointed as the Lokayukta.

198. India secured _____ rank in FIFA Rankings.

- a) 56th
- b) 79th
- c) 108th
- d) 126th

Answer c) 108th. The Indian men's football team remained static at 108th spot in the year-ending FIFA rankings issued.

199. Who has been appointed as Non-Executive Chairman at Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) ?

- a) Akash Mahindra
- b) Anand Mahindra
- c) Lakshmi Kumari
- d) Latha Rao

Answer b) Anand Mahindra. Billionaire Anand Mahindra will transition to the role of Non-Executive Chairman at Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M) with effect from April 1, 2020, to comply with SEBI guidelines.

200. Whom among the following, have been named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019?

- a) Rafael Nadal
- b) Ashleigh Barty
- c) Apurvi Khatta
- d) Both a and b

Answer d) Both a and b. Spaniard Rafael Nadal and Australian Ashleigh Barty have been named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019.

201. Zeena Khitta won gold at _____.

- a) Air Rifle
- b) Tennis
- c) Badminton
- d) Chess

Answer a) Air Rifle. Himachal's Zeena Khitta stunned West Bengal's Mehuli Ghosh and World No.3 Apurvi Chandel to emerge as the new national champion in the Women's 10 metres Air Rifle event at the ongoing 63rd National Shooting Championship Competitions Rifle/Pistol in Bhopal.

202. 5th Edition of ARTECH to be held in _____.

- a) Bangalore
- b) Thrissur
- c) Thiruvananthapuram
- d) New Delhi

Answer d) New Delhi. Ministry of Defence is to hold ARTECH seminar in New Delhi on 23rd December, 2019. ARTECH is Army Technology Seminar that is being held since 2016.

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The fifth edition of ARTEC is to be organized by the Indian Army under Ministry of Defence on “Technologies for Non-contact Warfare”.

203. Which country has become first country to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia?

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

Answer a) Afghanistan. The Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has become the first country to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) pursuant to the efforts of Department of Commerce and Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

204. Chabahar port is situated in_____.

- a) India
- b) Iran
- c) Kuwait
- d) Afghanistan

Answer b) Iran. On December 20, 2019, India, Afghanistan and Iran met at New Delhi to discuss the issues in the implementation of Chabahar port in Iran. The port is considered as a gateway of opportunities with Central Asian Nations by all the three countries.

205. What is the capital of Ethiopia?

- a) Addis Ababa
- b) Djibouti
- c) Tefki
- d) Holeta

Answer a) Addis Ababa. The launch of the Ethiopian Remote Sensing Satellite (ETRSS) took place at a space station in China. The live broadcast was watched by a group of Ethiopian and Chinese officials and scientists who had gathered at the Entoto Observatory and Research Centre outside the capital, Addis Ababa.

206. Mirabai Chanu bags Gold in 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha, is associated with_____.

- a) Wrestling
- b) Boxing
- c) Chess
- d) Weightlifting

Answer d) Weightlifting. Former world champion, weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu won the women’s 49kg category gold medal to open India’s account at the 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha.

207. According to ICC T20I rankings women bowlers list, Which indian bowler topped in list?

- a) Poonam Yadav
- b) Deepti Sharma
- c) Radha Yadav
- d) S Mandana

Answer c) Radha Yadav. Left-arm Indian spinner Radha Yadav remained at the second spot but compatriots Deepti Sharma and Poonam Yadav slipped a place each to the fifth and sixth positions in the latest ICC Women’s T20I players rankings.

208. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing director of General Insurance Corporation of India?

- a) Sivakumar Yadav
- b) Kalai Arasan M
- c) Devesh Srivastava
- d) Abi Ramulu

Answer c) Devesh Srivastava. Devesh Srivastava on December 18 took charge as the Chairman and Managing director of General Insurance Corporation of India.

209. R. Nagaswamy was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art, is associated with_____.

- a) Sociologist
- b) Anthropologist
- c) Archaeologist
- d) Geographyist

Answer c) Archaeologist. Renowned archaeologist R. Nagaswamy was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art held in Dhaka by Bangladesh Culture Minister K.M. Khalid.

210. After Reliance and Tata, Which company has crossed \$100 bn market cap in intraday trading?

- a) PNB
- b) HDFC
- c) Wipro
- d) Accenture

Answer b) HDFC. HDFC Bank Ltd crossed \$100 billion market capitalization in intraday trading, becoming only the third company in the country to achieve this milestone.

211. Thomas Chandy is passed away at 72, is associated with_____.

- a) Politics
- b) Sports
- c) Journalism
- d) All the above

Answer a) Politics. Chandy was the state president of his party. He was suffering from cancer and was being treated at a private hospital here when he breathed his last, a party official said.

212. Justice Gulzar Ahmed appointed as the _____ Chief Justice of Pakistan.

- a) 15th
- b) 27th
- c) 29th
- d) 32nd

Answer b) 27th. He takes over from Chief Justice Asif Saeed Khosa, whose tenure came to an end after serving the country's top judge from January this year. The new Chief Justice will remain in office till February 21, 2022.

213. Who is the current president of China?

- a) Xi Jinping
- b) Jiong Diping
- c) Sung Jiong

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d) None of these

Answer a) Xi Jinping. On December 21, 2019, Indian and Chinese representatives met in New Delhi for the 22nd time to discuss the border issues between the countries.

214. National Mathematics Day (India) is observed on _____.

- a) December 05
- b) December 10
- c) December 15
- d) December 22

Answer d) December 22. The Indian government declared 22 December to be National Mathematics Day.

215. Who has announced National Mathematics Day (India) during the inaugural ceremony of the celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan?

- a) Atalbihari Vajpayee
- b) Manmohan Singh
- c) Indra Gandhi
- d) Narendra Modi

Answer b) Manmohan Singh. This was announced by Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on 26 February 2012 at Madras University, during the inaugural ceremony of the celebrations to mark the 125th anniversary of the birth of the Indian mathematical genius Srinivasa Ramanujan (22 Dec 1887- 26 Apr 1920).

216. Who has become the first woman to be appointed as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at US' Federal Communications Commission (FCC)?

- a) Yashvardhini Ghosh
- b) Bhuvana Maran
- c) Divya Nathan
- d) Monisha Ghosh

Answer d) Monisha Ghosh. Indian-American Dr Monisha Ghosh has become the first woman to be appointed as the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at US' Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and will take charge on January 13.

217. In Banking term OMO - in this "M" represents _____.

- a) Merit
- b) Mediate
- c) Market
- d) None of these

Answer c) Market. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will simultaneously purchase and sell government securities worth Rs 10,000 crore under a special Open Market Operation (OMO).

218. Who will host SMBhav Conclave ?

- a) Times of India
- b) Amazon
- c) Tata
- d) Express India

Answer b) Amazon. Amazon India has conceptualized SMBhav, a first-of-its-kind mega summit for Small and Medium Businesses at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi on January 15 and 16.

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219. Dadasaheb Phalke award is associated with_____.

- a) Cinema
- b) Sports
- c) Politics
- d) All the above

Answer a) Cinema. Veteran actor Amitabh Bachchan will receive the Dadasaheb Phalke award for his outstanding contribution to the film industry.

220. L S Sheshagiri Rao is passed away at 94, is associated with_____.

- a) Writer
- b) Journalist
- c) Actor
- d) All the above

Answer a) Writer. Veteran Kannada writer and critic Prof L S Sheshagiri Rao passed away at his residence here due to illness. He was 94. Prof LSS, as he was popular in literary circles, was widely known for his English-Kannada dictionary and critical works, both in Kannada and English.

221. Savita Devi is passed away at 80, is associated with_____.

- a) Music vocalist
- b) Actor
- c) Politician
- d) Journalist

Answer a) Music vocalist. Famed classical music vocalist, Savita Devi breathed her last at the Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurugram. She was 80. Her son, Ajey Maharaj informed sources, "Her condition was quite critical when we brought her to the hospital.

222. Who has been appointed as Prime minister of Cuba?

- a) Miguel Díaz-Canel
- b) Hamimula Siyaz
- c) Fortis D'Cruz
- d) Manuel Marrero Cruz

Answer d) Manuel Marrero Cruz. In Cuba, President Miguel Díaz-Canel has appointed Manuel Marrero Cruz as the country's first prime minister in more than 40 years.

223. Maisnam Meiraba Luwang won gold, is associated with_____.

- a) Tennis
- b) Table Tennis
- c) Badminton
- d) Wrestling

Answer c) Badminton. India's shuttler Maisnam Meiraba Luwang has won the Men's singles Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019 in Dhaka.

224. Harinder Pal Singh wins men's title in 3rd leg of HCL-SRFI India Tour, is associated with_____.

- a) Badminton
- b) Tennis
- c) Squash
- d) Air Rifle

Answer c) Squash. Indian squash player Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu clinched the men's title

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while Hana Ramadan of Egypt won the women's crown in the third leg of the HCL-SRFI India Tour Squash Tournament in Mumbai.

225. National Farmers Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 16
- b) December 20
- c) December 23
- d) December 24

Answer c) December 23.

226. India celebrates National Farmers Day on 23rd December to commemorate the birth of _____.

- a) Dr RadhaKrishnan
- b) Choudhary Charan Singh
- c) Jawaharlal Nehru
- d) Motilal Nehru

Answer b) Choudhary Charan Singh. India celebrates National Farmers Day on 23rd December to commemorate the birth anniversary of the 5th Prime Minister of India, Choudhary Charan Singh. He was a farmer's leader and he had introduced many policies to improve the lives of the Indian farmers. The day is being observed since 2001.

227. Space Force - a new US military service has launched by _____.

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

Answer d) USA. Describing space as the world's newest war-fighting domain, US President Donald Trump officially launched US military 'Space Force' at an army base near Washington.

228. India-EU Summit related to Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA), Europol, counter-terrorism, Euroatom, climate change, etc to be held in _____.

- a) New Delhi
- b) Sweden
- c) Germany
- d) Brussels

Answer d) Brussels. On December 21, 2019, the EU President called on PM Modi to discuss regarding an early India-EU summit 2020. It is expected that the leaders will discuss on making progress on the issues related to Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA), Europol, counter-terrorism, Euroatom, climate change, etc. The summit is to be held in Brussels.

229. Pat Cummins became most expensive overseas IPL player, is associated with _____.

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

Answer a) Australia. The Australian pacer Pat Cummins, with a base price of Rs.2 crore,

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became the most expensive overseas player in Indian Premier League (IPL) as he was sold to Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) for a whopping Rs.15.50 crore(\$2.2 million).

230. 'Abhay' programme has launched by _____.

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

Answer c) Andhra Pradesh.

231. 'Abhay' programme is for _____.

- a) Adults
- b) Women
- c) Children
- d) All the above

Answer b) Women. The Andhra Pradesh police may soon start dropping stranded women home at odd hours in major cities of the state in order to safeguard them against crime. A pilot of the programme named 'Abhay' kicked off in the Prakasham district with eight four wheelers and 70 two-wheelers on standby to pick up women held up at night.

232. Which team won maiden FIFA Club World Cup 2019?

- a) Manchester United
- b) Liverpool
- c) Chelsea FC
- d) Arsenal FC

Answer b) Liverpool. Liverpool beat Brazil's Flamengo 1-0 to win the FIFA Club World Cup at Doha's Khalifa International Stadium. It is the first time Liverpool have won the competition, which features each continent's champions.

233. Maisnam Meiraba Luwang won gold, is associated with _____.

- a) Tennis
- b) Table Tennis
- c) Badminton
- d) Wrestling

Answer c) Badminton. India's shuttler Maisnam Meiraba Luwang has won the Men's singles Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019 in Dhaka.

234. World Economic Forum's 50th annual meeting will be held in _____.

- a) Davos , Switzerland
- b) Laax , Switzerland
- c) Berlin , Germany
- d) Cologne , Germany

Answer a) Davos , Switzerland. Union ministers Piyush Goyal and Mansukh Mandaviya as well as three chief ministers – Amarinder Singh, Kamal Nath and B S Yeddyurappa will join over 100 Indian CEOs in the Swiss ski resort town of Davos next month for the WEF's 50th annual meeting, which will be attended by thousands of rich and powerful from across the globe.

235. Prez Kovind releases mobile app of Red Cross Society of India in _____.

- a) Chennai

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

Answer d) Hyderabad. He inaugurated the mobile app formally at a dinner hosted by Telangana governor Tamlisai Sounderarajan at Rajbhavan in his honour. Developed by the Telangana Centre for Good Governance in less than three months, the mobile app is accessible in all languages.

236. Etihad Credit Insurance (ECI) company is associated with_____.

- a) China
- b) UAE
- c) Oman
- d) Russia

Answer b) UAE. The UAE federal export credit company, Etihad Credit Insurance (ECI) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Export Credit Guarantee Agency of Oman (Credit Oman) to enhance trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.

237. BTIA - in this "B" represents _____.

- a) Boeing
- b) Bilateral
- c) Bank
- d) None of these

Answer b) Bilateral. On December 21, 2019, the EU President called on PM Modi to discuss regarding an early India-EU summit 2020. It is expected that the leaders will discuss on making progress on the issues related to Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA), Europol, counter-terrorism, Euroatom, climate change, etc.

238. Manu Bhaker won gold medals in senior, junior championship, is associated with_____.

- a) Swimming
- b) Tennis
- c) Shooting
- d) Table Tennis

Answer c) Shooting. Manu Bhaker fired her way to twin gold medals in the women's 10 meter air pistol senior and junior events of the National Shooting Championship in Bhopal.

239. Who has been appointed as the next foreign secretary?

- a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- b) Bhogla Yash
- c) Harinder Reddy
- d) Nijenderan K

Answer a) Harsh Vardhan Shringla. The Narendra Modi government on Monday approved the appointment of Indian ambassador to the United States Harsh Vardhan Shringla as the next foreign secretary. He has replaced Vijay Gokhale.

240. Who has been appointed as Assocham president?

- a) Niranjan Hiranandani
- b) Hami Abdulah Aslim
- c) Nabeel Asalam

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d) Nitheesh Reddy

Answer a) Niranjan Hiranandani. Hiranandani Group Managing Director Niranjan Hiranandani has taken over as the new president of industry body ASSOCHAM. Hiranandani succeeds Welspun Group Chairman Balkrishan Goenka.

241. OCPL - in this "O" represents _____.

- a) Oriental
- b) Odisha
- c) Office
- d) None of these

Answer b) Odisha. Coal India Ltd (CIL) has joined hands with Odisha Coal and Power Ltd (OCPL) for buying 6,000 tonnes per day from the Manoharpur captive mine of OCPL, owned by the Odisha government.

242. MakeMyTrip to offer e-tickets for _____ metro rail.

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

Answer c) Hyderabad. MakeMyTrip, along with Larsen & Toubro Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Limited, on December 23 introduced QR code-based e-tickets for the metro rail that would provide cashless and connected experience to riders.

243. First Annual Meet of State Nodal Agencies for Ecoclub programme was held at _____.

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

Answer c) Gujarat. In a first, Annual Meet of the State Nodal Agencies implementing the National Green Corps 'Ecoclub' programme of the Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), organized by the Ministry's Environment Education Division, in collaboration with the GEER Foundation, Gujarat was held from 20th to 21st December 2019 in Kevadia, Gujarat.

244. Who has awarded Army Design Bureau Excellence Award 2019 ?

- a) Bipin Rawat
- b) Anoop Singh
- c) Ajay Kumar
- d) Anoop Mishra

Answer d) Anoop Mishra. Indian Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat felicitated Major Anoop Mishra with prestigious Army Design Bureau (ADB) Excellence Award .

245. Major Anoop Mishra awarded Army Design Bureau Excellence Award for developing _____.

- a) Atal Bhujal
- b) Samrat Khar
- c) Sarvatra Kavach
- d) None of these

Answer c) Sarvatra Kavach. Indian Army Chief Gen. Bipin Rawat felicitated Major Anoop

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Mishra with prestigious Army Design Bureau (ADB) Excellence Award for indigenously developing 'Sarvatra Kavach', a bulletproof jacket that can provide protection against various ammunition including that from sniper steel bullets.

246. Which state has launched Netanna Nestham welfare scheme for weavers?

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

Answer d) Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy launched the latest scheme in a series of welfare schemes promised during his election campaign. The YSR Netanna Nestham (weaver's friend) scheme provides an annual incentive of Rs 24,000 for handloom weavers in the state.

247. CSIR - in this "S" represents _____.

- a) Science
- b) Scientific
- c) Sovereign
- d) Service

Answer b) Scientific. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) signed an agreement to develop new drugs and repurposing of drugs for India and for global markets. The team research work is also joined by Cipla.

248. Who is the current National Security Advisor?

- a) Ajit Doval
- b) Bipib Rawat
- c) Abhimanyu Dev
- d) Adith Vaith M

Answer a) Ajit Doval. CCS also approved the report of a high-level committee headed by National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, which finalised responsibilities and framework for operation of CDS.

249. Which tunnel named after former PM Vajpayee?

- a) Hamim pass tunnel
- b) Rohtang pass tunnel
- c) Siring Tunnel
- d) None of these

Answer b) Rohtang pass tunnel . On 24 December, 2019, the Union cabinet chaired by PM Modi decided that the strategic tunnel that was constructed under Rohtang Pass will be named after him.

250. NPL scientists develop ink to stop _____.

- a) Fake passports
- b) Currency notes
- c) Fake Votes
- d) Both a And b

Answer d) Both a and b. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and National Physical Laboratory (NPL) developed an ink to combat the problem of fake printing of passports and counterfeiting of currency notes. The ink has a new security feature o protecting itself against duplicity.

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251. National Consumer Day is observed on _____.

- a) December 16
- b) Decemebr 19
- c) Decemeber 22
- d) Decemeber 24

Answer d) December 24. Every year 24 December is observed as National Consumer Day, to highlight the importance of consumer movement as well as the need to make every consumer more aware of their rights and responsibilities.

252. Theme for National Consumer Day is _____.

- a) Alternate Consumer Grievance/Dispute Redressal
- b) Dispute Grievance/alternate Grievance
- c) Alternate Recession
- d) None of these

Answer a) Alternate Consumer Grievance/Dispute Redressal.

253. Good Governance Day observed on _____.

- a) December 20
- b) December 23
- c) December 25
- d) December 27

Answer c) December 25. Good Governance Day is observed in India annually on the twenty-fifth day of December, the birth anniversary of former-Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

254. PM Modi unveils statue of Atal Bihari Vajpayee in _____.

- a) Udaipur
- b) Raipur
- c) Lucknow
- d) Cochin

Answer c) Lucknow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi came down heavily on those who indulged in violence and arson during the protests against Citizenship Amendment Act.

255. Who will take oath as Chief Minister of Jharkhand?

- a) Arvind Desai
- b) Hemant Soren
- c) Draupadi Murmu
- d) Dawlath Khan

Answer b) Hemant Soren. In Jharkhand, Grand Alliance leader Hemant Soren will take oath as Chief Minister on the 29th of this month. He said this last night in Ranchi after meeting Governor Draupadi Murmu to stake claim to form a new government in the state.

256. FICCI - in this "F" represents _____.

- a) Fixing
- b) Federation
- c) Financial
- d) None of these

Answer b) Federation. Sangita Reddy, joint managing director, Apollo Hospitals Group will succeed Sandeep Somany as the president of industry chamber Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in 2020.

257. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of Kerala-based ESAF Small Finance Bank?

- a) P R Ravi Mohan
- b) Nadhu Priyan M
- c) R Prabha
- d) Bhuvana Maran

Answer a) P R Ravi Mohan. P R Ravi Mohan has been appointed as the new chairman of Kerala-based ESAF Small Finance Bank.

258. Abhinav Lohan won Bengaluru open Championship, is associated with _____.

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

Answer b) Golf. Lohan shot four-under 68 his four-day total to 13-under-275 with seven birdies. It was Lohan's first title on the TATA Steel PGTI and his second win of the year emerged victorious at the PGTI Feeder Tour event in Lucknow.

259. Who has named in Wisden cricketers of the decade list?

- a) MS Dhoni
- b) Rohit Sharma
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) Hardik Pandya

Answer c) Virat Kohli. Indian captain Virat Kohli named in the Cricketers of the decade list along side four others by the Wisden Cricketers Almanac. South African duo of Dale Steyn and AB de Villiers, Australia's Steve Smith and women's all-rounder Ellyse Perry added in the list.

260. Who is the Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare?

- a) Shri Rajender Singh
- b) Arjun Munda
- c) Kiren Rijiju
- d) Harsh Vardhan

Answer d) Harsh Vardhan. Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare inaugurated the second edition of the Eat Right Mela at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium. The Eat Right Mela of FSSAI is a commendable effort and outreach activity for citizens towards eating right.

261. Among the following Archaeological sites in India, Chinese language of sign boards is present in _____.

- a) Sarnath and Buddhist relics at Chaukhandi Stupa
- b) Kushinagar and the Mahaparinirvana Temple
- c) Piparahwa and Shravasti.
- d) All the above

Answer d) All the above. Union Tourism Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel informed that sign boards in Chinese language have been put up at five Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected Archaeological Sites located in Uttar Pradesh (UP).

262. Health Minister inaugurates second edition of Eat Right Mela in _____.

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

Answer a) New Delhi. Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has said, the right kind of diet will help to reduce the disease burden in the country. Inaugurating the second edition of Eat Right Mela in New Delhi, the Minister said, healthy eating should become a people's movement.

263. Good Governance Day is observed on the birth anniversary of _____.

- a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- b) Arun Jeitley
- c) Sushma Swaraj
- d) J Jeyalalitha

Answer a) Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Good Governance Day is observed on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Singh said that Good Governance Index has been scientifically designed on various parameters of governance.

264. According to ICC Test rankings, Which cricketer is top ranked batsman?

- a) Steve Smith
- b) Ajikaye Rahane
- c) Virat Kohli
- d) MS Dhoni

Answer c) Virat Kohli. Indian skipper Virat Kohli will end the year as the top ranked batsman in the latest ICC Test rankings issued today. With 928 points, Kohli is 17 points ahead of Australia's Steve Smith who occupies the second spot.

265. Ganga Prasad Vimal is passed away at 80, is associated with _____.

- a) Poet
- b) Author
- c) Journalist
- d) Actor

Answer b) Author. Famous Hindi author Ganga Prasad Vimal was recently killed in a road accident in Sri Lanka. He was 80. Vimal was traveling along with his daughter and granddaughter who were also killed in the same road accident.

266. NASVI - in this "V" represents _____.

- a) Verrenial
- b) Vendor
- c) Van
- d) Vehicle

Answer b) Vendor. National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) and Food Safety and Standard Authority of India (FSSAI) will jointly organize national street food festival in the national capital from December 25-29.

267. Ashok Leyland joins hands with _____ for vehicle financing.

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

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d) SBI Bank

Answer a) Yes Bank. Hinduja group flagship firm Ashok Leyland said it has inked a pact with Yes Bank for vehicle finance for a period of two years. The companies have inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) regarding the partnership.

268. Which district won Unicef-2019 Award for Swachh Bharat implementation?

- a) Madurai, Tamilnadu
- b) Kamareddy, Telangana
- c) Palakkad, Kerala
- d) Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh

Answer b) Kamareddy, Telangana. Kamareddy district of Telangana secured the United Nations International Children's and Education Fund (Unicef)-2019 Award. The district won the award for the effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission in water sanitation.

269. First-ever university for transgenders to come up in _____.

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Assam
- c) Uttar Pradesh
- d) Maharastra

Answer c) Uttar Pradesh. India's first university for transgenders is set to come up in Kushinagar district of eastern Uttar Pradesh to facilitate seamless education of the community from Class-I to postgraduation. They can also pursue doctoral degrees from the varsity, foundation stone.

270. Losar Festival is held at _____.

- a) Ladakh
- b) Lalithpur
- c) Mizoram
- d) Dispur

Answer a) Ladakh. The Losar festival marks the beginning of the New year and is considered to be the most important festival of the region Ladakh/Tibet

271. Which union territory has topped in Good Governance?

- a) Puducherry
- b) Delih
- c) Chandigarh
- d) Andaman & Nicobar Island

Answer a) Puducherry. Puducherry scored 4.69 points in the GGI followed by Chandigarh (4.68), Delhi (4.39), Daman & Diu (4.33) and Andaman & Nicobar Islands (4.12). Lakshadweep (2.97) fared poorly and was placed at the bottom of the table. Dadra & Nagar Haveli scored 3.12 points.

272. After France, Which country has approve digital tax on large tech companies?

- a) Spain
- b) Mexico
- c) Texas
- d) Italy

Answer d) Italy. Following the footsteps of France, Italy has approved a new tax to be levied on large tech companies, a move that is likely to put more strains on the country's relations with the US, the media reported.

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273. Which firm has launched OTP-based ATM cash withdrawal from January 1?

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

Answer c) SBI. With ATM-related frauds on the rise, banks are introducing ways to protect their customers from tricksters. The country's largest public sector lender, the State Bank of India (SBI), via a tweet on December 26, said that it will introduce a one-time password (OTP)-based cash withdrawal system for its ATMs.

274. Allee Willis is passed away at 72, is associated with _____.

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

Answer b) Songwriter. wrote for the Rembrandts, became one of the most recognised television theme songs of all time.

275. RiskRecon has acquired by _____.

- a) Visa Card
- b) Mastercard
- c) Paypal
- d) None of these

Answer b) Mastercard. Mastercard announced an agreement to acquire RiskRecon, a provider of artificial intelligence and data analytics solutions to help customers enhance their cyber security capabilities.

276. Who has declared as the 'most famous teenager in the world' by the United Nations in its 'decade in review' report?

- a) Greta Thunberg
- b) Malala Yousafzai
- c) Justin Bieber
- d) Selena Gomez

Answer b) Malala Yousafzai. Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai was declared as the 'most famous teenager in the world' by the United Nations in its 'decade in review' report released on December 23, 2019.

277. MiG 27 is associated with _____.

- a) Army
- b) Navy
- c) Air Force
- d) None of these

Answer c) Air Force. MiG-27, an ace attacker during the 1999 Kargil War through the skies for one last time after serving the Indian Air Force for over three decades.

278. Who has unveil India's First CNG Bus which can run 1000 Kms in one fill in New Delhi?

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) Rajendra Prasad
- c) Harsh Vardhan

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d) Raj Nath Singh

Answer a) Dharmendra Pradhan. Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel has unveiled India's first long-distance CNG bus fitted with composite CNG cylinders, which can travel around 1000 km in a single fill.

279. Who has emerged as India's most searched business tycoon on Google in 2019?

- a) Lakshmi Mittal
- b) Adithya Mittal
- c) Ratan Tata
- d) Mukesh Ambani

Answer c) Ratan Tata. Tata Sons chairman Ratan Tata emerged as India's most searched business tycoon on Google in 2019. Google released a Year in Search 2019 report shows what was trending on the world's largest search engine during the year in India.

280. China successfully launched largest carrier rocket named as _____.

- a) CR-L
- b) CZ-5
- c) LCR-C
- d) CMC-9

Answer b) CZ-5. China successfully launched the largest carrier rocket of the country, Long March-5 from Wenchang Space Launch Center in south China's Hainan Province. Long March-5 Rocket The rocket known as CZ-5 blasted off with more than 1,000 tonnes of thrust at 8.45 pm, Xinhua reported.

281. Mandu Festival begins at _____.

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Assam
- d) Meghalaya

Answer b) Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh, the 5-day Mandu festival, started in Mandu, a world-famous picturesque tourist destination located in Dhar district of the state.

282. National Symposium of Poets 2020 organised by _____.

- a) Doordharsan
- b) Press Information Bureau
- c) Press Trust Of India
- d) All India Radio

Answer d) All India Radio. All India Radio (AIR) organized the National Symposium of Poets 2020 on 27 December 2019. This edition of poet symposium was attended by select poets from all corners of country, who gave their presentations and captivated the hearts of people.

283. Who has become 2019 Women's World Rapid Champion?

- a) Koneru Humpy
- b) Lei Tingjie
- c) Ekaterina Atalik
- d) Sumanti Kona

Answer a) Koneru Humpy. Indian grandmaster Koneru Humpy has become the 2019 Women's World Rapid Champion. She defeated China's Lei Tingjie in a dramatic final in Moscow, Russia.

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284. Which country will host World Dairy Summit in 2022?

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

Answer a) India. India is working on developing a smart backyard dairying model near Delhi to showcase it to the world at the World Dairy Summit, which the country will host in 2022.

285. Who has created record for longest single spaceflight by woman?

- a) Christina Koch
- b) Jamila Chris
- c) Jessie Williams
- d) Kyara De'cruz

Answer a) Christina Koch . NASA Astronaut Christina Koch creates a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman, surpassing the earlier record of 288 days in space.

286. Who has selected for Harivaranam award for 2020?

- a) Kadakampally Surendran
- b) Ravi Shankar
- c) Ilaiyaraja
- d) Bismillah Khan

Answer c) Ilaiyaraja. Renowned musician and composer Ilaiyaraja has been selected for this year's Harivaranam award.

287. UAE extends 300 million US dollars of development aid to _____.

- a) Syria
- b) Kuwait
- c) Jordan
- d) Iraq

Answer c) Jordan. The Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) announced that it is providing 300 million US dollars as development aid to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

288. IDF - in this "D" represents _____.

- a) Development
- b) Dairy
- c) Decision
- d) None of these

Answer b) Dairy. The annual flagship Summit of International Dairy Federation (IDF) is a platform for dairy stakeholders, including farmers, processors, researchers, and marketers, to exchange knowledge and ideas and experiments on better dairying practices.

289. eBkay is associated with _____.

- a) Banks
- b) Army
- c) Navy
- d) Air Force

Answer a) Banks. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has launched eBkay, an common e-auction platform to enable online auction of attached assets transparently and cleanly for the improved realization of value by banks.

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290. India scored _____ in Sustainable Development Goals Index 2019 -2020.

- a) 40
- b) 55
- c) 60
- d) 64

Answer c) 60. India has improved its composite score from 57 in 2018 to 60 in the Sustainable Development Goals Index 2019-20.

291. SBI cuts external benchmark-based rate by _____ bps.

- a) 13
- b) 18
- c) 22
- d) 25

Answer d) 25. The country's largest lender, State Bank of India, today announced a reduction in its external benchmark-based rate by 25 basis points to 7.80 per cent from 8.05 per cent.

292. CEBR - in this "B" represents _____.

- a) Bureau
- b) Board
- c) Business
- d) Bilingual

Answer c) Business. India is expected to become the fourth largest economy by 2026 and the third largest by 2034, according to a report by UK-based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR).

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294. Maximum age limit for Chief of Defence Staff put at _____.

- a) 60
- b) 62
- c) 64
- d) 65

Answer d) 65. The government has amended rules putting the maximum age limit of 65 years for the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) to serve in the post. The changes have been made in the Army Rules, 1954, according to a notification by the defence ministry.

295. ISRO planning to launch satellite named as _____ to study sun.

- a) Aditya
- b) Aryabhatta
- c) Asaar
- d) SA-21

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Answer a) Aditya. Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his last 'Mann ki Baat' programme of this year said that the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is planning to launch a satellite called Aditya to study the sun.

296. Which state govt has launched e-certificate project to provide caste, residence and income certificates online?

- a) Odisha
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Arunachal Pradesh
- d) Manipur

Answer a) Odisha. The Odisha government has launched a unique "people-friendly" project to provide official documents such as income, residence and similar other certificates online without any fees.

297. Udayan Mane bagged TATA Steel Tour C'ship title 2019, is associated with_____.

- a) Golf
- b) Wrestling
- c) Boxing
- d) Swimming

Answer a) Golf. In Golf, Udayan Mane produced a flawless seven-under 65 on the final day to claim a thrilling one-shot win at the season-ending TATA Steel Tour Championship in Jamshedpur.

298. China successfully launched largest carrier rocket named as_____.

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299. Which Airline company has become 1st Indian carrier to operate 1,500 daily flights?

- a) Spice Jet
- b) IndiGo
- c) Air India
- d) Indian Airline

Answer b) IndiGo. IndiGo become 1st Indian carrier to operate 1,500 daily flights.

300. Who has become the first Chief of Defence Staff?

- a) Chander Paul
- b) Bipin Rawat
- c) Hamir Rawal
- d) Hemanth Singh

Answer b) Bipin Rawat. Former Army Chief General Bipin Rawat will be the country's first Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). CDS will function as a single-point Adviser to the government on matters related to the military and will focus on better synergy between the Army, Air Force and the Navy. General Rawat retired as Army Chief.

301. Who is the 28th Chief of Army Staff?

- a) Mukund Naravane
- b) Bipin Rawat
- c) Ajay Singh
- d) Vishnu Dev Kumar

Answer b) Bipin Rawat. General Manoj Mukund Naravane took charge as the 28th Chief of Army Staff succeeding General Bipin Rawat. General Naravane served as Vice Chief of the Army before taking charge of the 1.3 million-strong Army.

302. Eleven day long Dhanu Jatra begins at _____.

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

Answer d) Odisha. The famous 11-day Dhanu Jatra celebrated as the largest open-air theatre of the world begins at Bargarh in western Odisha. The Jatra based on the mythological story of Lord Krishna and his demon uncle King Kansa.

303. Which state has topped in Niti's Sustainable Development Goal Index?

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

Answer d) Kerala. Kerala retained the top rank performer in Niti Aayog's SDG India Index 2019.

304. Which state has worse in Niti's Sustainable Development Goal Index?

- a) Bihar
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer a) Bihar. Bihar was adjudged as the worst performer in Niti Aayog's SDG India Index 2019, which evaluates progress of States and Union Territories on social, economic and environmental parameters, as per a report released.

305. Centralised Access Control System and e-BCAS Project launched to digitise employee movement process at _____.

- a) Railway station
- b) Airports
- c) Parliament
- d) All of these

Answer b) Airports. Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (I/C) for Civil Aviation, launched the biometric-enabled Centralised Access Control System (CACS) and 'e-BCAS Project Training Module. The two projects launched are important milestones to enhance security and ease of doing business at airports.

306. Which state CM has launched torch relay of Khelo India Youth Games?

- a) Jammu and Kashmir
- b) Manipur
- c) Assam

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d) Meghalaya

Answer c) Assam. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and officials of the Khelo India Youth Games launched the torch relay of the competition in Guwahati.

307. Vikho-o Yhoshu dies at 67, who is an assembly speaker of _____.

a) Madhya Pradesh

b) Andhra Pradesh

c) Nagaland

d) Punjab

Answer c) Nagaland. The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) leader was undergoing treatment in Mumbai after being diagnosed with the disease early this year.

308. OMO - in this "M" represents _____.

a) Mobile

b) Money

c) Market

d) Mobilization

Answer c) Market. The Reserve Bank of India bought 10,000 crore rupees of long-term government securities and sold 8,501 crore rupees of three short-term bonds. RBI announced to purchase and sell government securities simultaneously under Open Market Operations (OMO) for 10,000 crore rupees each.

309. HDFC Lives strategic tie-up with _____ aims to increase life insurance penetration.

a) Mobikwik

b) Mastercard

c) Paytm

d) Paypal

Answer c) Paytm. HDFC Life, one of India's leading life insurance companies, announced its tie-up with Paytm. This partnership will enable Paytm customers to purchase innovative life insurance products offered by HDFC Life, via the mobile commerce platform.

310. Who has been named the highest-earning YouTuber for the second year in a row by Forbes with ₹184 crore earnings in a year?

a) Ryan Kaji

b) Anastasia Radzinskaya

c) Royson Dia

d) Papaanjo Perfect

Answer a) Ryan Kaji. Ryan Kaji, an eight-year-old boy who reviews toys on YouTube channel 'Ryan's World' has been named the highest-earning YouTuber for the second year in a row by Forbes with ₹184 crore earnings in a year.