



80 Current Affairs Questions of July Month

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1. On the International Yoga Day (IYD) 2018, which of the following cities has set a Guinness World Record (GWR) for the largest number of people performing yoga at one place at the same time?
- A. Mumbai
 - B. Chandigarh
 - C. New Delhi
 - D. Kota
 - E. Bhopal

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| On the International Yoga Day (IYD-2018), the Guinness World Record (GWR) for the largest number of people performing yoga at one place at the same time has been set up in Kota, Rajasthan. In 2017, 55 thousand people of Mysore had set a world record performing yoga at one place at the same time on International Yoga Day.

2. Alan Bean was associated with which of the following fields?
- A. Spying
 - B. Astronomy
 - C. Politics
 - D. Literature
 - E. Music

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| **Alan LaVern Bean** was an American naval officer, aviator, aeronautical engineer, test pilot, and **NASA astronaut**. He was the fourth person to walk on the Moon. Alan Bean flew twice into space. His first flight was as a lunar module pilot on Apollo 12, the second moon landing mission, in November 1969.

3. Which of the following countries has launched the world's first floating nuclear power station?
- A. China
 - B. India
 - C. Australia
 - D. Russia
 - E. Japan

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Russia has launched the world's first floating nuclear power station 'Akademik Lomonosov' at a ceremony in the port of the far northern city of Murmansk. The ship was named after Academician Mikhail Lomonosov. The ship holds two reactors with two 35 megawatt nuclear reactors that are similar to those used to power icebreaker ships.

4. Which of the following cities has been selected as the 100th smart city under the Smart Cities Mission?

- A. Agartala
- B. Gangtok
- C. Shillong
- D. Panaji
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Shillong has been selected as the 100th city to receive funding under the Centre's flagship Smart Cities Mission. Under the scheme, each city will get Rs 500 crore from the Centre for implementing various projects.

5. Veteran journalist Shujaat Bukhari who was shot dead was the editor of which of the following newspaper?
- A. Jehlum Post
 - B. Kashmir Observer
 - C. Kashmir Life
 - D. Rising Kashmir
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Veteran journalist and editor of Srinagar based 'Rising Kashmir' newspaper was shot dead by unidentified gunmen outside his office in the Press Enclave area of Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir. Bukhari was instrumental in organising several conferences for peace in the Kashmir Valley.

6. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report India is the world's five biggest military spenders in 2017. How much amount India spent on defence in year 2017?
- A. \$38.8 billion
 - B. \$71.21 billion
 - C. \$55.05 billion
 - D. \$41.34 billion
 - E. \$63.9 billion

Answer ||| E

Solution ||| According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) report, India spent **\$63.9 billion** on defence in 2017, an increase of 5.5% compared with 2016. India was in the fifth spot, after the US, China, Saudi Arabia and Russia in the world's military spenders in 2017.

* China spends far more on its military than any other power in Asia.

7. Which of the following companies is investing in India's first carbon fibre unit to cater to aerospace and defence needs?
- A. Reliance Industries
 - B. Tata Motors
 - C. Indian Oil Corporation



- D. Bajaj Auto
- E. GAIL

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Reliance Industries is investing in setting up India's first carbon fibre manufacturing unit to cater to aerospace and defence needs.

8. Yamunabai Waikar who passed away in May 2018, specialised in which of the following genre of music?
- A. Bhatiali
 - B. Sufi folk
 - C. Lavani
 - D. Pandavani
 - E. Bhajan

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| * Acclaimed Lavani singer and Padma Shri recipient **Yamunabai Waikar** passed away after a brief illness at the age of 103 in Mumbai.

* Waikar was known for her Lavani numbers and took this popular folk song form to other parts of the country.

* In 2012, she was honoured with a Padma Shri.

9. Which of the following countries began the sea trials of its first home-built aircraft carrier?
- A. South Korea
 - B. China
 - C. Japan
 - D. India
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| **China's** first entirely home-built aircraft carrier has begun sea trials in a sign of the growing sophistication of the country's domestic arms industry.

China's aircraft carrier leaves **Dalian in northeast China's Liaoning Province** for sea trials.

10. India's first advanced DNA forensic laboratory 'Sakhi Suraksha' will come up in which city?
- A. Delhi
 - B. Kolkata
 - C. Chandigarh
 - D. Bhopal
 - E. Hyderabad

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The Union Minister Maneka Gandhi has laid the foundation stone of India's first advanced DNA forensic laboratory "Sakhi Suraksha" in the campus of the Central Forensic Science Lab of Chandigarh. It will assist in the investigation and prosecution of crimes including those committed against women and children.

11. Which state government has introduced a new scheme to help the landless laborers among the Scheduled Castes (SC) to acquire agricultural land?
- A. Punjab
 - B. Maharashtra
 - C. Bihar
 - D. Assam
 - E. Uttar Pradesh

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Maharashtra Govt. has introduced a new scheme to help the landless laborers among the Scheduled Castes (SC) to acquire agricultural land. Landless among the SCs can purchase rainfed agricultural land of irrigated land by paying only five percent of the cost.

12. In April 2018, Vice President of India, M. Venkaiah Naidu released the book 'Smart Cities Unbundled'. Who is the author of the book 'Smart Cities Unbundled'?
- A. Dr. Sanjay Verma
 - B. Dr. Harish Sharma
 - C. Dr. Sameer Sharma
 - D. Dr. A.K. Saxena
 - E. Dr. Ram Tripathi

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu released the Book 'Smart Cities Unbundled'.

The book is authored by **Dr. Sameer Sharma**.

The book tells India and the world what an Indian Smart City is and what constitutes Smart Cities Mission of India.

13. Which country successfully launched a hyperspectral imaging satellite 'Gaofen-5' as part of the country's high-resolution Earth observation project?
- A. Australia
 - B. India
 - C. China
 - D. Germany
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| China has successfully launched a hyperspectral imaging satellite 'Gaofen-5' for comprehensive observation of the atmosphere, including air pollution. It was the 274th flight mission by a Long March carrier rocket.

Gaofen-5 is the first China-developed satellite that can monitor air pollution.

14. Who among the following has been crowned as India's first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition?



- A. Rashmirekha Hansdah
- B. N. Krishnan
- C. Pallavi Durua
- D. Panchami Majhi
- E. Aniruddha Dasgupta

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Odisha's Pallavi Durua was crowned as the first Tribal Queen at the Adi Rani Kalinga Tribal Queen competition held at Utkal Mandap.

Panchami Majhi and Rashmirekha Hansdah were declared as the first and second runners-up of the beauty pageant respectively.

15. Which among the following benefits is not provided under PMJDY Scheme?

- A. Free accidental insurance cover of Rs. 1 lac
- B. Rs. 500 minimum balance required.
- C. Life cover of Rs. 30,000
- D. Overdraft facility upto Rs.5000/- is available
- E. None of the above

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Benefits under PMJDY Scheme are -

- * Interest on deposit.
- * Accidental insurance cover of Rs. 1 lac
- * No minimum balance required.
- * The scheme provides life cover of Rs. 30,000/- payable on the death of the beneficiary, subject to fulfilment of the eligibility condition.
- * Overdraft facility upto Rs.5000/- is available in only one account per household, preferably lady of the household.

16. Which of the following American astronaut; holding the record of most spacewalks and spending the longest time in space, has recently retired from NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)?

- A. Anna Fisher
- B. Shannon Lucid
- C. Peggy Whitson
- D. Kathryn D Sullivan
- E. Eileen Collins

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| NASA's Astronaut Peggy Whitson (USA) holding the record of most spacewalks and spending the longest time in space has retired from NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration).

She spent more time off the planet than any other American (665 days) over three space station missions.

Whitson was the first woman to command the International Space Station, holding the

position twice, and the oldest woman ever to fly in space.

17. Who has won 'Femina Miss India World 2018 title' in the ceremony held in Mumbai?

- A. Anukreethy Vas
- B. Meenakshi Chaudhary
- C. Shrey Rao Kamvarapu
- D. Manushi Chhillar
- E. Maira Chowdhury

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Anukreethy Vas (Tamil Nadu) has been crowned FBB Colors 'Femina Miss India 2018' in an extravagant ceremony at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai. 'Miss India' is a beauty pageant held at the national level in India that annually selects representatives to compete in the global beauty pageants like Miss World, Miss Universe etc.

18. Which state government launched the '**Pocket Cop**' project with an objective to provide smartphones of pre-loaded data of people with criminal past and other information's to the policemen?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| On 21 April 2018, the Gujarat government launched the **Pocket Cop project** in the state.

The objective of the **Pocket Cop project** is to provide policemen with smartphones that will be pre-loaded with data of people with criminal past and applications that would help the cops in passport verification and find missing people and vehicles.

The project was launched by the Chief Minister Vijay Rupani.

19. Who among the following sportsperson has named his autobiography as 'A Century is not Enough'?

- A. Gautam Gambhir
- B. Sourav Ganguly
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Ajay Jadeja
- E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| India's most famous captain Sourav Ganguly's autobiography is titled as "A Century is not Enough". The book is co-



authored by Gautam Bhattacharya and published by Juggernaut Books.

20. For which of the following categories is the prestigious National RedInk Award presented?

- A. Literature
- B. Journalism
- C. Science
- D. Sports
- E. Art

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| National RedInk Awards is presented for Excellence in **Journalism** which is instituted by the Mumbai Press Club.

21. The Union Government has sanctioned a special financial assistance of 5 Lakhs to sportsperson Gohela Boro. Which of the following sports did she play?

- A. Cricket
- B. Badminton
- C. Archery
- D. Hockey
- E. Wrestling

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The Union Minister Rajyavardhan Rathore has sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 5, 00, 000 to National Level Archer Gohela Boro for her medical treatment.

22. Who among the following is the Chief Guest for the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019?

- A. France
- B. Mauritius
- C. Myanmar
- D. Japan
- E. Nepal

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Prime Minister of **Mauritius Pravind Jugnauth** will be the **Chief Guest** at Pravasi Bharatiya Divas 2019.

Note:

- The next Pravasi Bharatiya Divas will be held on **21-23 January 2019**, in the city of **Varanasi**, Uttar Pradesh.
- The **theme** of the 15th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is **"Role of Indian Diaspora in building a New India"**.
- The event will be organised by Ministry of External Affairs in association with the Uttar Pradesh government.

23. Who among the following has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI)?

- A. Arjit Basu
- B. Deepak Mohanty
- C. Sudarshan Sen
- D. Malvika Sinha
- E. A K Misra

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| The Union Government has appointed Arjit Basu as Managing Director (MD) of State Bank of India (SBI).

He will fill the position that fell vacant following the elevation of Rajnish Kumar as the chairman.

Now, the SBI will have four managing directors.

24. Which city hosted the first-ever joint conference of Indian Customs and Department of India Posts to deliberate on the streamlining of imports and exports by post?

- A. Patna
- B. Lucknow
- C. New Delhi
- D. Mumbai
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The first-ever joint conference of Indian Customs and Department of India Posts at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi to deliberate on streamlining of imports and exports by post.

Imports and exports by post are the 6th highest cited citizen grievances under the Centralized Public Grievance Redress and Monitoring System (CPGRAMs).

25. Indian Kabaddi team clinched the 2018 Kabaddi Masters Dubai title. Who is the captain of Indian Kabaddi team?

- A. Pardeep Narwal
- B. Rahul Chaudhari
- C. Ajay Thakur
- D. Mohit Chillar
- E. Deepak Niwas Hooda

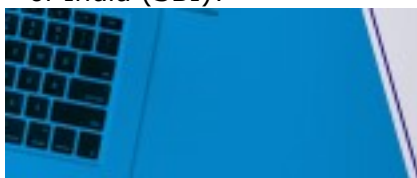
Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Ajay Thakur is the current captain of the India national kabaddi team.

Indian Kabaddi team clinched the Kabaddi Masters Dubai 2018 title by defeating Iran 44-26 in the summit clash in Dubai.

26. Who has been appointed the Chairman of the Press Council of India (PCI)?

- A. Justice P B Sawant
- B. Justice R S Sarkaria
- C. Justice C K Prasad



- D. Justice A N Sen
- E. Justice A N Grover

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Justice C K Prasad has been appointed the chairman of the Press Council of India (PCI) for a second term. The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory body with a mandate to act as a watchdog to oversee the conduct of the print media.

27. Which country hosted 15th Asia Media Summit 2018?

- A. China
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Singapore
- E. Saudi Arabia

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| India hosted 15th Asia Media Summit 2018 in New Delhi.

The theme of this summit was "Telling our Stories Asia and More".

The objective of the summit was to provide a unique opportunity to the broadcasters in Asia to share their thoughts on broadcasting and information.

28. Which of the following countries is hosting the 3rd Asia Cup International Bridge Championship 2018?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Singapore
- C. India
- D. Korea
- E. China

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| India is hosting the 3rd Asia Cup International Bridge Championship 2018 in Goa.

The championship will be contested in five categories, namely men, women, mixed, super-mixed and senior.

29. Who among the following is the first-ever interim woman President of Paraguay?

- A. Janet Jagan
- B. Mary Robinson
- C. Alicia Pucheta
- D. Elisabeth Kopp
- E. Corazon Aquino

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Paraguay will have a woman President (interim) Alicia Pucheta for the first time in its history after outgoing leader Horacio Cartes

stepped down.

The parliament is due to confirm Cartes's resignation and proclaim Pucheta as interim president.

30. Who has won the Thomas Cup title in 2018?

- A. Japan
- B. Thailand
- C. China
- D. Denmark
- E. Germany

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| China has won the Thomas Cup 2018 for the 10th time after defeating Japan by 3-1 in the final in Bangkok.

- China had won five straight Thomas Cup titles between 2004 and 2012.
- The Thomas Cup (World Men's Team Championships) is an international badminton competition among teams representing member nations of the Badminton World Federation.

31. Which of the following ministries has launched 'Women in Prisons' report?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- D. Ministry of External Affairs
- E. Ministry of Civil Aviation

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The Ministry of Women and Child Development (WCD) has launched 'Women in Prisons' report to build an understanding of the various entitlements of women in prisons and possible methods for resolution of the same.

This initiative will change the way prison administration perceives women inmates.

32. In June 2018, fashion Designer Kate Spade was found dead in her apartment. She belonged to which of the following countries?

- A. UK
- B. Germany
- C. USA
- D. New Zealand
- E. France

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| American fashion Designer Kate Spade was found dead in her Park Avenue apartment in New York (USA). She committed suicide.

Spade first worked as a journalist, launched her eponymous fashion label in 1993 with her



husband Andy and the help of outside investors.

33. In June 2018, which of the following countries hosted the annual 2018 Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting on anti-doping?

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Iran
- E. China

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The annual two-day Asia and Oceania Region Inter-Governmental Ministerial meeting (15th) on anti-doping was held in Colombo (Sri Lanka) with representatives from 29 countries including India.

34. Which of the following app was launched by the tech giant 'Google India' in an initiative to provide all local information regarding the neighbouring areas to the people?

- A. Neighbour
- B. Wiman
- C. Neighbourly
- D. Nextdoor
- E. Neighbourhood

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Google India has come up with the beta launch of a new app called 'Neighbourly' in the country to help people find local answers in their neighbourhood. The objective of the app is to provide an outlet to local communities to seek answers to practical questions about local life, routine and more.

35. Dr. Hemu Adhikari passed away recently. He was associated with _____.

- A. Journalism
- B. Sports
- C. Film Industry
- D. Science
- E. History

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The veteran film and theatre actor Dr. Hemu Adhikari has passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. He acted in Sai Paranjpe's

'Katha' and Marathi films like 'Dhyaas Parya' and 'Harishchandrachi Factory'.

36. In May 2018, Nikol Pashinyan, was elected as the new Prime minister of Armenia. Which of the following is the currency of Armenia?

- A. Krone
- B. Pound
- C. Dollar
- D. Dram
- E. Franc

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The currency of Armenia is Dram. Yerevan is the capital of Armenia. Armenia's parliament elected Nikol Pashinyan as the new prime minister of the country. He replaced Serzh Sargsyan who resigned due to the widespread anti-government demonstrations. Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated Pashinyan. Armenia is strongly dependent on Russia, the source of about 30 percent of the country's imports.

37. According to the Steel Users Federation of India (SUF), India has overtaken which of the following countries to become the world's second-largest producer of crude steel?

- A. France
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. Germany
- E. US

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| According to Steel Users Federation of India (SUF), **India** has overtaken **Japan** to become world's second largest producer of **crude steel in February 2018**.
* China is the largest producer of crude steel in the world.
* Top 3 countries - **China, India and Japan**.
* Earlier in 2017, **India** had overtaken US to become **third largest** producer of crude steel.

38. Pakistan's Mansoor Ahmed was associated with which of the following sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Hockey



- C. Football
- D. Badminton
- E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Pakistan's World Cup-winning hockey goalkeeper Mansoor Ahmed passed away in Karachi due to heart complications. Mansoor represented Pakistan in some 338 internationals had a major heart surgery in 2016 and since early this year was battling for his life.

39. India was ranked at 11th positions in the recent Foreign Direct Investment Confidence Index 2018. Which among the following organisations published the FDI Confidence Index?

- A. IMF
- B. World Economic Forum
- C. World Bank
- D. A.T. Kearney global consultants
- E. United Nations

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The annual survey of FDI Confidence Index is published by global consultants **AT Kearney's**.

- The survey tracks the impact of likely political, economic and regulatory changes on the FDI preferences of chief executive officers and chief financial officers.
- India ranked at **11th positions** in FDI Confidence Index 2018.
- In 2017, India was ranked 8th position.

40. The three days" International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE) to focus on Rail Coaches and train was held in the city _____.

- A. Chennai
- B. Ranchi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chandigarh
- E. None of these

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| The three days International Rail Coach Expo (IRCE) being held in the ICF RPF Parade Grounds Chennai, Tamil Nadu to focus on Rail Coaches and train. It was unique platform to bring different suppliers under one roof and create synergy for "Make in India".

Note: The expo is being hosted by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), under the Ministry of Railways, in coordination with CII (Confederation of Indian Industries) and RITES Ltd.

41. Who among the following is the author of the book 'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'?

- A. Pinarayi Vijayan
- B. Jaswant Singh
- C. KC Pant
- D. C H Hanumantha Rao
- E. P Shiv Shankar

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| **C H Hanumantha Rao** is the author of the book 'My Journey from Marxism-Leninism to Nehruvian Socialism'. He is a former Planning Commission and Finance Commission member. The book was released by Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

42. 'SURYA KIRAN-XIII', is a joint military exercise between India and _____.

- A. Japan
- B. France
- C. Russia
- D. USA
- E. Nepal

Answer ||| E

Solution ||| The joint military exercise "SURYA KIRAN-XIII" between India and Nepal will be conducted at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. It will enhance the level of defense cooperation which will further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two nations.

43. Anukreethy Vas of Tamil Nadu has been declared the winner of the which of the following editions of the Femina Miss India 2018 Pageant?

- A. 15th
- B. 55th
- C. 45th
- D. 35th
- E. 48th

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Anukreethy Vas has been declared the winner of the 55th edition of Femina Miss



India 2018 Pageant held in Dome, NSCI Stadium, Mumbai.
So, option B is correct.

44. Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the website of Digital India Internship Scheme in New Delhi. Under this scheme, how many interns will be inducted for a period of three months?

- A. 50
- B. 25
- C. 40
- D. 35
- E. 100

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| In May 2018, Union Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad launched the website of Digital India Internship Scheme in New Delhi. Under this scheme, 25 interns will be inducted for a period of three months, paid a stipend of 10 thousand rupees per month.

Note:

- The internship is an opportunity for a student to secure first hand and practical work experience under the guidance of qualified and experienced Supervisor and Mentor.
- It also aims at active participation in the learning process through experimentation and putting into practice the knowledge acquired in the classrooms.

45. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched navigation satellite IRNSS-1I into the orbit from which of the following launch vehicles?

- A. PSLV-CA
- B. PSLV-C21
- C. PSLV-CVG
- D. PSLV-C41
- E. PSLV-C53

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched fourth and final navigation satellite IRNSS-1I into the orbit from Polar Satellite Launch vehicle **PSLV-C41** from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) at Sri harikota in Andhra Pradesh.

46. Who has been honoured with the 2018 Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community?

- A. S N Tiwari
- B. M K Narayan
- C. Kailash Satyarthi
- D. E. Sreedharan
- E. Bindeshwar Pathak

Answer ||| E

Solution ||| Noted social reformer Bindeshwar Pathak (founder of Sulabh International) has been honoured with Japan's prestigious 'Nikkei Asia Prize for Culture and Community' for his significant work in tackling poor hygiene and discrimination.

47. Which of the following ministries/bodies launched the Atal New India Challenge under the Atal Innovation Mission (AIM)?

- A. Ministry of Finance
- B. NITI Aayog
- C. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- D. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- E. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| On 26th April 2018, **NITI Aayog** launched **Atal New India Challenge** under Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) with an aim to bring-in innovations and technologies relevant to the people. Under the Atal Innovation Mission grants of **up to Rs 1 crore** will be provided to the applicants showing capability, intent, and potential to productize technologies.

Key points -

The objective of this initiative is to solve problems in different 17 areas, which would have direct impact on improving lives of citizens and also generate employment.

Under this new initiative, Atal Innovation Mission has partnered with the Ministries of Road Transport and Highways, Housing and Urban Affairs, Agriculture and Family Welfare, Drinking Water & Sanitation and the Railway Board.

48. The Novel 'Dukkhham Sukkham' has been written by which among the following author?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Man Singh
- C. Mamta Verma



- D. Mamta Kalia
- E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The Novel 'Dukkhām Sūkkhām' has been written by Eminent Hindi Litterateur and playwright 'Mamta Kalia'. She has been selected for the Vyas Samman-2017 for her novel which depicts the story of grandmother Vidhyavati and granddaughter Manisha's relation.

49. Which Indian Company has bagged the S&P Global PLATTS Global Metals Award 2018 in the corporate social responsibility (CSR) category held at London?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC)
- D. Tata Motors
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Indian Company National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) Limited has bagged the prestigious S&P Global PLATTS Global Metals Award 2018 in corporate social responsibility (CSR) category held at London. This is the first time since the inception of this award that an Indian Company bagged an award in this category.

Note: The S&P Global Platts Global Metals Award recognizes top performers – industry leaders and innovators.

50. As announced in the Union Budget 2018-19, which of the following cities will the Defence Industrial Corridor link?

- A. Mumbai - Ahmadabad
- B. Chennai - Bengaluru
- C. Chennai - Delhi
- D. Delhi-Mumbai
- E. Mumbai - Kolkata

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, in his budget speech on February 2, 2018, had announced that two defence industrial production corridors will be set up in the country to promote domestic defence industry.

The first defence industrial production

corridors, as announced in the Union Budget, will link **Chennai and Bengaluru**.

51. Senior BJP leader Pandurang Phundkar passed away. He was the agricultural minister of _____.

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Bihar

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Maharashtra Agriculture Minister Pandurang Phundkar passed away due to a heart attack.

He was a member of 9th, 10th, and 11th Lok Sabha from Akola (Lok Sabha constituency) from Maharashtra.

On July 8, 2016, he was sworn in as a Cabinet Minister in Devendra Fadnavis government.

52. 'Sherpa' tribe belongs to which of the following regions?

- A. Chotanagpur Plateau
- B. Rajmahal hills of Jharkhand
- C. Khasi hills of Meghalaya
- D. Mountainous regions of Himalaya
- E. Nilgiri hills of Tamil Nadu

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| The Everest industry is suffering from a dangerous shortage of its most important resource: experienced Sherpa guides.

- Sherpa are a Tibetic ethnic group native to the most mountainous regions of Nepal, as well as certain areas of China, Bhutan and India, the Himalayas. Ethnic Sherpas from the valleys around Everest are known for high altitude climbing. They have a unique ability to work in a low-oxygen, high altitude atmosphere

53. Under the government's first plan to transfer tigers from one place to another. Name the tiger reserve, where tiger will be transferred from Kanha Tiger Reserve?

- A. Similipal Tiger Reserve
- B. Buxa Tiger Reserve
- C. Namdapha Tiger Reserve
- D. Satkosia Tiger Reserve



E. Tadoba Tiger Reserve

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Under the government's first plan to transfer tigers from the Kanha Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh, it will be transferred to tigers in the Satkosia Tiger Reserve. Satkosia Tiger Reserve is spread in the state of Odisha.

54. In May 2018, Noted Warli tribal artist Jivya Soma Mashe passed away. He belonged to which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra
- E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Internationally acclaimed Warli tribal artist 'Jivya Soma Mashe' passed away after a prolonged illness at his home in Dahanu town, Maharashtra. He had received the Padma Shri in 2011 for his contribution towards the Warli painting.

55. Which country will host the 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) under the theme of creating new intelligent power and sharing the new opening-up era?

- A. Japan
- B. Australia
- C. China
- D. South Korea
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The 2018 World Robot Conference (WRC) will be held in Beijing, China in August this year under the theme of creating new intelligent power and sharing the new opening-up era.

Note: It will offer a venue where academic thoughts can be exchanged at high level and the latest achievements demonstrated. A robot competition will be held during the conference where participants will compete in five categories (robots, artificial intelligence, automation, robotics and control systems).

56. Consider the following statements about JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA':

- 1) It has been launched by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
 - 2) It is a sanitary napkin.
 - 3) It has been launched under Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana.
- Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- A. 1 only
- B. 1 and 3 only
- C. 2 and 3 only
- D. 2 only
- E. All

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| * Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilizers launched the 'JANAUSHADHI SUVIDHA', the Oxo-biodegradable Sanitary Napkin, under the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP).

* Jan Aushadhi Suvidha comes with a special additive, which makes it biodegradable when it comes in contact with oxygen after being discarded.

57. In May 2018, the noted Hindi film lyricist Nandram Das Bairagi passed away. Which of the following states did he belong to?

- A. Punjab
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Noted Hindi film lyricist 'Nandram Das Bairagi' passed away in his sleep in Madhya Pradesh. He was born in Rampura village of Manasa tehsil of Mandsaur district of Madhya Pradesh. Mr. Bairagi was a Lok Sabha member between 1984 and 1989 and also a former Rajya Sabha MP.

Note: He wrote several Hindi poems, among which, "Jhar gaye paat, bisar gayi tehni" is considered a gem by many Hindi poets.

58. In May 2018, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli jointly laid the foundation stone of the Arun III Hydroelectric Power Plant. What is the capacity of this Power Plant?

- A. 700 MW
- B. 800 MW
- C. 900 MW



- D. 300 MW
- E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Nepalese counterpart K P Sharma Oli jointly laid the foundation stone of the 900-megawatt Arun III Hydroelectric Power Plant in Tumlingtar area in eastern Nepal through a remote system.

Note: The Nepal government will receive benefits worth Nepali Rupees 348 billion from the project as royalty, income tax, customs tariff and free energy in the concession period of 25 years.

59. Which among the following states became the first state to roll out the intra-state e-way bill system from April 1, 2018?
- A. Rajasthan
 - B. Gujarat
 - C. Karnataka
 - D. Madhya Pradesh
 - E. Telangana

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Karnataka was the first state to roll out the intra-state e-way bill system from April 1, 2018

60. Which of the following ministries launched the initiative 'SWAYAM' to train teachers using a digital platform?
- A. Minister of Information and Broadcasting
 - B. Minister of Electronics and Information Technology
 - C. Minister of Women and Child Development
 - D. Human Resource Development Ministry
 - E. Other than the given options

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Human Resource Development Ministry has launched an initiative 'SWAYAM' to train teachers using digital platform.

Aim – The government will use the Massive Open Online Courses platform SWAYAM aims to update the teaching technique of 1.5 million higher education faculty with focus on new and emerging trends.

How to achieve?

To achieve this, in the first phase, 75 discipline-specific National Resource Centres

(NRCs) have been identified to prepare online training material and keep the teachers well-informed of latest developments in their disciplines through the online refresher course.

Support of the institutions- Several institutions such as Central, State and Open Universities, National Institutes for Technical Teachers Training, IITs, IIITs, NITs and other have been notified as NRCs in this regard.

61. 'The Way I See It', a book containing writings by late journalist Gauri Lankesh, has been edited by which of the following writer?
- A. Chandan Gowda
 - B. Vikash Goswami
 - C. Suresh Patani
 - D. Chandan Rai
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| 'The Way I See It', a book containing writings by late journalist Gauri Lankesh, has been edited by Chandan Gowda. The book consists of early reportage of Gauri Lankesh in various publications and her articles in Kannada Language.

62. Which of the following is the name for the hyperspectral imaging satellite launched by China for a comprehensive observation of the atmosphere?
- A. Gaofen-5
 - B. Dongfeng
 - C. Alcomsat -4
 - D. Tiangong-5
 - E. Gaofen-4

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| China successfully launched a hyperspectral imaging satellite 'Gaofen-5' for comprehensive observation of the atmosphere, including air pollution. It was the 274th flight mission by a Long March carrier rocket. Gaofen-5 is the first China-developed satellite that can monitor air pollution.

63. Who has become the oldest Indian woman to have scaled the world's tallest peak Mount Everest?
- A. Sangeeta Bahl
 - B. Santosh Yadav



- C. Bachendri Pal
- D. Gurmayum Anita Devi
- E. Premlata Agarwal

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| Sangeeta Bahl (53-year) has become the oldest Indian woman to have scaled the world's tallest peak Mount Everest. She broke the record of Premlata Agarwal (48-year) who scaled Mt Everest in 2011.

64. Which of the following ministries launched the DARPAN-PLI App?

- A. Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- C. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- D. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- E. Ministry of Communications

Answer ||| E

Solution ||| **Minister of Communications** Manoj Sinha launched the **DARPAN-PLI App in New Delhi.**

The DARPAN-PLI App will help in the collection of a premium for PLI and RPLI policies at Branch Post Offices anywhere in India.

DARPAN stands for - Digital Advancement of Rural Post Office for a New India.

65. In which of the following states was the Coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' held in 2018?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. West Bengal
- E. Maharashtra

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' was held in Kerala shores. The exercise was held to strengthen and assess the loopholes in the coastal security mechanism.

66. Which among the following female actor won the best female actor award at the Dadasaheb Phalke awards, given by Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation?

- A. Deepika Padukone
- B. Kareena Kapoor

- C. Bhumi Pednekar
- D. Katrina Kaif
- E. Yami Gautam

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| **Bhumi Pednekar** won the best actress award for the film '**Toilet: Ek Prem Katha**'. The award is given by Dadasaheb Phalke Film Foundation which was held in Mumbai on 30 April 2018.

Akshay Kumar won the best actor awards at the Dadasaheb Phalke award for film **Padman** (Jury) and for Toilet: Ek Prem Katha.

Veteran director & actor **Rakesh Roshan** had been awarded with the lifetime achievement award for his contribution to the industry as an actor, producer, and a director.

67. Which of the following State Governments has announced free chemotherapy treatment for cancer patients at district hospitals?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujrat
- E. None of the above

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| The government of Maharashtra has announced that cancer patients would be provided free chemotherapy treatment at district hospitals.

These free facilities will be made available at district hospitals in Nagpur, Gadchiroli, Pune, Amravati, Jalgaon, Nashik, Wardha, Satara, Bhandara and Akola in the first phase.

68. Which of the following authors wrote the novel 'The Black Hill' ?

- A. Jhumpa Lahiri
- B. Amitav Ghosh
- C. Ramesh Kuntal
- D. Mamang Dai
- E. None of these

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Mamang Dai has been awarded the 'Sahitya Akademi A ward 2017 for her novel 'The Black Hill' in English. Ramesh Kuntal has been awarded for his literary criticism 'Vishw Mithak Sarit Sagar' in Hindi.

69. Who among the following won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction?

- A. Martyna Majok
- B. Jack E Davis



- C. Rapper Kendrick Lamar
- D. Andrew Sean Greer
- E. Jerry Saltz

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Andrew Sean Greer won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for his novel '**Less**'. He is an American novelist and short story writer. The list of other winners of-

- Martyna Majok won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for '**Cost of Living**'.
- Kendrick Lamar won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for **music** for his album '**Damn**'.
- Frank Bidart won the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for his collected poems '**Half-light**'.

Note:

- The **2017 Pulitzer Prize** awarded to **Colson Whitehead** for his novel '**The Underground Railroad**'.
- Pulitzer Prize was established in 1917 in United States by **Joseph Pulitzer**.
- Pulitzer Prize awarded for excellence in newspaper, journalism, literary, achievements, musical composition.

70. Who has won the US Open Golf 2018 title in New York?
- A. Tommy Fleetwood
 - B. Brooks Koepka
 - C. Daniel Berger
 - D. Patrick Reed
 - E. Tyrrell Hatton

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| American golfer Brooks Koepka has won back-to-back US Open 2018 titles at Shinnecock Hills in New York. He emerged victorious by one shot over England's Tommy Fleetwood.

71. In which of the following cities did the 49th Conference of Governors and Lieutenant Governors of UTs take place?
- A. Bhopal
 - B. Port Blair
 - C. New Delhi
 - D. Chandigarh
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The 49th conference of Lieutenant Governors and Administrators of Union Territories was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi.

72. Who has been appointed as the eminent jurist in the Lokpal selection committee?
- A. Madan Lokur
 - B. Mukul Rohatgi
 - C. Kurian Joseph
 - D. Murli Manohar Joshi
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| B

Solution ||| Senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi has been appointed as 'eminent jurist' in the high-profile Lokpal selection committee led by the Prime Minister. In May 2014, Rohatgi was appointed the Attorney General of India. He resigned from the post in June 2017.

73. In May 2018, the 4th executive committee meeting of South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) was held in _____.
- A. Kolkata
 - B. Ranchi
 - C. Mumbai
 - D. New Delhi
 - E. None of these

Answer ||| A

Solution ||| The 4th executive committee meeting of South Asia Wildlife Enforcement Network (SAWEN) was held in Kolkata, West Bengal to curb wildlife crime in South Asian region. The SAWEN provides a platform for its member countries to cooperatively work together in the fight against the burgeoning wildlife crime.

74. Which of the following Indian female cricketers will become the first Indian player to appear in the Kia Super League in England?
- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
 - B. Jhulan Goswami
 - C. Ekta Bisht
 - D. Mithali Raj
 - E. Smriti Mandhana

Answer ||| E

Solution ||| Indian Women's Cricket team opener Smriti Mandhana will become the first Indian player to appear in the Kia Super League in England.

75. Who will be the first female president of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE)?
- A. Theresa May
 - B. Jane Goodall
 - C. Stacey Cunningham
 - D. Chris Evert
 - E. Juliette Binoche

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has named Stacey Cunningham its first female President in the history of the 226-year-old exchange. Note: The New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is an American stock exchange located at 11 Wall Street, Lower Manhattan, New York City, New York.

76. Justin Langer appointed as the head coach of which cricket team?



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- A. England
- C. Australia
- E. Sri Lanka
- B. South Africa
- D. New Zealand

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Justin Langer was appointed as the head coach of **Australian cricket** team

- Justin Langer replaced Darren Lehmann, who resigned after the embarrassing ball-tampering episode in March 2018 against South Africa team.

77. Who among the following has won the 2018 French Open men's Singles title?

- A. Stanislas Wawrinka
- B. Novak Djokovic
- C. Andy Murray
- D. Rafael Nadal
- E. Grigor Dimitrov

Answer ||| D

Solution ||| Spain's Rafael Nadal has won the 2018 French Open men's Singles title.

He defeated Austrian Dominic Thiem in straight set to win his 17th Grand Slam Title. With the win, Nadal joins Australia's Margaret Court as the only player to win 11 titles at the same major.

78. Who has been appointed as the Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA)?

- A. J N Dixit
- B. M K Narayanan
- C. Pankaj Saran
- D. Brajesh Mishra
- E. Amit Mishra

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| India's envoy to Russia, Pankaj Saran has been appointed the Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) for a period of two years.

Ajit Doval is the National Security Adviser (NSA) of India.

79. Which of the following countries will host a West Asia Football Federation championship in the southern city of Basra in November, the first international tournament to be staged in the country since the 1990s?

- A. Kuwait
- B. Iran
- C. Iraq
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Jordan

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| **Iraq** is to host a West Asia Football Federation championship in the southern city of Basra in November, the first international tournament to be staged in the country since the 1990s.

Iraq Capital – Baghdad

Iraq Currency – Iraqi Dinar

80. Which of the following university has received Centre 's grant of five crore rupees for setting up a 'Yoga Gram' in the campus?

- A. Indian Institute of Science
- B. Jawaharlal Nehru University
- C. Visva Bharati University
- D. University of Calcutta
- E. Aligarh Muslim University

Answer ||| C

Solution ||| Visva Bharati University has received Centre 's grant of five crore rupees for setting up a 'Yoga Gram' in the campus.

The university will introduce people to undiluted, purest form of yoga dating back to the ancient times.



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