

## Solutions

1. Ans. A.  
India's dominating wrestler Bajrang Punia opened India's gold medal account by defeating Japan's Daichi Takatani in the final of Men's freestyle 65 kg. category in the Asian Games 2018.
2. Ans. D.  
Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has been re-elected as the new President of Mali for a five-year term after winning a landslide in a runoff ballot.
3. Ans. C.  
The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has constituted a three-member committee headed by B Sesikeran (former director of National Institute of Nutrition) to look into the draft food labelling and display regulations.  
The regulations have proposed making red colour-coded labels mandatory on packaged food products which are high in fat, sugar and salt contents.
4. Ans. A.  
Senior BJP leader Lalji Tandon has been appointed the Governor of Bihar, replacing Satya Pal Malik.
5. Ans. D.  
The Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Peace Mission 2018 exercise started at Chebarkul, Russia.  
In the exercise, the Russian Army has the major participation of 1,700 personnel followed by China with 700 and India with 200 personnel.  
The SCO Peace Mission Exercise is one of the major defence cooperation initiatives amongst SCO nations and will be a landmark event in the history of SCO defence cooperation.
6. Ans. B.  
The Arunachal Pradesh government will organize a youths' conclave "ATAL - Arunachal Transformation & Aspirational Leadership" in Itanagar (Arunachal Pradesh) on September 2018.
7. Ans. D.  
IFSC Code is the acronym for Indian Financial System Code developed by RBI - Reserve Bank of India as a unique Identification code to each of the bank branches in India.  
  
The Bank IFSC Code consists of 11 alphanumeric characters that uniquely identifies a bank-branch participating in the RTGS and NEFT system.  
The Payment System Applications such as Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS), National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) and Centralized Funds Management System (CFMS) uses Bank IFSC code to identify the transaction data.
8. Ans. B.  
SARFAESI stands for Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest.
9. Ans. A.  
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that the bank is planning to release a new lavender-coloured Rs 100 note which would have RBI Governor Urjit Patel's signature on it.
10. Ans. D.  
The book 'Gandhi: The Years That Changed the World, 1914-1948' has been written by Ramachandra Guha.  
It will be published by Penguin Random House India.  
The book will not only tell the story of Gandhi's life, from his departure from South Africa to his dramatic assassination in 1948, but also the history of our freedom movement and its many strands.
11. Ans. B.  
The Odisha Government has launched a health insurance scheme 'Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana' for journalists of the state.  
Under this scheme, at least five members of the journalist's family would be covered.  
The scribes will get their health insurance card from the District Information and Public Relations Officer (DIPRO) in their respective districts.
12. Ans. D.  
Mahi Bajaj Sagar Dam is a dam across the Mahi River. It is situated 16 kilometres from Banswara town in Banswara district Rajasthan, India. The dam was constructed between 1972 and 1983 for the purposes of hydroelectric power generation and water supply. It is the second largest dam in Rajasthan. It is named after Jamnalal Bajaj.



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13. Ans. D.  
**Baglihar Dam** also known as **Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project** is a run-of-the-river power project on the **Chenab River** in the southern Doda district of the Indian controlled state of **Jammu and Kashmir**.
14. Ans. D.  
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport is located in the city of Nagpur, in Maharashtra. It is named after Dr B.R. Ambedkar, best known for drafting the Indian constitution and an intellectual who fought for Dalit assertion.
15. Ans. C.  
The Keibul Lamjao National Park is in Bishnupur district of **Manipur**. The Keibul Lamjao, the only floating national park in the world, is home to the last of the brown-antlered deer, one of the most endangered deer in the world.
16. Ans. A.  
Veteran journalist, author and human rights activist, Kuldip Nayar passed away in New Delhi.  
Nayar served as High Commissioner of India to the UK in 1990 and as a member of the Rajya Sabha.  
Mr Nayar was the author of 15 books including "Beyond the Lines", "India after Nehru" and "Emergency Retold".
17. Ans. D.  
Renowned aerospace scientist Dr G Satheesh Reddy has been appointed as the new chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for a period of two years.  
The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is an agency charged with the military's research and development, headquartered in New Delhi, India.
18. Ans. C.  
The state bank of India (SBI) has changed names and IFSC codes of nearly 1,300 branches across the country.  
SBI branches have been changed across the country as per the SBI list enlisting the old and new IFSC codes after rationalisation/merger with associate banks and BMB.
- SBI had 22,428 branches across the country by the end of the first quarter of the current fiscal.
19. Ans. A.  
Chinese Taipei's Tzu Ying has won the gold medal at the 2018 Asian Games Badminton Championship 2018 in Jakarta.  
PV Sindhu lost 13-21 16-21 to Tai Tzu Ying (World No 1).
20. Ans. E.  
The National Sports Day is celebrated on 29th August every year to mark the birthday of legendary hockey player Dhyan Chand. Dhyan Chand Known as 'The Magician' of hockey for his superb ball control.  
In 1956, The Government of India awarded him the third highest civilian honour of Padma Bhushan.
21. Ans. B.  
North Korea will host the 2019 Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Pyongyang (Capital of North Korea) from 27th October.
22. Ans. C.  
Indian javelin thrower 'Neeraj Chopra' has become the first Indian to win gold medal at the Asian Games 2018. Chopra managed a personal best throw of 88.06 to bag the top prize in the javelin throw.
23. Ans. E.  
The book 'Atal Ji Ne Kaha' has been authored and compiled by Brijendra Rehi. The book has 26 chapters based on former Prime Minister's speeches which is on economy, policies, small industries, social development, nuclear programme, science and technology or terrorism.
24. Ans. C.  
The Odisha government has launched a programme Mu Hero, Mu Odisha (I am Hero-I am Odisha) to identify and to give recognition to the young achievers of the state.
25. Ans. C.  
The PepsiCo Chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi has been selected as Asia Society's Game Changer of the Year for 2018 in recognition of her pioneering business achievements, humanitarian record, and advocacy for women and girls around the world.
26. Ans. B.  
Spice Jet is the first Indian airline to fly on biofuel. The Developed countries (Canada,



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- Australia and US) have already conducted these test flights, India would be the first developing nation to experiment that.
27. Ans. A.  
The union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj has inaugurated the two- day 3rd Indian Ocean Conference in Hanoi (capital of Vietnam). The theme for the year is "Building Regional Architectures".
28. Ans. B.  
India's Tejinder Pal Singh Toor won the Gold medal in Men's Shot Put at the 18th Asian Games in Jakarta, Indonesia.  
He won the event with an Asian Games record throw of 20.75 meters.
29. Ans. E.  
Treasurer Scott Morrison has become Australia's new Prime Minister after winning a Liberal party leadership vote.  
The Prime Minister of Australia is appointed by the Governor-General of Australia under Section 64 of the Australian Constitution.
30. Ans. D.  
The First 'Nepal-India Think Tank' Summit was held in Kathmandu (Nepal) to strengthen bilateral relations between India and Nepal through multi-faceted collaboration among think-tanks in both the countries.  
The summit is being jointly organized by the Asian Institute of Diplomacy and International Affairs & Nehru Memorial Museum Library.
31. Ans. D.  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi awarded **HDFC bank** for the best performing primary lending institution in credit-linked subsidy scheme (CLSS) for the EWS (Economically Weaker Section) and LIG (Low Income Group) category.  
CLSS was introduced in June 2015 under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for home loans to customers.
32. Ans. D.  
India's first three-day International Blockchain Congress (IBC) will be held at Hyderabad and Goa.  
The objective of the IBC is to bring thought-provoking conversations on blockchain for next-generation financial services.  
The first two days of the IBC will be organised at Hyderabad and the third day will be hosted in Goa.
33. Ans. D.  
The Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award 2018 (24th) will be given to former West Bengal Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi for his outstanding contribution towards promotion of communal harmony.  
The Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award was instituted by All India Congress Committee of the Indian National Congress Party (INC).  
The award carries a citation and a cash award of Rs. 10 lakhs.
34. Ans. C.  
India ranks 96th among 193 countries in the bi-annual United Nation's E-Government Index 2018.  
The E-Government Development Index (EGDI) is a composite index based on the weighted average of three normalized indices to assesses e-government development at the national level.  
The E-Government survey is released by the United Nations in every two years.
35. Ans. B.  
Sahitya Academy awardee Bengali writer 'Ramapada Chowdhury' passed away at in Kolkata.  
Chowdhury's novel 'Abhimanyu' was based on the life and work of Dr Subhas Mukhopadhyay who created India's first and the world's second test-tube baby in 1978.
36. Ans. B.  
The Chhattisgarh Government has launched a smartphone distribution scheme 'Mobile Tihar', under Sanchar Kranti Yojna (SKY) in Raipur.  
The smartphone distribution scheme includes distribution of smartphones to women (45 lakhs) & children (5 lakhs) and setting up new mobile towers (556).
37. Ans. C.  
The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports is celebrating Swachhta Pakhwada (from August 1 to 15, 2018) under the Swachh Bharat Mission Programme.
38. Ans. B.  
Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab has been selected for the Outstanding Parliamentary Award for the year 2017.  
The Outstanding Parliamentarian Award is an award given by the Indian Parliamentary Group to an outstanding sitting Member of



the Indian Parliament for overall contribution in the Indian Parliament.

**Note:**

- **Dr Najma Heptulla:** She is former Rajya Sabha MP and was selected for this award for the year 2013.
- **Hukumdev Narayan Yadav:** He is Lok Sabha MP and was selected for this award for the year for 2014.
- **Ghulam Nabi Azad:** He is Rajya Sabha and was selected for this award for the year for 2015.
- **Dinesh Trivedi:** He is Lok Sabha MP and was selected for 2016.

39. Ans. D.

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has launched the Mission Solar Charkha for implementation of 50 Solar Charkha Clusters across the country.

Solar Charkha Units have been classified as village industries.

40. Ans. B.

The Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh Jai Ram Thakur has launched 'horn not ok' awareness campaign and 'Shaur Nahin' mobile application in Shimla.

The objective of the campaign to spread awareness of unnecessary blowing horn as it creates unnecessary noise pollution and is harmful to health.

41. Ans. D.

The Union government has distributed cooking gas connection to five crore beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana in 27 months instead of 35 months.

Under the scheme, the government provides a subsidy of Rs 1,600 to state-owned fuel retailers for every free LPG gas connection that they install in poor rural households.

42. Ans. E.

India has been elected as the President of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) for a period of two years. The broadcaster from 26 countries in the region including India is full members of the organization.

The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) was established in 1977 under the auspices of UNESCO.

43. Ans. C.

Software developer Ranjit Srivastava has developed the world's first Hindi-speaking humanoid robot 'Rashmi'.

AI-powered robot 'Rashmi' can speak Hindi, Bhojpuri and Marathi along with English and is equipped with facial expressions and recognition systems.

Rashmi uses linguistic interpretation (LI), artificial intelligence (AI), visual data and facial recognition systems.

44. Ans. E.

The three days 10th International conference on oral implantology was held in New Delhi to enhance the awareness and knowledge on the latest innovations and technologies in oral implantology world over.

45. Ans. E.

'Maitree 2018' the joint military exercise has been started between India and Thailand. The exercise will emphasize to hone the tactical and technical skills in joint counterinsurgency and counter-terrorist operations in the rural and urban scenario under UN mandate.

46. Ans. A.

Ireland will host the International Congress of Parliamentary Women's Caucuses (IWPC) 2018. The conference will be held at Dublin Castle on 9-10 September 2018.

47. Ans. B.

The Andhra Pradesh Government has approved an unemployment allowance scheme "Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestam" through which an allowance of Rs 1000 per month will be provided to unemployed youth in the state.

Unemployed youths with a degree or diploma between the ages of 22 and 35 years are eligible to avail the benefit.

48. Ans. C.

The Netherlands won the women's Hockey World Cup 2018 after defeating Ireland 6-0 in the final at the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre in London (England).

Spain won the third-place match by beating Australia 3-1 to claim their first ever World Cup medal.

49. Ans. C.

Rajya Sabha elected Harivansh Narayan Singh as Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairperson against the B K Hariprasad.



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The last Deputy Chair of Rajya Sabha was Prof P J Kurien (tenure ended on 1st July this year).

The Deputy Chairman is a constitutional position (under Article 89 of the Constitution), specifies that Rajya Sabha shall choose one of its MPs to be the Deputy Chairman as often as the position becomes vacant.

50. Ans. B.

The International Day of the World's Indigenous People is observed on 9th August each year to promote and protect the rights of the world's indigenous population.

The theme of this year is - 'Indigenous peoples' migration and movement'.

51. Ans. A.

The Chief Minister of Goa Manohar Parrikar flagged off the Goa Tourism Development Corporation's app-based taxi service 'GoaMiles' in Panaji.

The 'GoaMiles' would ensure that commuters are not cheated and at the same time would increase the earnings of taxi drivers by 'two to three' times.

52. Ans. B.

The Union Minister Suresh Prabhu has launched mobile app 'Niryat Mitra' to provides the wide range of information required to undertake international trade right from the policy provisions for export and import, applicable GST rate, available export incentives, tariff, preferential tariff, market access requirements - SPS and TBT measures.

The app has been developed by the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), the largest exporters' organisation in the country.

53. Ans. E.

The 18th International Children's Film Festival has been inaugurated in Kolkata by West Bengal Governor K N Tripathi.

The festival is being organised by Cine Central, one of the oldest cine clubs of the country in collaboration with the UNICEF.

54. Ans. C.

The 3rd edition of the Kabir festival 2018, that celebrates the spirit of 15th-century mystic poet Kabir, will be organized in Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh on November 16. The annual festival conceived by the

Mahindra group and Teamwork Arts, will feature a two-day programme of music, literature, talks and city explorations.

55. Ans. D.

Star Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra will be the flag bearer for the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony of the 2018 Asian Games in Indonesia.

The Games will be held from August 18 to September 2 in the Indonesian cities of Jakarta and Palembang.

56. Ans. E.

The President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the 'One District One Product' Summit in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh.

The tagline of the summit was 'Nayi Udaan, Nayi Pehchan'.

The Summit was organised by the Uttar Pradesh government to promote traditional industries in every district of the state.

57. Ans. A.

The theme of International Youth Day (IYD) 2018 is "Safe Spaces for Youth".

The International Youth Day (IYD) is celebrated every year on 12th August to recognize the efforts of the world's youth in enhancing global society.

58. Ans. B.

Axis Bank has become India's first bank to introduce Iris Scan Authentication feature for Aadhaar-based transactions through its micro ATM tablets.

Iris scan technology is completely contactless and provides up to 98.2% authentication success rate and offers an edge over other prevalent biometric modes.

59. Ans. C.

The book 'Bebak Baat' authored by the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation Shri Vijay Goel.

60. Ans. C.

The Union government has appointed Ram Sewak Sharma (Indian Administrative Service -1978 batch) as the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) chairman for two years.

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) is a statutory body set up by the Government of India under section 3 of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act, 1997.



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61. Ans. C.  
Indian author Annie Zaidi has won the Hindu Playwright Award 2018 for her play 'Untitled' at the 14th edition of The Hindu Theatre Fest at the Taj Coromandel.  
The award has been instituted in 2008 for the best original, unpublished and unperformed play script in English.
62. Ans. D.  
NASA has launched Parker Solar Probe, a historic mission to touch the sun.  
The car-sized spacecraft will travel directly into the Sun's atmosphere, about four million miles from its surface and more than seven times closer than any spacecraft has come before.
63. Ans. B.  
The Nepal-India Literature Festival 2018 has been inaugurated by the Chief Minister of Province 2 Mohammad Lalbabu Raut in Birgunj, Nepal.  
The festival is aimed at strengthening Indo-Nepal ties.
64. Ans. D.  
Exim Bank of India has signed a multilateral cooperation agreement with member development banks of BRICS to undertake "collaborative research" in distributed ledger/blockchain technology.  
Exim Bank of India is the nominated member development bank under the BRICS Interbank Cooperation Mechanism.
65. Ans. C.  
India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team for anti-terrorist operations has been inducted in Delhi Police.
66. Ans. A.  
In the latest round of cleanliness assessment study released by Railway ministry, Rajasthan's Jodhpur (A1 category) has emerged the cleanliest among the major stations in the country.
67. Ans. C.  
Pune has been ranked first in the Ease of Living Index 2018 launched by the union minister Hardeep Singh Puri.  
The survey was conducted on 111 cities in the country, based on four parameters governance, social institutions, economic and physical infrastructure.
68. Ans. B.  
Senior IAS officer Ashish Kumar Bhutani has been appointed Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) till 2020.  
The PMFBY is the government-sponsored crop insurance scheme that integrates multiple stakeholders on a single platform.
69. Ans. D.  
China has successfully tested its first cutting-edge wave rider hypersonic aircraft 'Xingkong-2' which could carry nuclear warheads and penetrate any current generation anti-missile defence systems.
70. Ans. E.  
European city Vienna (Austria's capital) has been named the world's most liveable city in 2018 Global Liveability Index released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).  
The Economist Intelligence Unit's (EIU) Liveability Index ranks 140 cities each year on those topics, as well as stability, culture, and environment.
71. Ans. D.  
Mario Abdo Benítez (46-year) has been sworn in as the new President of Paraguay after defeating his liberal rival in April elections.  
Paraguay is a landlocked country in central South America, bordered by Argentina to the south and southwest, Brazil to the east and northeast, and Bolivia to the northwest.
72. Ans. A.  
NITI Aayog has launched a mobility pitch competition 'Pitch to MOVE' to provide budding entrepreneurs of India with a unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury.  
The objective of the competition to identify and reward the start-ups offering innovative solutions for shared, connected and environment-friendly mobility.
73. Ans. E.  
The Union Minister Mr. Nitin Gadkari has announced the appointment of film actor Akshay Kumar as Road Safety Brand Ambassador.  
Mr. Gadkari has launched the three short films for generating public awareness towards road safety.
74. Ans. C.  
The Union government has constituted a coordination committee headed by the Central Water Commission Chairman "Narendra Kumar" to coordinate the discharge of floodwaters from inter-State



- projects involving Kerala and Tamil Nadu, including Mullaperiyar and Aliyar.
75. Ans. B.  
Thayong village (Manipur) has organized ten days pineapple festival aimed at encouraging farmers and locals to plant and cultivate pineapples.  
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76. Ans. A.  
Former Indian off-spinner Ramesh Powar has been appointed as the head coach of India women's cricket team till the ICC World T20 (in November 2018).
77. Ans. C.  
The World Humanitarian Day (WHD) is observed across the world every year on 19th August to recognize the work of humanitarian personnel and those who have lost their lives working for humanitarian causes.
78. Ans. E.  
The 11th World Hindi Conference 2018 (WHC) started in Port Louis, Mauritius with the theme "Hindi World and Indian Culture". The objective of the Conference is to expand the reach of the Hindi language at a global level.
79. Ans. D.  
The 18th edition of the Asian Games officially kicks off in Jakarta, Indonesian. Around 11,000 athletes (from 45 countries) is participating in 40 sports and 67 disciplines consisting of 28 Olympic sports, 4 new Olympic sports, and 8 non-Olympic sports.

80. Ans. C.  
Rajasthan state will observe September as the "month of nutrition" to create awareness among people living in the state.  
From September, the students of the state will get milk on daily basis, for which additional funds of Rs 203 crore has been allocated.
81. Ans. E.  
Former cricketer & Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) Chief Imran Khan has taken oath as the 22nd Prime Minister of the country.  
Khan bagged 176 votes opponent and Chief of Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) Shehbaz Sharif managed to secure 96 votes.
82. Ans. B.  
Jim Corbett National Park is located in Nanital district of Uttarakhand. It is the oldest national park in India and was established in 1936 on the name of British-Indian hunter James Edward Corbett.
83. Ans. B.  
The **Mullaiperiyar Dam** is a masonry gravity dam on the **Periyar River** in the Indian state of **Kerala**. It is located **881 m** above mean **sea level**, on the **Cardamom Hills** of the Western Ghats in **Thekkady**, Idukki District of Kerala. It has been a **subject of controversy** between **Tamil Nadu and Kerala**.
84. Ans. E.  
Nicosia is the capital of Cyprus. Cyprus is an island country in the Eastern Mediterranean and the third largest island in the Mediterranean.

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