

## Solutions

1. Ans. E.  
Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$375 million loan agreement to contribute to double farming incomes in Madhya Pradesh by expanding irrigation networks and system efficiency. The Madhya Pradesh Irrigation Efficiency Improvement Project will develop 125,000 hectares of new, highly efficient and climate resilient irrigation networks and improve water use efficiency in more than 400 villages, benefiting over 800,000 people in Madhya Pradesh.
2. Ans. D.  
The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has sanctioned Rs. 335 crore under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) to West Bengal. The fund would be used for 158 minor irrigation projects and 23 flood protection projects.
3. Ans. B.  
DBS Bank has been named the world's best bank by Global Finance magazine, in a reflection of its ability to invest in digital innovation while still maintaining stable operations for its customers. DBS is the first Asian bank to receive the accolade from the New York-based publication. DBS Bank is a multinational banking and financial services corporation headquartered in Marina Bay, Singapore.
4. Ans. A.  
Indian Banking Conclave 2018 is being organized by the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR) and the government Think Tank NITI Aayog in New Delhi between August 23-24, 2018. Two-day conclave organized is planned in such a way that deliberations on every issue that is good for the banking industry and such issues that are plaguing the sector will be compiled in the form of a report for handing it over to the government so that action can be initiated on them in the long run.
5. Ans. B.  
The World Bank launched bond-I (blockchain operated new debt instrument), the world's first bond to be created, allocated, transferred and managed through its life cycle using distributed ledger technology. The two-year bond raised A\$110 million, marking the first time that investors have supported the World Bank's development activities in a transaction that is fully managed using the blockchain technology.
6. Ans. B.  
Swapna Barman has become the first Indian woman to win Asian Games gold at Jakarta. Her father Panchanan Barman was a van rickshaw puller but has been bedridden for the last few years due to his old age.
7. Ans. D.  
Under the Swadhar Greh scheme, The Krishna Kutir is a special home for 1000 widows set up by the Ministry of Women & Child Development. The construction of the home has been funded by Central Government and managed by Uttar Pradesh Government.
8. Ans. B.  
The Madhya Pradesh government has organized an interactive programme "Mil - Banche" in government schools of state. It is being organized for multi-dimensional development of children through language skill up-gradation, reading other books in addition to textbooks, developing interest in understanding and other co-curricular activities.
9. Ans. C.  
The Government of India has signed USD 346 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for Karnataka State Highways improvement Project.
10. Ans. A.  
Indian Railways has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GAIL India Ltd for use of 'Natural Gas' in Railway workshops and production units.
11. Ans. C.  
The two days 4th International Ayurveda Congress (IAvC) 2018 has been inaugurated by Minister of State for AYUSH Shripad Yesso Naik at Leiden, the Netherlands. A special Seminar is also organized by the Indian Embassy titled "India-Netherlands collaboration in Healthcare, including Ayurveda".



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12. Ans. D.  
The Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javedkar has launched the Innovation Cell and Atal Ranking of Institutions on innovation Achievements (ARIIA) in New Delhi to foster culture of innovation in Higher Education Institutions.
13. Ans. D.  
Punjab National Bank, Managing Director & CEO Sunil Mehta has been elected as the Chairman of Indian Banks Association (IBA) for the year 2018-19.  
Managing Director and CEO of Bank of India 'Dinabandhu Mohapatra' has been elected as IBA's Deputy Chairman.
14. Ans. D.  
Dr B.K. Misra has been named for prestigious Dr B.C. Roy National Award 2018 as an Eminent Medical Person of the Year. Bidhan Chandra Roy Award was instituted in 1962 in memory of B. C. Roy by Medical Council of India.
15. Ans. A.  
Influential Jain Muni Tarun Sagar passed away after the prolonged illness in Delhi. He was popularly known for his sermons titled 'Kadve Pravachan'.  
Tarun Sagar was born on 26th June 1967 in a small village Guhanchi in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh, India.
16. Ans. C.  
The theme of 2018 World Coconut Day was 'Coconut for Good Health, Wealth & Wellness'.  
World Coconut Day is celebrated every year on 2nd September. This day is declared as World Coconut Day by the Asian and Pacific Coconut Community (APCC).
17. Ans. A.  
Japan's young swimmer Rikako Ikee (18-years) has been named the 2018 Indonesia Asian Games' Most Valuable Player (MVP) after winning 6 gold and 2 silver medals. She won the 50m and 100m freestyle, 50m and 100m butterfly as well as the 4x100m freestyle and medley relays.
18. Ans. A.  
Singapore hosted the 6th East Asia Summit-Economic Ministers' Meeting (EAS-EMM) It was attended by Economic Ministers from 10 ASEAN countries and their 8 dialogue partners Australia, China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea, New Zealand, the Russian Federation and the United States.
19. Ans. C.  
The joint military exercise "Rapid Trident 2018" has started in the western Ukrainian village of Starychi. The objective of the exercise is to practice countering armed aggression in conditions of the hybrid war.
20. Ans. B.  
Nepal hosted the International Women Entrepreneurs Summit (IWES) 2018 in Kathmandu with the theme "Equality begins with Economic Empowerment".  
The event is organised by the South Asian Women Development Forum (SAWDF).
21. 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.
22. Ans. B.  
Former Maharashtra football player Arthur Pereira passed away in Mumbai.  
After his playing career, Pereira became a Physical Education teacher at St Joseph's School in suburban Malad.
23. Ans. C.  
Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh unanimously re-elected as Regional Director (top WHO position in South-East Asia Region) for another five-year term beginning February 2019.  
The elections were held at the ongoing regional committee meeting of WHO South-East Asia.
24. Ans. D.  
Under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, the account holders are eligible for an overdraft of Rs. 10000 from the bank after six months of opening of the bank account.
25. Ans. D.  
India's HDFC ERGO has announced the launch of 'E @ Secure', a Cyber Insurance Policy for individuals.  
HDFC ERGO's E @ Secure Insurance policy offers comprehensive protection against cyber risks and frauds carried out from any device and from any location worldwide.



26. Ans. B.  
The first round of the 'two-plus-two dialogue' between India and the US held in New Delhi.  
Sushma Swaraj (External Affairs Minister) and Nirmala Sitharaman (Defence Minister) are holding the dialogue with Michael Pompeo (US Secretary of State) and James Mattis (US Defence Secretary).
27. Ans. E.  
Indian Air Force (IAF) has participated in Exercise Pitch Black 2018 at Darwin, Australia.  
Sixteen different nations from across the globe, including French Air Force (FAF) participated in this exercise.
28. Ans. E.  
The Mahatma Gandhi International Sanitation Convention (MGISC-2018) will be organized by the Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in New Delhi on 29<sup>th</sup> September to mark the beginning of the 150<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi
29. Ans. B.  
Assam govt. has made Asian Games medalist Hima Das (Indian sprinter) as the Sports Ambassador of the state. Recently, Hima won 3 medals in concluded Asian Games.
30. Ans. C.  
The Home minister Shri Rajnath Singh has inaugurated the 6<sup>th</sup> International Geriatric Orthopaedic Society of India Conference 2018 at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) in New Delhi. The theme of this year is "Increased Longevity with Reduced Fragility and Enhanced Mobility".
31. Ans. C.  
Actor Akshay Kumar has been made the first Honorary Ambassador of the Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Foundation.  
It is the social organisation founded by the family of India's second Prime Minister, Lal Bahadur Shastri.
32. Ans. A.  
The theme of 2018 International Literacy Day is 'Literacy and skills development.'  
The International Literacy Day (ILD) is being observed on 8<sup>th</sup> September every year throughout the world to raise public awareness to eradicate illiteracy and create an environment in favour of adult education programs.
33. Ans. C.  
Noted Odia poet Satrugna Pandav will be honoured with the prestigious 39<sup>th</sup> edition of the 'Sarala Puraskar' award 2018 for his poetry collection 'Misra Dhrupad'.
34. Ans. B.  
The Union Government has appointed Anshula Kant as the Managing Director of the State Bank of India (SBI).  
With this appointment, SBI has four MDs - PK Gupta, DK Khara and Arijit Basu.
35. Ans. C.  
Mercedes' driver Lewis Hamilton has won the Singapore Grand Prix at Marina Bay Street Circuit, in Singapore.  
The 2018 Singapore Grand Prix is a Formula One Moto race held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Marina Bay, Singapore.
36. Ans. B.  
The Asian Paralympic Committee (APC) confirmed that Hangzhou (China) will host the fourth edition of Asian Para Games in 2022.  
The Asian Para Games is a multi-sport event regulated by the Asian Paralympic Committee that held every four years after every Asian Games for athletes with physical disabilities.
37. Ans. C.  
Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) has won the title of Best Airport to handle over 40 million passengers per annum (MPPA) by the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Awards 2017.  
Now, Delhi airport is the seventh busiest airports in Asia and among the top 20 busiest airports in the world.
38. Ans. D.  
Dr. Raghupati Singhania has been conferred with the 'Mexican Order of the Aztec Eagle', the highest honor accorded to non-nationals by the Government of Mexico.  
Dr. Singhania is the Chairman and MD of JK Tyre & Industries Ltd.
39. Ans. A.  
Padmaja Chundru has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of Indian Bank.
40. Ans. C.  
Karnam Sekar has been appointed as the Managing Director & CEO of Dena bank.



41. Ans. B.  
Virat Kohli (Indian Cricket Captain) and Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (world champion Weightlifter) have been selected for this year's prestigious Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2018.  
Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award is given for the spectacular performance in the field of sports by a sportsperson over a period of four years.
42. Ans. D.  
The World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on 21st September to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia. Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a group of disorders that impairs mental functioning.
43. Ans. E.  
Vietnam President Tran Dai Quang passed away after battling a 'serious illness' in Hanoi.  
Quang became Vietnam's president following the 2016 Community Party Congress.  
He had a reputation as a tough leader who was influential within the inner circles of the country's communist party.
44. Ans. D.  
The first General Assembly of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) will be inaugurated on the 2nd of October 2018 in Delhi.  
The ISA is a major initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in contributing to the implementation of the Paris Climate Agreement through the rapid and massive deployment of solar energy.
45. Ans. D.  
The 3rd edition of acclaimed International Business Conference 'MahaBiz 2018' will be held in Dubai,  
MahaBiz is considered a bridge for business opportunities between Maharashtra state and Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) region.
46. Ans. C.  
Assamese film 'Village Rockstars' is India's official entry for Oscars 2019 in the Best Foreign Language film category.  
Village Rockstars is the story of a young girl Dhunu (10-years) who wants to be a guitarist.  
Indian filmmaker Rima Das is the Director of the film, Village Rockstars.
47. Ans. B.  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched the world's largest government-funded healthcare scheme Ayushman Bharat in Jharkhand's capital Ranchi.
48. Ans. E.  
World Rhino Day is being celebrated in Assam.  
Assam state forest minister Parimal Suklabaidya along with others take part in the main event in Guwahati.
49. Ans. D.  
Nepal is likely to be the first country in the world to double its tiger population.  
Nepal announced that there are an estimated 235 wild tigers in the country, nearly doubling the baseline of around 121 tigers in 2009.
50. Ans. A.  
The Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation (LMRC) has become the first ever metro rail corporation from India to bag the International 'Royal Society For The Prevention Of Accidents' (RoSPA) Award at a function in Glasgow, UK.  
LMRC has been given the Silver Award for its Phase 1A (North-South Corridor) in the Project/Infrastructure category for the year 2018.  
RoSPA is a British charity organization that aims for the promotion of safety and prevention of accidents in project execution worldwide.
51. Ans. C.  
Indian actress Jaya Prada has been appointed Goodwill Ambassador for the promotion of Nepal tourism  
The Nepal government has decided to observe the year 2020 as the 'Visit Nepal Year' campaign.
52. Ans. D.  
State-run telecom firm BSNL has inked a pact with Japan's Softbank and NTT Communications to roll out 5G and Internet of Things technology in India.
53. Ans. D.  
Ibrahim Mohammed Solih won the Maldives presidential election. Solih had secured 58.3 percent of the popular vote.



54. Ans. C.  
Prime minister Narendra Modi launched the flagship scheme Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), in Ranchi that provides an annual cover of Rs 5 lakh per poor and vulnerable family.
55. Ans. B.  
Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts among States in terms of "2018 Ease of Living Index" rankings launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
56. Ans. C.  
The Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Arun Jaitley launched [www.psbloansin59minutes.com](http://www.psbloansin59minutes.com) web portal, a transformative initiative in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) credit space.  
The web portal will enable in principle approval for MSME loans up to Rs 1 crore within 59 minutes.
57. Ans. A.  
Croatian footballer Luka Modric (33-year) has been named the world's best male player at the Best FIFA Football Awards 2018 in London.  
He beat former team-mate Cristiano Ronaldo and Liverpool's Mohamed Salah to the award.
58. Ans. E.  
On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, A 'Gandhi Walk' will be held in the capital city of the Netherlands  
The day marked as International Day of Non-Violence, five other events will be held in The Hague, Amsterdam, Utrecht, and Zoetermeer.
59. Ans. D.  
The famous Indra Jatra festival (eight-day long) is being celebrated with gaiety and religious fervor in Kathmandu (Nepal).  
The annual festival Indra Jatra is observed to worship the god Devraj Indra, the lord of rain and good harvest.
60. Ans. E.  
The theme of 2018 World Tourism Day is 'Tourism and the Digital Transformation'.  
The World Tourism Day (WTD) is being observed annually on 27th September (since-1980) to raise awareness about the importance of tourism.
61. Ans. D.  
The World Maritime Day is being observed across the world on 27th September (last Thursday of September) to highlight the importance of shipping safety and maritime security.  
The theme of 2018 is 'IMO 70: Our Heritage – Better Shipping for a Better Future'.
62. Ans. C.  
Prime Minister Narendra Modi awarded with the prestigious UN's (United Nations) Highest Environmental Award for championing the International Solar Alliance.  
The award also recognizes the efforts for promoting new areas of co-operation on environmental action.
63. Ans. D.  
Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated a national literary and intellectual conference 'Lok Manthan 2018' at Khel Gaon in Ranchi.
64. Ans. B.  
The Cochin International Airport was awarded for Entrepreneurial Vision, for its leadership in the use of sustainable energy.  
This world's first fully solar-powered airport proves that green business is good business.
65. Ans. D.  
India to host Deaf T20 World Cup 2018 from 23rd November this year.  
The tournament will see participation from over 200 players across eight countries including England, Australia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, South Africa, apart from India.
66. Ans. D.  
The Central government proposed the amalgamation of State-owned Bank of Baroda, Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank to create India's third largest bank as part of reforms in the public sector banking segment. The amalgamated bank would be the third largest bank in India and will be strong competitive lender with economies of scale.
67. Ans. C.  
Federal Bank, which is in the process of formation of a wholly owned subsidiary company, has executed MOU with Infopark Kakkanad for leasing space in their campus.  
The Bank has already obtained in principle approval of the Reserve Bank of India for



the creation of a subsidiary company. The proposed company will integrate and handle all the back-end operations of the Bank.

68. Ans. A.  
ANBC is investments made by banks in non-SLR bonds held in the held-to-maturity category or credit equivalent amount of off-balance-sheet exposure, whichever is higher. Here, ANBC stands for Adjusted Net Bank Credit. So, C stands for Credit.
69. Ans. C.  
BCA stands for - **Baseline Credit Assessment**  
In May 2018, Moody's Investors Service downgraded Punjab National Bank's rating citing the impact of recent fraud on its capital as well as weak internal controls.
70. Ans. C.  
India Blue has won the 57th edition of Duleep Trophy 2018 by defeating India Red in the final by an innings and 187 runs. The Duleep Trophy is a domestic first-class cricket competition played in India. It was named after Kumar Shri Duleepsinhji of Nawanagar, who played for England.
71. Ans. D.  
India hosted the 4th edition of World Summit on Accreditation (WOSA 2018) in New Delhi with theme "Challenges and Opportunities in Outcome-Based Accreditation".
72. Ans. B.  
**Nassau** is the capital of **Bahamas**.  
**Some facts about the Bahamas**  
**1.** The Bahamas is one of the two countries whose official name begins with the word "the". Another country is "The Gambia".  
**2.** The Bahamas is right on the edge of the infamous Bermuda Triangle.  
**3.** The Bahamas has the world's third largest registry of ships.  
**4.** The Currency of Bahamas is Dollar.
73. Ans. C.  
The next edition of Aero India will be held in Bengaluru from 20 to 24 February 2019.
74. Ans. D.  
Triple jumper Arpinder Singh has become the first Indian to win a medal (bronze medal) in the IAAF Continental Cup at Ostrava in the Czech Republic.

75. Ans. C.  
Ministry of railway launched a web portal 'Rail Sahyog'. The web portal will provide a platform for the Corporates and PSUs to contribute to creation of amenities at/near Railway Stations through Corporate Social Responsibility funds. The companies desirous of contributing can show willingness on the portal by registering their requests. The requests will be processed by Railway officials.
76. Ans. B.  
Amitabh Chaudhry has been appointed as its managing director & CEO of the Axis bank for a period of three years (from 1st January 2019).
77. Ans. B.  
The Delhi government has launched the doorstep delivery of 40 public services for the people living in the national capital. Under the scheme, 40 services, including certificates of marriage, caste, domicile, income, births, deaths and duplicate RC among others, will be delivered.
78. Ans. C.  
The "National Statistics Day" is being observed every year on 29th June in India to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation. The 2018 theme is "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics".
79. Ans. C.  
Actress Aishwarya Rai Bachchan has been honoured with the inaugural Meryl Streep Award for Excellence at a function in USA. WIFT India is a network which promotes professional development and achievement for women in the film industry, video, and other screen-based media.
80. Ans. D.  
Indo-Mongolia joint exercise 'Nomadic Elephant-2018' commenced at Mongolian Armed Forces (MAF) Five Hills Training Area, Ullanbaatar, Mongolia.  
Exercise Nomadic Elephant is an annual, bilateral exercise since 2006 which is designed to strengthen the partnership between Indian Army and Mongolian Armed Forces.



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81. Ans. C.  
The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Daniel Zhang to succeed Jack Ma at Asia's most valuable company Alibaba Group Holding Ltd.
82. Ans. C.  
The India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) has partnered with Financial Software and Systems (FSS) to create payments network for unorganized retail.  
FSS is a payments technology company that enables micro-merchants to accept payments online, or via Unified Payments Interface (UPI), Quick-Response (QR) codes, Aadhaar and IPPB accounts.
83. Ans. B.  
Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary is located in Khammam district, **Telangana** state of India.  
**Note:** The wildlife sanctuary is spread over an area of 635.40 km<sup>2</sup> with the picturesque Kinnerasani Lake with densely forested islands in the middle of the sanctuary.
84. Ans. C.  
The 14th edition of the joint military exercise "Yudh Abhyas 2018" will be conducted between India and United States in the foothills of Himalayas at Chaubattia in Uttarakhand.
85. Ans. D.  
NITI Aayog has collaborated with Intel and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) to set up a Model International Center for Transformative Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI).  
The objective of the collaboration to bring together fundamental and applied research, innovation and technology development to solve important problems.
86. Ans. C.  
SBI Mutual Fund has appointed Ashwani Bhatia as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer with immediate effect. Bhatia takes over from Anuradha Rao after she returned to State Bank of India (SBI) as Deputy Managing Director. Prior to joining SBI Mutual Fund, Bhatia was in charge of revamping the credit structure and processes of the bank.
87. Ans. A.  
The Two-day 2nd India-UAE Partnership Summit (IUPS) will be held in Dubai (from 30th October).

- The India-UAE Partnership Summit is being organised by the Business Leaders Forum (BLF) in partnership with the consulate.
88. Ans. B.  
Assam government will distribute over 1 lakh pump sets to double the farmers' income by 2022.  
The pump sets will be distributed under NABARD's Rural Infrastructure Development Project.
89. Ans. A.  
The Haryana government has signed a MoU (memorandum of understanding) with Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) to set up an ethanol plant in Panipat with an outlay of over Rs 900 crore. The initiative with a proposed capacity of 100 kilolitres of ethanol per day will manage crop residue and prevent straw burning before the upcoming paddy season.
90. Ans. D.  
The union External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj embarked on a two-day visit to Moscow to hold the meeting of the 23rd India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Technical and Economic Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).
91. Ans. C.  
Former India Hockey captain Sardar Singh (32-years) has announced his retirement from international hockey after an illustrious career spanning 12 years. He received the Arjuna award (in 2012) and Padma Shri (in 2015).
92. Ans. C.  
The Losar Festival is celebrated in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir.  
**Note:** The Buddhist Community on the Day of Losar pray and hope that this New Year will bring peace & prosperity.
93. Ans. D.  
Bollywood writer Brij Katyal passed away at a hospice in suburban Bandra. Mr. Katyal penned the story of Shashi Kapoor-Nanda hit 'Jab Jab Phool Khile'. Katyal also has writing credits to his name in many TV serials such as 'Dillagi', 'Saans' and 'Pal Chhin', both directed by Neena Gupta.
94. Ans. B.  
The 2018 G-20 trade and investment ministerial meeting was held at Mar del Plata in Argentina.



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The G20 members include India, Argentina, Brazil, Canada, China, EU, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Russia, South Africa, UK and the US.

95. Ans. A.  
The Supreme Court has appointed a 3-member committee headed by Justice D.K. Jain to probe the harrowing arrest and alleged torture of former space scientist Nambi Narayanan in the 'ISRO spy scandal' that turned out to be fake.
96. Ans. C.  
HDFC Bank retained its top spot in the 'WPP and Kantar Millward Brown's BrandZ 75 Most Valuable Indian Brands' ranking, with a rise of 21 per cent in its brand value to USD 21.7 billion. The new 2018 ranking has grown from 50 to 75 brands to reflect the strength of India's growing economy and a marketplace in which more local brands are emerging to present consumers with increased choice. Insurance brand LIC comes in at the second spot (\$19.8 billion), while Tata Consultancy Services ranked third (\$15 billion).
97. Ans. B.  
The famous '**Bisket Jatra**' festival marks the beginning of a Nepali new year.
- The festival 'Bisket Jatra' is being celebrated in Bhaktapur and the other parts of Kathmandu valley in Nepal.
  - The main attraction of Bisket Jatra is chariot procession of Lord Bhairavanath.
98. Ans. B.  
Super Typhoon Mangkhut killed at least 50 people in the Philippines then skirted to south of Hong Kong, Macau before landing in China.
99. Ans. B.  
Indian five-time world boxing champion M C Mary Kom clinched a gold medal in 48 kg category at Silesian Open boxing in Poland. Former world champion Sarita Devi signed off with a bronze medal in the senior category.
100. Ans. A.  
Paytm Money Ltd, the wholly-owned subsidiary of One97 Communications Ltd targets to sell mutual fund to around 25 million people in the next three to five years. The company is offering systematic investment plans (SIPs) for as low as Rs 100 in some of the schemes as it targets

individual investors sitting in Tier2-3 cities. One97 Communications has committed an investment of \$10 million in Paytm Money which it plans to invest by the end of the financial year 2019.

101. Ans. D.  
Kenyan Eliud Kipchoge set a new marathon world record in the German capital, Berlin clocked 2 hours 1 minute 39 second. He broke the previous world record set in Berlin by fellow Kenyan Dennis Kimetto in 2014 by 1 minute and 18 seconds.
102. Ans. A.  
The Maithon Dam is located at Maithon, 48 km from Dhanbad, in the state of Jharkhand.
103. Ans. D.  
Moutaz Mousa Abdallah has been sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Sudan at the presidential palace in Khartoum.
104. Ans. D.  
India's first exclusive and certified 'Dog Park' has come up in Hyderabad. The park has been developed by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) at a cost of Rs. 1.1 crore on a site which was earlier a dump yard.
105. Ans. C.  
Punjab National Bank (PNB) bagged the "Rajbhasha Kirti" award for outstanding performance in implementing the Official Language Policy during 2017-18.
106. Ans. A.  
PayU India has received Reserve Bank of India's approval to operate its own Non-Banking Finance Company (NBF). It will help PayU to promote inclusive growth in the country by catering to the diverse financial needs of various segments of the society.
107. Ans. C.  
Ministry for Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation launched "Coffee Connect" - India coffee field force app and Coffee Krishi Tharanga - digital mobile extension services for coffee stakeholders at a function here today. The mobile app Coffee Connect has been developed to ease the work of field functionaries and to improve the work efficiency. This application provides solution by harnessing the power of mobility comprising the latest technology in easing the whole process of the field activities like



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digitization of Coffee Growers & Estates with Geo Tagging, collecting the Plantation details.

108. Ans. D.

Mr. Rajiv Gauba (Union Home Secretary) has launched an online 'e-Sahaj' portal for grant of Security Clearance to businesses. The online portal will facilitate an applicant to submit the application online and view the status of his application from time to time.

109. Ans. C.

Pench National Park is in Seoni and Chhindwara districts of **Madhya Pradesh** in India.

110. Ans. A.

Begumpet Airport is in Telengana. Begumpet Airport at Hyderabad, also known as Hyderabad Old Airport, is a civil enclave located in Begumpet. The airport is home to the Rajiv Gandhi Aviation Academy (RGAA) and the Begumpet Air Force Station of the Indian Air Force.

Begumpet used to be International and Domestic airport of Hyderabad, until the opening of the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport on 23rd March 2008 after which Begumpet ceased all commercial civil operations. Begumpet is now used for military aviation training and for flights carrying VIPs

111. Ans. E.

Kerala Tourism has won the two prestigious gold awards of the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) for its innovative marketing campaigns at a glittering function in Langkawi, Malaysia.

The first gold award came for its 'Yalla Kerala' travel advertisement print media campaign in the Gulf countries.

The second gold award came for an innovative poster Kerala Tourism had developed for the third edition of the Kochi-Muziris Biennale (KMB).

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