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1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest rail-road bridge Bogibeel Bridge in Assam. The bridge is built on which river?
A. Manas B. Barak
C. Sankosh D. Bramhaputra
E. Lohit

Ans. D

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25th Dec 2018 inaugurated the 4.94 km long **Bogibeel Bridge** in Assam.

* It is India's longest rail-cum-road road bridge, on the river **Bramhaputra**.

* The bridge is constructed at an estimated cost of 5,800 crore rupees.

* It is situated 17 km downstream of Dibrugarh city in Assam.

2. The government has approved laying a new broad-gauge railway line connecting Rameshwaram with _____.
A. Madurai B. Dhanushkodi
C. Talaimannar D. Pamban
E. None of these

Ans. B

* The government has approved laying a new broad gauge railway line connecting Rameshwaram with Dhanushkodi, which is believed to be the starting point of Ram Sethu and a major pilgrim destination.

* Dhanushkodi railway station was destroyed and abandoned after the 1964 Rameshwaram cyclone and it remains unattended.

* The new railway line will be a boon to pilgrims visiting the place. Hindu pilgrimage at Rameshwaram gets completed only after taking a dip in Dhanushkodi.

* Ram Setu, popularly known as Adam's Bridge lies between Dhanushkodi and Talaimannar in Sri Lanka.

3. What is the name of the Samadhi of Atal Bihari Vajpayee which was dedicated to the Nation on the 94th birth Anniversary of the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?
A. Swaraj Atal B. Sachey Atal
C. Satya Atal D. Sadaiv Atal
E. None of these

Ans. D

* Sadaiv Atal, the Samadhi of Atal Bihari Vajpayee was dedicated to the Nation on the birth Anniversary of the former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

* On 25th December 2018 the President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated late PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's memorial Sadaiv Atal at Rashtriya Smriti Sthal to the nation.

* Sadaiv (always) Atal memorial will be managed by a trust headed by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan.

4. The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Paika Rebellion chair in _____?
A. Indian Institute of Technology Bhubaneswar
B. Utkal University
C. Biju Patnaik University of Technology
D. KIIT University
E. Ravenshaw University

Ans. B

* The Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Paika Rebellion chair in Utkal university, Odisha.

* Utkal University also known as Vani Vihar is the oldest university in Odisha and the 17th-oldest university in India located in Bhubaneswar, Oisha.

* The Paika Rebellion, also called the Paika Bidroha, was an armed rebellion against British East India Company's rule in Odisha in 1817.

* At the IIT Bhubaneswar campus, the Prime Minister released a commemorative stamp and coin on the Paika Rebellion.

5. Which among the following states launched the 'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihar Vajpayee International Schools' for rural students?
A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Gujarat
C. Uttar Pradesh
D. Maharashtra
E. Bihar

Ans. D

* Maharashtra state government has launched the 'Bharat Ratna Atal Bihar Vajpayee International Schools' for rural students.

* The school is affiliated to the Maharashtra International Education Board (MIEB), in which 13 Zilla Parishad Schools will join initially with the curriculum in the students' mother tongue.

* The MIEB has been set up by the state government to achieve higher education standards of global standards in the state.

6. Which state government had announced to install a 25-feet high statue of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?
A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Uttar Pradesh
C. Gujarat
D. Maharashtra
E. Tripura

Ans. B
* Uttar Pradesh government had announced to install a 25-feet high statue of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
* Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath made the announcement at a ceremony held to celebrate Vajpayee's 94th birth anniversary.

7. Which country had decided to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC)?
A. US
B. China
C. France
D. Japan
E. Russia

Ans. D
* Japan has decided to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and will resume commercial whaling July next year.
* However, Japan will not be able to continue the so-called scientific research hunts in the Antarctic that it has been exceptionally allowed as an IWC member under the Antarctic Treaty.
* The withdrawal also means Japan joins Iceland and Norway in openly defying the IWC's ban on commercial whale hunting.

8. Recently, Japan had decided to withdraw from the International Whaling Commission (IWC). The headquarter of IWC is located in _____.
A. Washington D.C., US
B. Paris, France
C. Impington, UK
D. Oslo, Norway
E. Moscow, Russia

Ans. C
The headquarter of International Whaling Commission is in Impington, United Kingdom.
* The International Whaling Commission is an international body set up by the terms of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

9. The Lok Sabha on 27th Dec 2018 passed The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018. As per the bill if a person gives instant triple talaq or talaq-e-biddat then

he/she will be fined with a jail term of up to how many years?

- A. Five years
B. Four years
C. Three years
D. Two years
E. None of these

Ans. C
* The Lok Sabha on 27th Dec 2018 passed The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Bill, 2018.

* As per the bill if a person gives instant triple talaq or talaq-e-biddat then he/she will be fined with a jail term of up to three years.

* The Bill will replace the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Ordinance-2018.

10. Dwijing Festival was held recently in which state?
A. Manipur
B. Kerala
C. Jharkhand
D. Sikkim
E. Assam

Ans. E
* In Assam, the third Dwijing Festival has begun on the bank of **Aye river** at Chirang district.

* Around 15 lakh tourists are expected to participate in the festival.

* Assam PHE minister Rihon Daimary inaugurated the festival in presence of several dignitaries.

* Participants from Thailand, Bhutan and Bangladesh are also taken part in the festival.

11. Who has been appointed as managing director and chief executive officer of the Corporation Bank?
A. K Ramachandran
B. R.K. Sharma
C. P V Bharathi
D. Birupaksha Mishra
E. Balakrishna Alse

Ans. C
* P V Bharathi has been appointed as managing director and chief executive officer of the Corporation Bank.

* At present, she is the Executive Director of the Canara Bank.

* She will take over the charge on or after February 1, 2019 and remain in the post till March 31, 2020.

12. According to the Niti Aayog Second Delta Ranking of the Aspirational Districts Programme, which among the following districts topped the list of the most improvement district?
A. Nuapada, Odisha
B. Virudhunagar, Tamil Nadu
C. Siddarthnagar, Uttar Pradesh
D. Aurangabad, Bihar
E. Koraput, Odisha

Ans. B
* Niti Aayog CEO released the Second Delta Ranking of the Aspirational Districts Programme.

* The ranking details the incremental progress achieved by the districts during June to October this year across six key development sectors.

List of most improvement district are as follow:

* **Virudhunagar district in Tamil Nadu topped the list of the most improvement district.**

* Nuapada district in Odisha ranked second.

* Siddarthnagar in Uttar Pradesh ranked third.

* Bihar's Aurangabad ranked fourth.

* Koraput in Odisha ranked fifth in the list of the most improvement district.

13. Jyoti Randhawa is in news recently. He is associated with which sports?
A. Hockey B. Golf
C. Badminton D. Shooting
E. Chess

Ans. B
* International golfer Jyoti Randhawa has been arrested by the Uttar Pradesh Forest Department for poaching.

* He plays on the Asian Tour where he won 8 times between 1998 and 2009.

* He was ranked in the top 100 of the Official World Golf Ranking several times between 2004 and 2009.

14. The Indian Navy has commissioned which Naval hospital, at the Naval station Karanja in Uran near Mumbai.?
A. INHS Asvini
B. INHS Ezhimala
C. INHS Sandhani
D. INHS Kalyani
E. None of these

Ans. C

* The Indian Navy has commissioned INHS Sandhani, its tenth Naval hospital, at the Naval station Karanja in Uran near Mumbai.

* Preeti Luthra, President of NWWA (Navy Wives Welfare Association), Western Region, unveiled the commissioning plaque of the hospital.

* Indian Naval Hospital Ship (INHS) Sandhani is the tenth naval hospital of the Indian Navy, said an official.

15. The International Gita Mahotsav 2018 concluded in ____.
A. Jaipur, Rajasthan
B. Amritsar, Punjab
C. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
D. Kurukshetra, Haryana
E. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Ans. D
* International Gita Mahotsav 2018 concluded in Kurukshetra, Haryana.

* In this year's edition, Mauritius was the partner country and Gujarat was the partner state.

* Mauritius to organize Gita festival in February 2019.

16. Who among the following crowned with the prestigious Mrs. India 2018 Title at the Mrs. India My Identity Beauty Pageant 2018?
A. Gita Kapoor
B. Niharika Sharma
C. Divya Patidar Joshi
D. Sakshi Jain
E. Neha Arora

Ans. C
* Divya Patidar Joshi of Madhya Pradesh was crowned with the prestigious **Mrs. India 2018 Title.**

* The Mrs. India My Identity Beauty Pageant 2018 finale was held in Delhi on 25th Dec 2018.

* Divya won the crown of Mrs India this year from among 24 promising contestants.

* She won all the rounds of Beauty with Brain contest along with Best Cat Walk title.

* Now, in the year 2019, she would be representing for Mrs. Universe title.

17. The Central Railways introduces which technology to eliminate manual examination of trains?
A. APES B. ATES
C. TERS D. ATEPS
E. FPAES

- Ans. B
- * The Central Railways introduces **Automated Train Examination System** (ATES) technology to eliminate manual examination of trains.
 - * The mechanical branch of Central Railways' Nagpur division has introduced a new state-of-the-art technology called **Automated Train Examination System** (ATES) for the enhancement of train safety.
 - * The system, developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, eliminates manual examination of trains and measures axle box temperature, wheel disc temperature and records the under-gear of rolling stock of running trains through infrared and other cameras.
18. The mechanical branch of Central Railways' Nagpur division has introduced a new state-of-the-art technology called ATES for the enhancement of train safety. Here 'ATES' stands for ____.
- A. Automatic Train Excel System
 - B. Automated Train Examination System
 - C. Auto Train Examination System
 - D. Alerted Train Examination Security
 - E. Artificial Train Expansion Security
- Ans. B
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19. The Central Railways introduces Automated Train Examination System (ATES) technology to eliminate manual examination of trains. Which division of the mechanical branch of Central Railways' introduced the ATES technology?
- A. Varanasi division
 - B. Gwalior division
 - C. Chennai division
 - D. Nagpur division
 - E. Patiala division
- Ans. D
- * The Central Railways introduces **Automated Train Examination System** (ATES) technology to eliminate manual examination of trains.
 - * The mechanical branch of Central Railways' **Nagpur division** has introduced a new state-of-the-art technology called **Automated Train Examination System** (ATES) for the enhancement of train safety.
 - * The system, developed by Konkan Railway Corporation Limited, eliminates manual examination of trains and measures axle box temperature, wheel disc temperature and records the under-gear of rolling stock of running trains through infrared and other cameras.
20. Which of the following state government has declared Kuno as a 'National Park' with inclusion of an area spread along 404.0758 sq.km?
- A. Rajasthan
 - B. West Bengal
 - C. Gujarat
 - D. Madhya Pradesh
 - E. Tamil Nadu
- Ans. D
- * Madhya Pradesh forest department notify Kuno as a 'national park'.
 - * State government has declared Kuno National Park with inclusion of an area spread along 404.0758 sq.km in addition to the earlier notified area of 344.686 sq km making a total of 748.7618 sq km area.
 - * The move is expected to pave way for translocation of lions from Gir in Gujarat to Kuno.
 - * The MP forest department had promised to complete all formal processes of declaring Kuno as a 'national park' by the end of February 2019.
21. Who sworn in as the Chief minister of Chhattisgarh state?
- A. Ajit Jogi
 - B. Raman Singh
 - C. Bhupesh Baghel
 - D. Hira Lal Devpura
 - E. P L Punia
- Ans. C

- Chhattisgarh Congress president Bhupesh Baghel sworn-in as the new chief minister of Chhattisgarh.
Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Anandiben Patel administered the oath ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, in the state capital Raipur.
22. Who has won the prestigious 2018 BWF World Tour Finals trophy at Guangzhou, China?
A. Saina Nehwal B. Saili Rane
C. P V Sindhu D. Rituparna Das
E. Aparna Popat
- Ans. C
Ace Indian shuttler P V Sindhu has lifted the prestigious season-ending World Tour Finals trophy at Guangzhou, China.
She defeated Japan's Nozomi Okuhara 21-19, 21-17 in the summit clash.
23. Who will receive the country's highest literary honour Jnanpith Award 2018?
A. Dr K V Puttappa
B. Amitav Ghosh
C. Sankara Kurup
D. Thakazhi Sivasankara Pillai
E. M T Vasudevan Nair
- Ans. B
Novelist Amitav Ghosh will receive the country's highest literary honour Jnanpith Award 2018 (54th).
The Jnanpith Award is an Indian literary award presented annually by the Bharatiya Jnanpith to an author for their 'outstanding contribution towards literature'.
24. Who sworn in as the Chief minister of Madhya Pradesh state?
A. Babulal Gaur
B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan
C. Kamal Nath
D. Digvijaya Singh
E. Sunderlal Patwa
- Ans. C
Veteran Congress leader Kamal Nath sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh. Governor of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh Anandiben Patel administered the oath ceremony at the Raj Bhavan, in the state capital Bhopal.
25. Who has been appointed as the part-time non-executive independent chairman of Yes Bank Ltd?
A. Brahm Dutt

- B. D P Agrawal
C. Sandeep Bakhshi
D. P C Hota
E. Rajni Razdan
- Ans. A
Yes Bank Ltd has named Brahm Dutt (one of its independent directors) as the bank's part-time non-executive independent chairman.
Yes Bank Limited is India's fourth largest private sector bank, founded by Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapoor in 2004.
26. Who sworn in as the Chief minister of Mizoram state?
A. Lal Thanhawla
B. Zoramthanga
C. Biplab Kumar Deb
D. Laldenga
E. T Sailo
- Ans. B
Mizo National Front (MNF) head, Mr Zoramthanga (74-years) took oath as the Chief Minister of Mizoram (third time).
In the 40-seated Assembly, MNF has secured a landslide victory bagging 26 seats.
27. Which of the following high court has banned online sale of medicines across India?
A. Bombay High Court
B. Delhi High Court
C. Meghalaya High Court
D. Tripura High Court
E. Gujarat High Court
- Ans. B
The Delhi high court ordered a ban on sale of online medicines by e-pharmacists across the country.
A bench of Chief Justice Rajendra Menon and Justice V K Rao passed the order while acting on a PIL filed by Delhi-based dermatologist Zaheer Ahmed who complained that lakhs of medicines were being sold on the internet every day without much regulation.
28. Who has been appointed as the SEBI's first full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO)?
A. Joginder Singh
B. Vijay Karan
C. S K Datta
D. Arti Chhabra Srivastava
E. Anil Sinha
- Ans. D

Arti Chhabra Srivastava (Indian Ordinance Factory Services officer-1990-batch) has been appointed as the SEBI's first full-time Chief Vigilance Officer (CVO).

CVOs are considered an extended hand of the CVC, which is tasked with detecting graft by officials holding public office.

29. Who has won the FIH Hockey World Cup 2018?
A. Netherlands B. Belgium
C. Canada D. Australia
E. England

Ans. B
Belgium (Olympic silver medallists) has won the FIH Hockey World Cup 2018 for the first time after defeating the Netherlands 3-2 in the final on a penalty shoot-out.

Defending champions Australia won the third-place match by defeating England 8-1.

The 2018 Men's Hockey World Cup was the 14th edition of the Hockey World Cup for men's national field hockey teams organized by the FIH.

30. Who has been appointed as the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) in the Supreme Court of India?
A. Manwika Verma
B. Deepak Gupta
C. Madhavi Divan
D. Ramalingam Sudhakar
E. Ashok Bhushan

Ans. C
The union government has appointed advocate Madhavi Divan as the Additional Solicitor General (ASG) to represent in the Supreme Court.

She is the third woman to be appointed as Additional Solicitor General in the court.

The Solicitor General and the Additional Solicitors General advise the Government and appear on behalf of the Union of India in terms of the Law Officers (Terms and Conditions) Rules, 1972.

31. Who among the following has been crowned as Miss Universe-2018?
A. Laura Gonzalez B. Marta Stepien
C. Kiara Ortega D. Catriona Gray
E. Tamaryn Green

Ans. D
Catriona Gray of Philippines has been crowned Miss Universe 2018 (67th) at IMPACT Arena, Muang Thong Thani in Thailand.

Tamaryn Green from South Africa was named the first runner-up while Miss Venezuela Sthefany Gutiérrez stood third at the pageant.

32. A deep depression in the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a cyclonic storm named_____.
A. Phailin B. Ockhi
C. Hudhud D. Vardah
E. Phethai

Ans. E
According to Cyclone Warning Centre, Visakhapatnam, A deep depression in the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a cyclonic storm named 'Phethai'.

The cyclonic storm is very likely to hit Andhra Pradesh's coast and cross evening between East Godavari and North coastal districts.

33. What is the theme of the 2018 UN's International Migrants Day (IMD)?
A. Together with Migration
B. Safe Migration in a World on the Move
C. Co-operate with your Co-workers
D. Migrants contribute
E. Migration with Dignity

Ans. E
The theme of the 2018 International Migration Day (IMD) is 'Migration with Dignity'.
The UN's (United Nation) International Migration Day (IMD) is being observed every year on 18th December to protect the rights of migrant workers and members of their families.

34. Who sworn in as the Chief minister of Rajasthan state?
A. Ashok Gehlot
B. Vasundhara Raje
C. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat
D. Hari Dev Joshi
E. Hira Lal Devpura

Ans. A
Senior Congress leader Ashok Gehlot sworn-in as the new chief minister of Rajasthan at a ceremony in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
Rajasthan Governor Kalyan Singh administered the oath of office to Gehlot at the Albert Hall, Jaipur.
Rajasthan state Congress president Sachin Pilot was sworn in as deputy chief minister.

35. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) has approved a new four lane bridge across the Ganga river at _____.
A. Patna B. Allahabad
C. Kanpur D. Varanasi
E. Haridwar

Ans. A

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved a new bridge across the Ganga river at Patna (Bihar).

The project for construction of 5.634 km long new 4 lane bridge parallel to the existing Mahatma Gandhi Setu on NH-19.

36. Who has been appointed as the Director of National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB)?
A. Ramphal Pawar
B. T K Mishra
C. Anil Kumar Jha
D. Devendra Prasad
E. Mohan Dev

Ans. A

The Union Government has appointed 'Ramphal Pawar' (IPS officer-1988 batch-West Bengal cadre) as the new Director of National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB).

The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) is an Indian government agency responsible for collecting and analysing crime data as defined by the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

37. Which of the following states has won the 'Krishi Karman' award in rice category?
A. Bihar B. Jharkhand
C. Uttar Pradesh D. Punjab
E. Assam

Ans. B

Jharkhand has been selected for "Krishi Karman" award in the rice category from the Union Ministry of Agriculture.

The award will be given away in February 2019, carries a cash prize of Rs 2 crore and a citation.

38. Who among the following has been named PETA's Person of the Year 2018?
A. Shilpa Shetty B. Anusha Sharma
C. Sonam Kapoor D. Priyanka Chopra
E. None of these

Ans. C

Bollywood actress 'Sonam Kapoor' has been named People for the Ethical Treatment of

Animals (PETA) India's Person of the Year for 2018.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is an American animal rights organization based in Norfolk, Virginia.

39. Goa celebrated its 57th Liberation Day on _____.
A. 30 December 2018
B. 27 December 2018
C. 26 December 2018
D. 25 December 2018
E. 19 December 2018

Ans. E

Goa celebrated its 57th Liberation Day on 19th December 2018.

The state was liberated on this day (19th December) in 1961 from Portuguese control after almost 450 years of colonial rule.

40. Who has resigned as the Prime Minister of Belgium over migration spat?
A. Charles Michel
B. Elio Di Rupo
C. Yves Leterme
D. Guy Verhofstadt
E. Wilfried Martens

Ans. A

Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michel has resigned due to ongoing upheaval within his minority Government over the signing of UN's migration treaty.

The Prime Minister of Belgium is the head of the federal government in the Kingdom of Belgium.

41. Who has been appointed as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor?
A. Urjit patel B. Shaktikanta Das
C. Raghuram Rajan D. Bimal Jalan
E. None of these

Ans. B

Former economic affairs secretary Shaktikanta Das has been appointed as the 25th governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for a period of three years.

RBI was established during the British rule under the RBI Act, 1934 and commenced its operations on 1st April 1935.

The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India is the chief executive of India's central bank and the ex-officio chairperson of its Central Board of Directors.

42. What is the theme of the International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day) 2018?
- A. Health for All - Rise for our Right
 - B. Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action
 - C. Working together for health
 - D. Good health adds life to years
 - E. Healthy Cities for better life

Ans. B
The theme for the 2018 UHC Day is "Unite for Universal Health Coverage: Now is the Time for Collective Action".
The International Universal Health Coverage Day (UHC Day) is celebrated globally on 12th December.
The objective of the day to raise awareness of the need for strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners.

43. What is the theme of 2018 World Human Rights Day?
- A. Our Rights, Our Freedoms, Always
 - B. Stand up for the human rights
 - C. Stand up for someone's rights today
 - D. Let's stand up for equality, justice and human dignity
 - E. None of these

Ans. B
The theme this year World Human Rights Day is, 'stand up for the human rights'.
Human Rights Day is celebrated annually across the world on 10th December every year.

44. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has released a compilation of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind titled in Hindi _____.
- A. Madhushala
 - B. Tamas
 - C. Loktantra ke Swar
 - D. Tyagpatra
 - E. Gunahon ka Devta

Ans. C
Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has released a compilation of selected speeches of President Ram Nath Kovind titled "Loktantra ke Swar" in Hindi at a function in New Delhi.
The books are the collection of 95 of his selected speeches out of a total of 243 speeches made by the President in the first year of his office.

- They have been divided in eight sections.
45. Who has won the Glinka World Soil Prize 2018?
- A. Sid Thomas
 - B. Richard Pax
 - C. Konstantin Mathews
 - D. Rohan Thakur
 - E. Rattan Lal

Ans. E
Rattan Lal has won the 'Glinka World Soil Prize 2018' in a ceremony at the headquarters of UN FAO in Rome for his remarkable contribution to sustainable soil management.

46. Which cities hosted the fourth Partners' Forum to accelerate action on women's, children's and adolescent health?
- A. New Delhi
 - B. Bhopal
 - C. Patna
 - D. Ranchi
 - E. Allahabad

Ans. A
Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the two-day fourth Partners' Forum in New Delhi.
The objective of the conference is to improve knowledge and accountability to accelerate action on women's, children's and adolescent health.

47. Who has won the title of Miss World 2018?
- A. Nicolene Limsnukan
 - B. Stephanie hill
 - C. Vanessa Poncedo Leon
 - D. Manushi chhillar
 - E. Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters

Ans. C
Mexico's Vanessa Poncedo Leon has won the coveted Miss World 2018 (68th edition) crown at a grand event in China.
Nicolene Limsnukan of Thailand was named first runner-up.
India's Anukreethy Vas (Tamil Nadu) failed to make a mark at the pageant as she could not even make it to the top 30.
Note: Manushi Chhillar won the Miss World title in 2017.

48. Who has become full member of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF)?
- A. Afghanistan
 - B. Cuba
 - C. Egypt
 - D. Israel
 - E. Mauritius

Ans. D

Israel has become a full member (38th-member) of the Paris-based Financial Action Task Force (FATF).

FATF is an international body (established in 1989) to set up to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other threats to the international financial system.

49. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the New India Assurance?

- A. S N Singh
- B. T K Mishra
- C. Atul Sahai
- D. Anil Kumar Jha
- E. Devendra Prasad

Ans. C

Atul Sahai has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the New India Assurance for a period of five years.

The New India Assurance Co. Ltd is a public sector general insurance company of India.

It is the largest general insurance company of India based on gross premium collection inclusive of foreign operations.

50. What is the theme of International Mountain Day 2018?

- A. Mountains Matter
- B. Mountain minorities and indigenous peoples
- C. Managing mountain biodiversity for better lives
- D. Mountain biodiversity for better lives
- E. Mountain cultures: Celebrating diversity and strengthening identity

Ans. A

The theme for 2018 International Mountain Day (IMD) is 'Mountains Matter'.

The International Mountain Day is being observed every year on 11th December.

International Mountain Day was established by the UN General Assembly in 2003 to encourage sustainable development in mountains.

51. Who has resigned as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Myntra?

- A. Manoj Singh
- B. T K Mishra
- C. Anil Kumar Jha
- D. Devendra Prasad
- E. Ananth Narayanan

Ans. E

Myntra's chief executive officer (CEO) Ananth Narayanan has resigned from his role with his position set to be abolished.

Myntra is an Indian fashion e-commerce company headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

52. Which of the following bank has signed a loan agreement of 31 million dollars to develop Tourism in Tamil Nadu?

- A. SoftBank Group Corp
- B. Asian Development Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Indian Overseas Bank
- E. Bank of China

Ans. B

The Union Government and the Asian Development Bank has signed a loan agreement of 31 million dollars to develop Tourism in Tamil Nadu.

The Project will support the conservation and restoration of eight heritage monuments, one museum and three temples.

53. Who has become the first Asian/Indian to win Mister Supranational title at Krynica-Zdroj, Poland?

- A. Ashok Vajpeyi
- B. Balan Nambiar
- C. Prathamesh Maulingkar
- D. Uttam Pacharne
- E. Biswa Sarma

Ans. C

Goa's Prathamesh Maulingkar has become the first Asian/Indian to win Mister Supranational title at Krynica-Zdroj, Poland.

He defeated 37 contestants from all over the world in the final round to win the coveted title.

54. Former Kerala minister CN Balakrishnan passed away at Amritha in Kochi. He was associated with which political party?

- A. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- B. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- C. Communist Party of India (CPI)
- D. Samajwadi Party (SP)
- E. Indian National Congress (INC)

Ans. E

Senior Congress leader and former Kerala minister CN Balakrishnan passed away at Amritha hospital in Kochi.

In 2011, he became the Minister of Co-operation, Khadi and village industries in the Oommen Chandy cabinet.

55. Which of the following cities hosted the 18th All India Annual Conference of the Heads of Science Centre's and Museums?
A. Itanagar B. New Delhi
C. Bhopal D. Pune
E. Panaji

Ans. A
Itanagar hosted the three-day 18th All India Annual Conference of the Heads of Science Centre's and Museums. Arunachal Pradesh State Council Science and Technology is playing an important role to tie up and collaborate with other scientific institutions across the country to promote science and technology in the state.

56. Which of the following cities will host the Khelo India Youth Games-2019?
A. Ranchi B. Allahabad
C. Pune D. Patna
E. Kochi

Ans. C
Khelo India Youth Games-2019 (Play India School Games) will be held from 9th to 20th of January 2019 in Pune, Maharashtra.

57. Who has resigned as the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor?
A. Najeed Jung B. D Subbarao
C. Bimal Jalan D. C Rangarajan
E. Urjit Patel

Ans. E
• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Urjit Patel has resigned (effective immediately) from the post due to personal reasons.
• Mr. Patel took charge as the RBI governor on 4th September 2016 after Raghuram Rajan resigned from the post on 19th June 2016.
• The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India is the chief executive of India's central bank and the ex-officio chairperson of its Central Board of Directors.

58. Who sworn in as the Chief minister of Telangana state?
A. N Chandrababu
B. K Chandrashekhar Rao
C. Biplab Kumar Deb
D. Trivendra Singh Rawat
E. None of these

Ans. B
Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) Chief K Chandrasekhar Rao sworn in as the Chief

Minister of the youngest state in the country, Telangana (second time).
TRS won 88 seats of the 119 seats state Assembly.

59. Which of the following Police has entered in to the Limca Book of Records by training over two lakh women and girls under their self-defence programme?
A. Delhi Police
B. Bihar Police
C. Uttar Pradesh Police
D. Punjab Police
E. None of these

Ans. A
Delhi Police has entered the Limca Book of Records by training over two lakh women and girls under their self-defence programme in 2017. The Delhi Police will receive the award in February 2019. Special Police Unit for Women and Children (SPUWAC), is a special body of the Delhi Police, which aims to safeguard the rights of women and children in the Capital.

60. Which of the following ministry has launched a Twitter account named '@CyberDost' to spread awareness about cybercrimes and normal precautions?
A. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
B. Ministry of Environment
C. Ministry of Home Affairs
D. Ministry of Human Resource Development
E. None of these

Ans. C
Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has launched a Twitter account named '@CyberDost' to spread awareness about cybercrimes and normal precautions to be taken. It is aimed at enhancing people's basic knowledge about cybercrimes and precautions to be taken for prevention.

61. Which of the following country will conduct the theatre level maritime war exercise 'TROPEX' from January 2019?
A. China B. Pakistan
C. Singapore D. Japan
E. India

Ans. E

The Indian Navy will conduct its flagship Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX) from January 2019.

This will provide an opportunity to test the combat capability of the Indian Coast Guards (ICG), Indian Army and the Indian Air Force (IAF), Indian Navy.

62. Who is the author of the book titled 'Blue Waters Ahoy'?
- A. Anup Singh B. Vikram Seth
C. Chetan Bhagat D. Jhumpa Lahiri
E. Jeet Thayil

Ans. A
Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba has released a book 'Blue Waters Ahoy', chronicling the history of Indian Navy from 2001-2010.

The book has been authored by Vice Admiral Anup Singh.

63. What is the theme of World Soil Day 2018?
- A. Soils, crystallizes life
B. Soils, a solid ground for life
C. Be the Solution to Soil Pollution
D. Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life
E. Soil day for future life

Ans. C
The theme for 2018 World Soil Day is 'Be the Solution to Soil Pollution'.
The World Soil Day is being observed annually on 5th December to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources.

64. The International Volunteer Day has been observed every year on 5th December. Which of the following is the theme of International Volunteer Day-2018?
- A. Volunteer's First Duty to Respect Dignity of others
B. Volunteers build Resilient Communities
C. Volunteers act as Responders in times of crisis
D. Volunteers present Everywhere
E. Volunteers act First, Here, Everywhere

Ans. B
The theme of International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2018 is 'Volunteers build Resilient Communities'.
IVD 2018 celebrates volunteer efforts that strengthen local ownership and the resilience of the community in the face of natural

disasters, economic stresses and political shocks.

65. Which of the following Cities hosted the International conference on bears?
- A. Pune B. Bhopal
C. Visakhapatnam D. Chennai
E. Agra

Ans. E
The first time, more than 80 delegates from 11 countries are participating in a four-day International conference on bears being organized in Agra (Uttar Pradesh).

The objective of the conference to share knowledge on principles of the welfare of bears and other wild animals in zoos, sanctuaries and rescue centres.

66. Who has been appointed as the Finance Secretary of India?
- A. Awadh Ojha
B. Hasmukh Ojha
C. Ajay Narayan Jha
D. Ashok Lavasa
E. None of these

Ans. C
The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) Chaired by PM Narendra Modi has appointed Ajay Narayan Jha (1982-batch IAS officer of Manipur Tripura cadre) as the new Finance Secretary of India.

The Finance Secretary plays a leadership role in the bureaucracy of the Finance Ministry, Government of India.

67. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched India's heaviest satellite GSAT-11 by Ariane-5 VA246 rocket from French Guiana in South America. What is the weight of the satellite GSAT-11?
- A. 5,854 kg B. 10,000 Kg
C. 12,000 Kg D. 600 Kg
E. 1000 kg

Ans. A
The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully launched India's heaviest satellite GSAT-11 (weighing 5,854 kg) by Ariane-5 VA246 rocket from Kourou Launch Zone, French Guiana in South America.

The GSAT-11 (also called -Big Bird) will deliver multi-spot beam coverage over the Indian mainland and nearby islands bringing significant advantages to the user community. The satellite is expected to have a lifespan of 15 years.

68. Which of the following city hosted the 'India Water Impact Summit 2018'?
- A. Patna B. Ranchi
C. Mohali D. New Delhi
E. Allahabad

Ans. D

The Union Minister Shri Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the three days 'India Water Impact Summit 2018' in New Delhi.

The IWIS-2018 being jointly organized by the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) and the Centre for Ganga River Basin Management and Studies (cGanga).

69. Which state becomes the first north-eastern state to launch single emergency number '112'?
- A. Assam B. Meghalaya
C. Mizoram D. Nagaland
E. Tripura

Ans. D

Nagaland becomes first north-eastern state to launch single emergency number '112'.

The Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh has launched the single emergency number '112' under the Emergency Response Support System (ERSS) for the state of Nagaland.

70. Who has won the women's skeet title at the 62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for shotgun events in Jaipur?
- A. Tejaswini Sawant
B. Anisa Sayyed
C. Maheshwari Chauhan
D. Seema Tomar
E. Saniya Shaikh

Ans. C

Rajasthan's Maheshwari Chauhan retained her women's skeet title at the 62nd National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) for shotgun events in Jaipur.

Maheshwari overcame Ganemat 52-51 in the final to clinch the gold.

71. Who will be the Chief guest at Republic Day celebrations 2019 in New Delhi?
- A. François Hollande
B. Shinzo Abe
C. Cyril Ramaphosa
D. Donald Trump
E. Imran Khan

Ans. C

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa will be the Chief Guest at the 2019 Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi.

Since 1950, India has been hosting head of state or government of another country as the state guest of honour for Republic Day (26th-January) celebrations in New Delhi.

72. Which of the following Portal has been launched by the Ministry of Civil Aviation for the registration process of drone operators in the country?
- A. Med Watch
B. Nirman Kusum
C. e- RYTHU
D. Digital Sky
E. NCBN

Ans. D

Ministry of Civil Aviation has started the registration process through a portal "Digital Sky" for drone operators in the country.

For drones of micro size and above categories, operators are required to register on the Digital Sky portal.

73. Which of following cities hosted the 80th Session of the Policy Commission of the World Customs Organization (WCO)?
- A. Mumbai B. New Delhi
C. Chandigarh D. Pune
E. Bhopal

Ans. A

The 80th Session of the Policy Commission of the World Customs Organization (WCO) starts in Mumbai.

The Session is being organized by the WCO and hosted by the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), India.

74. Which cities hosted the Asia Pacific Summit-2018?
- A. Dhaka B. Male
C. Kathmandu D. Islamabad
E. None of these

Ans. C

Nepal's Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli has inaugurated the two-day Asia Pacific Summit-2018 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The theme of Summit is "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values".

75. Who was sworn in as the President of Mexico in 2018?
A. Abdel Fattah al-Sisi
B. Carles Puigdemont
C. Jose Maraa Aznar
D. Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador
E. Pedro Sánchez

Ans. D
Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (65-year) has been sworn in as the new Mexican President. Lopez Obrador also reaffirmed his intentions to sell Mexico's official presidential plane, to not live in the presidential palace.

76. What is the theme of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD), 2018?
A. Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality
B. Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all
C. Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want
D. Inclusion matters: access and empowerment for people of all abilities
E. A voice of our own

Ans. A
The theme for 2018 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) is "Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality". This year's theme focuses on empowering persons with disabilities for an inclusive, equitable and sustainable development as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

77. Who among the following has won the 33rd Pune International Marathon 2018 in the men's category?
A. Atlawim Debebe
B. Getachew Besha
C. Hosea Rutto
D. Belay Mamo
E. None of these

Ans. A
Atlawim Debebe (Ethiopia) has won the Pune International Marathon (33rd year) with the timing of 2 hours 17 minutes 17 seconds. Teshome Getachew (Ethiopia) claimed second and Bekele Asefa ((Ethiopia) third position.

78. The 'World AIDS Day' is celebrated every year across the world on 1st December. What is the theme of 'World AIDS Day-2018'?
A. Right to Live

- B. Right to Health
C. Right to Equality
D. Know your status
E. Right to being part of mainstream society

Ans. D
The theme of 'World AIDS Day-2018' is "Know your status". World Aids Day is being celebrated every year on 1st December (since 1988) to raise public awareness about Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

79. George HW Bush, who died recently, was the former President of _____.
A. Germany B. UAE
C. Israel D. USA
E. Canada

Ans. D
Former US President (41st) George HW Bush (94-years) passed away in Houston, USA. His son, George W Bush also served as 43rd US President. Bush, the last veteran of World War II to serve as President, was officially the longest living President in US history.

80. Which cities hosted the 13th edition of CII Agro Tech India-2018?
A. Bhopal B. Lucknow
C. Chennai D. New Delhi
E. Chandigarh

Ans. E
The President Shri Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated the 13th edition of CII Agro Tech India-2018 in Chandigarh. A total of 195 exhibitors (including 37 foreign exhibitors from 8 countries) will participate in the expo. The expo is one of the biggest confluences of stakeholders from agriculture and allied sectors. The UK is a partner country at the CII Agrotech this year.

81. Which of the following films has won the prestigious Golden Peacock award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2018?
A. Donbass
B. Good Night
C. Akasa Kusum
D. The Song of the Sparrow
E. Tulpan

Ans. A

Donbass' has won the coveted Golden Peacock Award 2018 at the 49th International Film Festival of India (IFFI).

The Golden Peacock Award carries a cash prize of Rs 40 lakhs to be shared equally between the Producer and the Director (Sergei Loznitsa), Trophy and the citation.

Donbass tells the story of a hybrid war taking place in a region of Eastern Ukraine, involving an open armed conflict alongside killings and robberies perpetrated on a mass scale by separatist gangs.

82. Which of the following bank has designed and developed PaiSA portal for quicker processing of loans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana?
- A. Punjab National Bank
 - B. Vijaya Bank
 - C. Dena Bank
 - D. Allahabad Bank
 - E. None of these

Ans. D
The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has launched the 'PAiSA' - Portal for Affordable Credit and Interest Subvention Access, a centralised electronic platform for quicker processing of loans under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM).

The web platform was designed and developed by Allahabad Bank.

83. Which of the following cities will host the International conference on maternal, new born and child health?
- A. Hyderabad
 - B. Kolkata
 - C. Ahmedabad
 - D. New Delhi
 - E. None of these

Ans. D
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate two-day international conference on Maternal, new born and child health in New Delhi. The main objective of the conference is to improve knowledge, alignment and accountability to accelerate action on women's, children's and adolescent health.

84. Who among the following has been appointed as the President of Electronics company LG mobile business?
- A. Tarja Halonen
 - B. Chandrika Kumaratunga
 - C. Mary Robinson
 - D. Nisha Desai Biswal
 - E. Brian Kwon

Ans. E
President of LG's Home Entertainment Company Brian Kwon will leader the Mobile Communications (MC) Company. Current president Hwang Jeong-hwan will focus fully on as head of LG's Convergence Business Development Office.

85. Vice President Sri Venkaiah Naidu laid the foundation stone of the Dera Baba Nanak - Kartarpur Sahib Corridor in Punjab, India. 'Gurdwara Darbar Sahib' located in _____.
- A. Nepal
 - B. Pakistan
 - C. India
 - D. Bangladesh
 - E. None of these

Ans. B
Vice President of India Sri Venkaiah Naidu laid the foundation stone of the Dera Baba Nanak - Kartarpur Sahib Corridor in an event at Mann village of Gurdaspur district of Punjab, India. The corridor will connect 'Dera Baba Nanak' (in Gurdaspur district-India) to the 'Gurdwara Darbar Sahib' (in Kartarpur in Narowal district of Pakistan).

86. Who has been appointed as the chairman of Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)?
- A. P. Srinivas
 - B. Alka Sirohi
 - C. Arvind Saxena
 - D. Mukesh Sharma
 - E. Polali Jayarama Bhat

Ans. C
The President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed Shri **Arvind Saxena** as the chairman of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC).

87. Who has won the 2018 World Chess Championship in England?
- A. Garry Kaparov
 - B. Viswanathan Anand
 - C. Magnus Carlsen
 - D. Vladimir Kramnik
 - E. Hikaru Nakamura

Ans. C
Norwegian Grandmaste Magnus Carlsen (26-year-old) beat American Fabiano Caruana 3-0 and regain his World Chess Championship title-2018 in London, England. Carlsen won USD 625,000 as the winner, and Caruana received USD 511,400 as the runner-up.

88. Which team won the 2018 Women's World Twenty20 title?
- A. Pakistan
 - B. Australia
 - C. India
 - D. England
 - E. New Zealand

- Ans. B
Australia beats **England** by **8 wickets** to win the **2018 T20 World Cup** final on **25th November 2018**.
- The final match was held at **Antigua**.
 - It is **Australia's fourth title** after they were crowned champions in 2010, 2012 and 2014 .
 - The 2018 ICC Women's World Twenty20 was hosted in the **West Indies from 9 to 24 November 2018**.
 - It was the **sixth edition** of the ICC **Women's T20 World Cup**.
89. Which of the following countries air force has engaged with the Indian air force in a joint exercise 'Cope India 2019'?
- A. Indonesia B. Germany
C. South Korea D. Thailand
E. USA
- Ans. E
The 12-day **joint exercise** between **Indian Air Force** and the United States Air Force, '**Cope India 2019**' has begun at Kalaikunda and Panagarh Air Force Base in **West Bengal** (India).
The objective of the exercise is **to provide operational exposure** and undertake a mutual exchange of **best practices towards** enhancing operational capability.
90. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched earth observation satellite HysIS (hyperspectral imaging satellite) along with 30 foreign satellites from which of the following rocket vehicle?
- A. PSLV-C43 B. PSLV-C35
C. PSLV-C36 D. PSLV-C37
E. None of these
- Ans. A
PSLV-C43 rocket successfully lifted off with earth observation satellite HysIS (hyperspectral imaging satellite) along with 30 foreign satellites from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Prades.
91. Who has won the 2018 Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold Badminton championship title in men's singles category?
- A. Kidambi Srikanth
B. Huang Yuxiang
C. Deby Susanto
D. Shin Seung-chan
E. Sameer Verma
- Ans. E
Ace Indian shuttler Sameer Verma has won the 2018 Syed Modi International Badminton Championship title in men's singles category. With this win, Verma sealed his spot in the BWF World Tour Finals.
92. Who has been honoured with the IFFI special award for his lifetime contribution to Indian cinema?
- A. Kasinathuni Viswanath
B. Gulzar
C. Salim Khan
D. Soumitra Chatterjee
E. Pran Krishan Sikand
- Ans. C
Veteran writer Salim Khan will be honoured with the IFFI special award for his lifetime contribution to Indian cinema. He got a cash prize of 10 lakh rupees, a certificate and a shawl at the closing ceremony of International Film Festival of India in Goa.
93. Who has become the first female boxer to win six gold medals at World Championship?
- A. Hanna Okhota
B. Laila Ali
C. MC Mary Kom
D. Katie Taylor
E. Ann Wolfe
- Ans. C
India's MC Mary Kom defeated Hanna Okhota (Ukraine) by 5-0 in the 48kg light flyweight to clinch an unprecedented 6th gold medal at the women's World Championships in New Delhi. The AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships are biennial amateur boxing competitions organised by the International Boxing Association (AIBA).
94. In November 2018, a well-known singer Mohammed Aziz passed away. He made his singing debut with Bengali film ____.
- A. Ashani Sanket B. Abhimanyu
C. Balidan D. Jyoti
E. Banaphul
- Ans. D
Well-known singer 'Mohammed Aziz' (64-year) passed away in Mumbai. Mohammed Aziz made his singing debut with Bengali film 'Jyoti'. Mohammed Aziz recorded over 20,000 songs in his three-decade-long career.

95. Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a 70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha made up of pink sandstone. The statue of Lord Buddha located in _____.

- A. Gaya
- B. Rajgir
- C. Bhagalpur
- D. Muzaffarpur
- E. Vaishali

Ans. B

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled a 70-foot tall statue of Lord Buddha (made of pink sandstone) at Rajgir in Nalanda district, Bihar. It is the second tallest statue of Buddha in the country.

The statue has been installed above a 16-metre radius pedestal in the middle of Lake Ghora Katora.

96. Who has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi?

- A. Ranbir Singh
- B. S N Singh
- C. T K Mishra
- D. Anil Kumar Jha
- E. Devendra Prasad

Ans. A

Ranbir Singh (1991 -batch IAS officer of the AGMUT) has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) of Delhi.

Mr. Singh succeeded Vijay Kumar Dev who has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of the national capital.

97. Who has been appointed as Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB)?

- A. G.C. Srivastava
- B. Sunil Arora
- C. Nageshwara Rao Guntur
- D. Devang V Khakhar
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Scientist Nageshwara Rao Guntur has been appointed as Chairperson of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) for the period of 3 years.

Guntur is the chairman at Project Design Safety Committee, Prototype Fast Breeder

Reactor (PFBR) and former distinguished scientist Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL).

98. Oscar-Winning filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci passed away recently. He belonged to which country?

- A. Italy
- B. Bangladesh
- C. New Zealand
- D. USA
- E. India

Ans. A

Italian filmmaker Bernardo Bertolucci (77-year) passed away at his home in Rome (Italy).

Bertolucci won Oscars with "The Last Emperor" and whose erotic drama "Last Tango in Paris" enthralled and shocked the world.

99. Who has been appointed as the Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India?

- A. Sunil Arora
- B. S. Y. Quraishi
- C. N. Gopaldaswami
- D. Navin Chawla
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sunil Arora (1980-batch IAS officer of the Rajasthan cadre) has been appointed the new Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India.

The Chief Election Commissioner heads the Election Commission of India, a body constitutionally empowered to conduct free and fair elections to the national and state legislatures.

100. India's first stadium of international standard for differently-abled persons will be set up in _____.

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Tripura

Ans. C

A stadium of international standard for differently-abled persons (estimated cost of over Rs 200 crore) will be set up in Meghalaya. The stadium is expected to be completed before National Games 2022.

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