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(September Month)



1. Biennial Multilateral Naval Exercise 'MILAN' will be organized at which place in March 2020?

- A. Malabar coast
- B. Andaman Nicobar
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Chennai
- E. Lakshadweep

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Navy will organise the multilateral naval exercise 'MILAN' at Visakhapatnam in March 2020.
- Launched in 1995, the MILAN series of biennial exercises were organised at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) till 2018.
- However, because of the increased scope and complexity of the exercise, it is being conducted for the first time on the mainland at ENC.

2. Tirur betel vine which recently (August, 2019) has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag is betel leaf of which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Meghalaya
- E. West Bengal

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tawlhlohpuan & Mizo Puanchei (from Mizoram), and Tirur betel vine (from Kerala) has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- GI is an indication used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
- The Geographical Indication comes under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- Tirur betel vine is valued both for its mild stimulant action and medicinal properties. It has many industrial and cultural usages and is considered as a remedy for bad breath and digestive disorders.

3. Who among the following has been conferred with the Pushkin Medal 2019

for her contribution to Russian studies abroad?

- A. Meeta Narain
- B. Suneeta Narain
- C. Jayati Ghosh
- D. Romila Thapar
- E. Zoya Hasan

Ans. A

Sol.

- Professor Meeta Narain of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has been conferred with the Pushkin Medal 2019 for her contribution to Russian studies abroad.
- Pushkin Medal is the highest International Award given to a scholar of Russian language and literature for outstanding contribution to Russian studies abroad.
- Narain has contributed towards re-writing of Russian studies textbooks for graduate students after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
- Pushkin Medal is named after the famous Russian author and poet Alexander S. Pushkin.

4. Which of the following company has retained the title sponsorship rights of Indian cricket team for five years?

- A. Mobikwik
- B. PhonePe
- C. Paytm
- D. Vodafone
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

- According to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), mobile payments and e-commerce company "Paytm" has retained the title sponsorship rights for five years.
- Paytm has retained the title sponsorship rights for all cricket matches, domestic and international, played in India for 5 years.
- Earlier, In July 2019 Byju (owned by Think and Learn Private Limited) has replaced Oppo India as the official Team India sponsor.
- The deal period will begin from 5th September 2019 until 31st March 2022.

5. Who among the following has topped the Forbes' list 2019 of highest paid female actors in the world?

- A. Sofia Vergara
- B. Nicole Kidman
- C. Jennifer Aniston
- D. Scarlett Johansson
- E. Kaley Cuoco

Ans. D

Sol.

- For the second consecutive year, Hollywood star **Scarlett Johansson** has topped the Forbes' list of highest-paid female actors in the world.
- Spurred by the success of her summer Marvel film Avengers: Endgame, the 34-year-old actor's earning reached **USD 56 million**.

6. Recently, Deepa Malik declared as the winner of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2019. She belongs to which sports?

- A. Archery
- B. Shooting
- C. Wrestling
- D. Paralympic Games
- E. Badminton

Ans. D

Sol.

- The selection committee for the National Sports Awards has recommended Deepa Malik and wrestler Bajrang Punia jointly for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Puraskar 2019.
- Deepa Malik will be the first female para-athlete to win the prestigious sports award of India.
- Indian athlete Deepa Malik (48-years) is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games and won a Silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in the shot put.
- She has also won gold in F-53/54 Javelin event at the para athletic Grand Prix held in Dubai in 2018.
- Currently, she is the world number one in the F-53 category.
- Malik is the wife of Colonel Bikram Singh and daughter of Colonel BK Nagpal.

7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched RuPay card in which of the following Arabian country to initiate the

Indian indigenous system of electronic payment?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Yemen
- C. UAE
- D. Qatar
- E. Kuwait

Ans. C

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the RuPay card in UAE making it the first country in West Asia to initiate the Indian indigenous system of electronic payment.
- RuPay card scheme was launched in 2012 to fulfil the Reserve Bank of India's vision to have a domestic, open and multilateral system of payments.
- RuPay facilitates electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions.
- India has already launched the RuPay card in Singapore and Bhutan.

8. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France to participate in G-7 summit. What is the theme of this year summit?

- A. Fighting terrorism
- B. Fighting Inequality
- C. Digital transformation
- D. Fostering Brotherhood
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France to participate in the G7 summit (24–26th August 2019).
- The countries which are part of the G7 include the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the US as well as the European Union (EU).
- The theme of this year summit is '**Fighting Inequality**'.

9. Recently (August, 19) which of the following public sector bank has signed an MoU with Tata AIG General Insurance to offer a variety of general insurance products to bank's customers?

- A. Indian Bank
- B. Canara Bank
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda

E. Corporation Bank

Ans. A

Sol.

* Public sector lender Indian Bank and Tata AIG General Insurance has entered into an agreement to offer a variety of general insurance products to bank's customers.

* The agreement was signed in the presence of Ms Padmaja Chunduru MD and CEO of Indian Bank and Mr Saurabh Maini, Senior Vice President and Business Head-Key partnership Group, Tata AIG General Insurance.

* The partnership will see around 2,900 branches of the bank spread across India, offering a diverse range of insurance policies benefiting its customers by way of protection, wealth creation and savings.

* Tata AIG General Insurance will work with the bank for sales training, product support and ensuring smooth operational processes, all leading to seamless service to customers.

10. Bandhan Bank in association with which of the following bank has launched a co-branded credit card?

A. ABN Amro Bank

B. HSBC Bank

C. Standard Chartered Bank

D. Federal Bank

E. Deutsche Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

• Bandhan Bank has launched a co-branded credit card in association with Standard Chartered bank to offer a complete suite of services to its existing customers.

• The credit card would be offered to 40 lakh savings bank account holders across the 1,000 branches of Bandhan Bank.

• As part of the tie-up, Bandhan Bank will be responsible for identifying and issuing cards to its customers.

• While Standard Chartered bank will take the credit risk.

11. Recently (In August, 2019), India's Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa participated in Indo Pacific

Chiefs of Defence Conference. The conference was held in which of the following cities?

A. Bangkok

B. Kuala Lumpur

C. Manila

D. Jakarta

E. Singapore

Ans. A

Sol.

• Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa visited Thailand. During his visit, he attended the Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence Conference in Bangkok.

• The theme for the conference is "Collaboration in a free and Open Indo - Pacific".

• The Chiefs of Defence of over 33 countries attended the Conference.

12. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) headed by _____.

A. Samant Goel

B. T M Bhasin

C. Anil Dhasmana

D. Sanjay Kumar Mishra

E. Alok Verma

Ans. B

Sol.

• The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) headed by former Vigilance Commissioner T M Bhasin to examine bank fraud of over 50 crore rupees and recommend action.

• The panel in its previous avatar called the Advisory Board on Bank, Commercial and Financial Frauds.

• It will function as the first level of examination of all large fraud cases before recommendations or references are made to the investigative agencies by the respective Public Sector Banks.

13. In football, Gokulam Kerala FC won the Durand Cup 2019 by defeating which of the following team?

A. Mohun Bagan

B. East Bengal

C. Mohammedan

D. Chennai city FC

E. FC Goa

Ans. A

Sol.

- **Gokulam Kerala FC** won the Durand Cup 2019 defeating heavyweights **Mohun Bagan** 2-1 at the Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.
- With this win, **Gokulam Kerala** became the first club from **the state in 22 years** to clinch the tournament.
- Gokulam Kerala Football Club is an Indian professional football club based in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- A total of 16 teams (Indian Super League-5, I-League- 6, 2nd division club - 1 and armed forces teams- 4) participated in this year's competition.

14. Recently (August 2019), Komalika Bari won gold medal in a World Championships, she belongs to which sports?

- A. Wrestling
- B. Shooting
- C. Carrom
- D. Archery
- E. Badminton

Ans. D

Sol.

- India's Komalika Bari (17-years) has become recurve cadet world champion at the World Archery Youth Championships in Madrid, Spain.
- She defeated higher-ranked Sonoda Waka of Japan 7-3 in the final and earn India's second gold on the final day of the Championships.
- Now Komalika is India's second recurve cadet world champion (under-18) after Deepika Kumari who won the title in 2009.

15. PV Sindhu became the first Indian to win badminton World Championships gold. She defeated ____ in the final.

- A. Tai Tzu-ying
- B. Chen Yufei
- C. Nozomi Okuhara
- D. Ratchanok Intanon
- E. Mia Blichfeldt

Ans. C

Sol.

- Badminton star PV Sindhu (24-years) defeated Nozomi Okuhara of Japan 21-7,

21-7 in the women's singles final to become the first Indian to win Gold at the BWF World Championships.

- With the win, Sindhu has a full set of medals at World Championships - two bronze medals, two silver medals and a gold medal.

16. Which of the following country has launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named Fedor to International Space Station in August, 2019?

- A. USA
- B. Israel
- C. Russia
- D. China
- E. Japan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Russia has launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named Fedor, (Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research) with identification number Skybot F850.
- It will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.
- Fedor blasted off in a Soyuz MS-14 spacecraft from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- Fedor is described as potentially useful on Earth for working in high radiation environments, de-mining and tricky rescue missions.

17. Which of the following country conferred PM Modi with "The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance award"?

- A. UAE
- B. Kuwait
- C. Bahrain
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Yemen

Ans. C

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bahrain recently during which he held talks with King of Bahrain Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in Manama on various bilateral and regional issues.
- The two countries signed four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)

in the field of culture, space, solar energy, and on the roll-out of the 'RuPay card'.

- During the visit, Prime Minister Modi was honoured with 'The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance' by Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (King of Bahrain) for his effort to strengthen the bilateral ties with the Gulf nation.

18. Which of the following organization has launched the 'Military Veterans Employment programme' in the country that will create employment opportunities for military veterans and their spouses across the company's fulfilment centres, sort centres and delivery centres in India.

- A. Flipkart
- B. Alibaba
- C. Amazon
- D. Walmart
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

- E-commerce giant Amazon India has launched a Military Veterans Employment programme in the country that will create employment opportunities for military veterans and their spouses across the company's fulfilment centres, sort centres and delivery centres in India.
- Amazon India is partnering with the office of the Director General of Resettlement (DGR) and the Army Welfare Placement Organisation (AWPO) to create continued work opportunities for military families across the country.
- Globally, Amazon has over 17,500 military veterans and spouses actively engaged in the programme.

19. The Indian School of Business (ISB) and which of the following companies has announced a new partnership to take forward their shared vision for an AI-empowered India at an event in Hyderabad?

- A. Intel India
- B. Amazon India
- C. Microsoft India
- D. Capgemini India

E. Wipro Limited

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Indian School of Business (ISB) and Microsoft India announced a new partnership to take forward their shared vision for an AI-empowered India at an event in Hyderabad.

* Through the creation of the AI Digital Lab, the two organizations will collaborate in research which will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to study issues that are relevant for business and public policy.

* The partnership will also jointly introduce a new executive program titled "Leading Business Transformation in the Age of AI" in October 2019 which will equip business leaders with tools and strategies to transform their respective organizations to AI-driven organizations.

20. The seventh "Community Radio Sannelan" was held in which of the following place?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Patna
- C. Ranchi
- D. Dehradun
- E. New Delhi

Ans. E

Sol.

* The seventh "Community Radio Sannelan" was held at Ambedkar Bhawan, New Delhi from 27th to 29th August, 2019.

* It is being organized by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the theme of this year's Sannelan is 'Community Radio for SDGs'.

* The 'Sannelan' witnessed participation of all operational community radio stations across the country.

21. Recently in September, 2019 the President of India appointed new governor in five Indian states with respect to that which of the following is not correct pair of governor and states?

- A. Bhagat Singh Koshiyari – Maharashtra
- B. Arif Mohammed Khan- Kerala
- C. Bandaru Dattatraya -Karnataka
- D. Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan –

Telangana

E. Kalraj Mishra -Rajasthan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bandaru Dattatraya has been appointed as the new governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- He has been appointed in place of Kalraj Mishra (78-years) who has been given the charge of Governor of Rajasthan.
- Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshyari (77-years) has been appointed as the new Governor of Maharashtra
- Former Union Minister Arif Mohammed Khan (68-years) will take the responsibility of Kerala governor
- Former Tamil Nadu BJP chief, Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan (58-years) is the new Governor of Telangana.

22. In which of the following states India's longest electrified railway tunnel has been inaugurated by the vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Goa

Ans. D

Sol.

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the longest electrified railway tunnel in the country, in Andhra Pradesh.
- The 112-km long railway line project between Krishnapatnam port and Obulavaripalli was constructed to ensure smooth transportation of minerals and industrial goods to and from the port.
- As part of the project, two tunnels were constructed; one which is 6.7 km long and another, which is 1 km long.

23. Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar announced the approval of the new 'Gorewada International Zoo' in _____.

- A. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- B. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- C. Mangalore, Karnataka

D. Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

E. Puri, Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

- Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has announced the approval of the new 'Gorewada International Zoo' in Nagpur district of Maharashtra.
- The Zoo will have attractions like Bio Park, Indian Safari, African Safari, Night Safari, Research, Education and Training, facilities for tourists, etc.
- The task of construction of Indian Safari and ancillary activities, Water Reservoir and Gorewada Reserve has been given to FDCM Ltd. with Government Grants.
- The Government of Maharashtra has accorded permission for establishing the International Zoo, through Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (FDCM. Ltd.), Nagpur.

24. Under the Poshan Abhiyaan, the Union government has set a target to reduce the stunting rate in children from 35% to _____.

- A. 30%
- B. 25%
- C. 23%
- D. 20%
- E. 15%

Ans. B

Sol.

- The entire month of September will be celebrated as the 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah'.
- This year the theme is 'Complementary Feeding'.
- POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach by 2022.
- Under the Poshan Abhiyaan, the Union government has set a target to reduce the stunting rate in children from 35% to 25%.
- The programme aims at achieving improvement in the nutritional status of children up to six years of age, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

25. Which of the following company has statement of intent with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme?

- A. Facebook
- B. Microsoft
- C. Google
- D. Infosys
- E. Wipro

Ans. C

Sol.

- Tech giant 'Google' has signed a statement of intent with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme.
- The programme will offer a platform for engineering students to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems.
- As part of the program, engineering students across the country will be invited to present their ideas and solutions in areas like healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities and infrastructure, women safety, smart mobility and transportation, environment, accessibility and disability and digital literacy.
- Google will also offer mentorship sessions in product design, strategy and technology to the most promising products and prototypes.

26. Which Indian city is hosting the 14th conference of Parties (COP 14), 2019 to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Gurugram
- D. Greater Noida
- E. Faridabad

Ans. D

Sol.

- The 14th conference of Parties (COP 14) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification will get underway in Greater Noida.
- The Conference will focus on desertification and degradation of land and will go on till 13th September 2019.

- This Conference will provide a framework for countries to restore the land and protect human health.
- The Conference is expected to agree on about 30 decisions to ramp up and elaborate further actions needed on the ground.
- The main objective of the convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification.

27. India won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal by defeating _____ in the final.

- A. Bhutan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Nepal
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Afghanistan

Ans. C

Sol.

- India defeated Nepal 7-0 in the final of the 2019 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The 2019 SAFF U-15 Championship was the 6th edition of the SAFF U-16 Championship held at Kalyani Stadium from 21st to 31st August 2019.
- Five teams (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India (Host), Nepal and Sri Lanka) from the region has taken part in this tournament.

28. Recently in September, 2019 Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched a silver medal during an athletic meet at Decin in the Czech Republic. He is associated with which sports?

- A. Wrestling
- B. Sprinter
- C. Shot Put
- D. Badminton
- E. Shooting

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor (24-years) clinched a silver medal during an athletic meet at Decin in the Czech Republic.

- The Asian Games gold medallist came up with the best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt at the event. Tajinder has been awarded the Arjuna Award this year.
- Toor has already qualified for World championship being the Area champion following his gold-winning feat at Asian Athletics Championships in April next year.

29. Who among the following has won the Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix 2019?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Valtteri Bottas
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Charles Leclerc
- E. Max Verstappen

Ans. D
Sol.

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc took his maiden Formula 1 victory after holding off Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes to win the Belgian Grand Prix 2019.
- Lewis Hamilton (United Kingdom) was on second while Valtteri Bottas (Finland) finished third.
- The Belgian Grand Prix is an automobile race, part of the Formula One World Championship.

30. Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has become the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket during the second Test against West Indies at Sabina Park. Who was the first Indian to achieve the feat in the longest format of the game?

- A. Kapil Dev
- B. Zaheer Khan
- C. Harbhajan Singh
- D. Javagal Srinath
- E. Anil Kumble

Ans. C
Sol.

- Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah (25-years) has become the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket during the ongoing second Test against West Indies at Sabina Park.
- Bumrah got the wickets of Darren Bravo, Shamarh Brooks and Roston Chase off successive deliveries to achieve the feat.

- Burmah is also the 44th player to achieve the feat in the longest format of the game.

- Harbhajan Singh was the first Indian to pick up a Test hat-trick (vs Australia in Kolkata in 2001).

- left-arm pacer Irfan Pathan repeated the feat when he took three wickets off consecutive balls against Pakistan in Karachi in 2006.

31. Who has become India's most successful Indian Test skipper?

- A. Sourav Ganguly
- B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C. Ajinkya Rahane
- D. Virat Kohli
- E. Mohammad Azharuddin

Ans. D

Sol. Virat Kohli has surpassed Mahendra Singh Dhoni to become India's most successful Test skipper.

It came after the Indian team recorded its 28th win under Kohli's leadership in the second and final test against the West Indies at Kingston.

M S Dhoni led India to 27 wins from 60 Test matches during his tenure.

Overall, Graeme Smith (former South Africa skipper) remains the most successful skipper in the world with 53 Test wins, followed by Ricky Ponting (ex-Australia captain) who recorded 48 Test wins in his captaincy tenure.

32. Who among the following will be honoured with the 2019 Global Goalkeeper Award?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Xi Jinping
- C. Vladimir Putin
- D. Narendra Modi
- E. Shinzo Abe

Ans. D

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the prestigious 2019 'Global Goalkeeper Award' for his work in the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'.

Mr. Modi will be felicitated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, owned by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates.

The award is a "special recognition" that celebrates the commitment of a political

leader towards the Global Goals, demonstrated through impactful work in their country and/or globally.

33. Which of the following cities will host the 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) summit?

- A. Toyota
- B. New Delhi
- C. Vladivostok
- D. Saint Petersburg
- E. Moscow

Ans. C

Sol. Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) is an international forum held each year in Vladivostok, Russia, for the purpose of encouraging foreign investment in the Russian Far East.

The Eastern Economic Forum was established by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin in 2015.

PM Modi will participate as the Chief Guest at the 5th Eastern Economic Forum, at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

34. Which of the following states government has announced 4,750 crore rupees waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans?

- A. Haryana
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a 4,750 crore rupees waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans.

The farmers who have borrowed from Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS), District Cooperative Central Banks, Land Mortgage Bank and Haryana Land Reforms and Development Bank will benefit from this decision.

35. Who is the author of the book "A Short History of Indian Railways"?

- A. Philip Roth
- B. Rajendra B Aklekar
- C. Pavan C Lall
- D. Ismail Kadare

E. Olga Tokarczuk

Ans. B

Sol. A book titled 'A Short History of Indian Railways' has been authored by veteran journalist and author Rajendra B Aklekar.

36. As per Fitch Solutions, what is India's GDP growth rate in FY20?

- A. 6.9%
- B. 6.7%
- C. 6.4%
- D. 6.1%
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Fitch Solutions has revised its GDP growth rate prediction for India in FY20 (2019-20) to 6.4% from 6.8%.

Fitch Ratings Inc. is one of the "Big Three credit rating agencies", the other two being Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

37. Who among the following is the present US Secretary of State?

- A. Warren Christopher
- B. John J. Sullivan
- C. Rex Tillerson
- D. Colin Powell
- E. Mike Pompeo

Ans. E

Sol. Mike Pompeo is the present US Secretary of State. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department, which includes the Foreign Service, Civil Service, and U.S. Agency for International Development.

38. Who has won the gold medal in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil?

- A. Anna Korakaki
- B. Zhang Mengxue
- C. Jung Jee-hae
- D. Yashaswini Singh 'Deswal'
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Indian shooter Yashaswini Singh 'Deswal' has won the gold medal in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

This is India's 9th quota in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Games.

The 2019 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

39. The four-time Emmy Award-winning actress Valerie Harper passed away. she belonged to which country?

- A. Brazil
- B. France
- C. New Zealand
- D. USA
- E. Australia

Ans. D

Sol. American actress Valerie Harper, the star of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and spin-off series "Rhoda", has passed away after a long battle with cancer. She began her career as a dancer on Broadway, making her debut in the musical "Take Me Along" in 1959.

40. Which of the following countries will launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the East China Sea?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. India
- E. Mongolia

Ans. B

Sol. Japan will launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the East China Sea.

The 'East China Sea' is a part of the Pacific Ocean and covers an area of roughly 1,249,000 square kilometres. The sea connects with the Sea of Japan through the Korea Strait and opens to the north into the Yellow Sea.

41. Who of the following has won the IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019 held in Mandalay, Myanmar?

- A. Nay Thway Oo
- B. Aditya Mehta
- C. Pankaj Advani
- D. Mike Russell

E. Sourav Kothari

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Bengaluru-based cueist Pankaj Advani increased his tally of world titles to 22 by winning a 4th straight final in the 150-up format at IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019 held in Mandalay, Myanmar. Pankaj Advani defeated Nay Thway Oo of Myanmar.
- Pankaj Advani has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014.
- In the short format of billiards, this is Advani's fifth title in the last six years.
- IBSF is the premier, international, non-professional tournament for game of English billiards.
- It was established in 1951 however, the event has been sanctioned by International Billiards and Snooker Federation since 1973.

42. Who among the following has been appointed as the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh for five years?

- A. Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy
- B. Justice Pratibha Rani
- C. Justice Ashok A. Desai
- D. Justice Anil Kumar Sinha
- E. Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi

Ans. A

Sol.

- Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy (Retired) has been sworn in as the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh for five years.
- Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan administered the oath of office to Justice Reddy at a function in Vijayawada.
- He is the first Lokayukta to be assuming charge since the state bifurcated in 2014.
- The 'Lokayukta' is an anti-corruption ombudsman organization in the Indian states.
- Once appointed, Lokayukta can not be dismissed nor transferred by the government and can only be removed by passing an impeachment motion by the state assembly.

43. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is being

observed every year on which dates for the preservation of the Ozone Layer?

- A. 13th September
- B. 14th September
- C. 15th September
- D. 16th September
- E. 17th September

Ans. D
Sol.

- The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is being observed every year on 16th September for the preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- The Ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas which protects the Earth from the harmful ultraviolet radiation of the sun and thus helping preserve life on the planet.
- The theme for this year celebrates over three decades of remarkable international cooperation to protect the ozone layer and the climate under the Montreal Protocol.
- It reminds us that we must keep up the momentum to ensure healthy people and a healthy planet.
- The day marks the commemoration of the date of signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987 on substances that deplete the Ozone layer.
- The principal aim of the **Montreal Protocol** is to protect the ozone layer by taking measures to control the **total consumption** of these chemicals.

44. Who of the following has won the men's singles title at Vietnam Open BWF Tour Super 100 badminton tournament at the Ho Chi Minh City?

- A. Kaushal Dharmamer
- B. Sourabh Verma
- C. Srikanth Kidambi
- D. Sai Praneeth B.
- E. Sameer Verma

Ans. B
Sol.

- India's **Sourabh Verma (26-year)** registered a thrilling three-game win over China's Sun Fei Xiang to claim the men's singles title at Vietnam Open BWF Tour Super 100 badminton tournament at the Ho Chi Minh City.

- **Sourabh Verma** (Madhya Pradesh) recovered from a **mid-game slump** to beat Sun **21-12, 17-2, 21-14**.

- This victory marks **Verma's second Super 100** win in the ongoing calendar year.

- Earlier, he had won the **Hyderabad open** and **Slovenian International** earlier this year,

- The **2019 Vietnam Open** is the seventh Super 100 tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour and also part of the Vietnam Open championships.

- This tournament is organized by the **Ho Chi Minh City Badminton Association** and sanctioned by the BWF.

45. President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which of the following countries?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Iceland
- C. Slovenia
- D. Slovakia
- E. Hungary

Ans. A
Sol.

- President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Villeneuve in Switzerland.

- After unveiling the statue, President Kovind said Mahatma Gandhi's ideology of ahimsa, peace and living in harmony with nature is relevant even today.

- The President is on a five-day visit to Switzerland to boost business and cultural ties.

- The bust was unveiled to mark the visit of Mahatma to Villeneuve in 1931.

- The idol sculpted by Ram Vanaji Sutar is placed on a high pedestal made of sandstone extracted from Switzerland.

46. Every year, the International Day of Democracy is being observed all across the world on which of the following dates to raise awareness about the democratic system?

- A. 13th September
- B. 14th September
- C. 15th September
- D. 16th September

E. 17th September

Ans. C

Sol.

- The **International Day of Democracy** is being observed across the world on 15th September every year to raise awareness about the democratic system.
- The **2019 theme** for democracy day was '**participation**'.
- This **year's International Day of Democracy** is an opportunity to recall that democracy is about people. Democracy is built on inclusion, equal treatment and participation.
- It is a fundamental **building block for peace**, sustainable development and human rights.
- In 2007, the **United Nations General Assembly** (UNGA) resolved to observe 15th September as the International Day of Democracy with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy.

47. In September 2019, renowned writer Sivaraman Cheriyanad (78-years) passed away. He was a writer of which Indian language?

- A. Tamil
- B. Telugu
- C. Kannada
- D. Malayalam
- E. Odia

Ans. D

Sol.

- * The renowned Malayalam writer Sivaraman Cheriyanad (78-years) passed away in Kerala.
- * Sivaraman started his career as an upper primary school teacher and was a recipient of the National Teachers Award in 1989.
- * He received the Abu Dhabi Sakthi Award in 1988 and the A.P. Kalakkad Award in 2009.
- * He received Kerala Sahithya Akademi scholarship in 1990-91 for his study on the works of writer Parappuram.

48. What is the theme of the World Ozone Day 2019?

- A. Keep Cool and Carry On
- B. '32 years and Healing'

C. Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united

D. Ozone Layer Protection: The Mission Goes On

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

- * September 16 is celebrated as World Ozone Day every year.
- * Its aim is to make people aware of the world around the world from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the Sun and the ozone layer that protects our lives.
- * The theme of this year i.e. World Ozone Day 2019 is '32 years and Healing'. Through this theme, the three-decades effort to protect the ozone layer and protect the climate will be reflected by countries around the world under the Montreal Protocol.

49. Which among the following countries won the Fiba Basketball World Cup 2019?

- A. Argentina
- B. Australia
- C. Spain
- D. France
- E. England

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Spain defeated Argentina to win the Fiba Basketball World Cup held on 15th September in Beijing, China.
- * The Spanish team won the match by a margin of 95-75.
- * Spain won the basketball world cup after 13 years. Spain had won the title last time in 2006 with a 70-47 win over Greece.
- * Spain became the fifth country to win the World Cup 2 times. Earlier Yugoslavia and America won 5-5 titles. Soviet Union 3 and Brazil became champions 2 times.

50. Which of the following cricketers has become the highest run-scorer in a Test Series of this century?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Steve Smith
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Joe Root

E. James Anderson

Ans. B

Sol.

* Australian batsman Steve Smith has become the highest run-scorer in a Test series of this century.

* Steve Smith finished the Ashes series 2019 with 774 runs from the 4 matches at an average of over 110 with 3 centuries and 3 half-centuries.

* Earlier, Smith went past his own record of scoring 769 runs against India during the 2014-15 season.

* Smith has made his comeback in the international cricket in the ICC Men's World Cup after serving a 12 months suspension for his involvement in the ball-tampering scandal at Newlands in March 2018.

51. Who will be appointed as the first Chancellor of Haryana Sports University at Rai, Sonapat?

A. Sunil Gavaskar

B. Kapil Dev

C. Chetan Chauhan

D. Mohinder Amarnath

E. Harbhajan Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

* Former India player Kapil Dev will be appointed as the first Chancellor of Haryana Sports University at Rai, Sonapat, announced Haryana minister Anil Vij.

* The Haryana cabinet on July 16 approved the setting up of Haryana Sports University.

* The University will have powers to conduct academic and training programmes in physical education and sports sciences.

52. Which of the following state police has launched a new integrated one-touch mobile app 'Tatpar' for citizens?

A. Uttar Pradesh

B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Himachal Pradesh

D. Rajasthan

E. Delhi

Ans. E

Sol.

* Delhi police has launched a new integrated one-touch mobile app 'Tatpar' for citizens.

* It launched by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal to provide safety and a convenient online mode on a 24x7 basis to the citizens of Delhi.

* 'Tatpar' app (developed by the Delhi Police) is a one-stop destination for access to over 50 citizen-centric services.

* With the help of this app, people can navigate to their nearest police station, traffic pit and prepaid taxi booth.

* The app amalgamates all the websites and mobile applications of the Delhi Police.

53. India's first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub opened in which of the following cities?

A. Bengaluru

B. Mumbai

C. Kolkata

D. New Delhi

E. Ranchi

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director General (DG) Balram Bhargava has inaugurated India's first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub in Kolkata.

* AMR is the ability of a microbe to resist the effects of medication that once could successfully treat the microbe.

* The Kolkata centre would be the hub for research on antibiotic resistance not only for the country but for entire South Asia.

* The AMR facility has been developed by ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) in collaboration with the USA.

* Note:

* India has joined the Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R & D) hub as a new member.

54. Who among the following won the Best Actor (Male) Award at IIFA (International Indian Film Academy Awards) 2019?

- A. Ayushman Khurana
- B. Ranveer Singh
- C. Shahid Kapoor
- D. Ranbir Kapoor
- E. Vicky Kaushal

Ans. B

Sol.

* Ranveer Singh won the Best Actor (Male) Award at IIFA (The International Indian Film Academy Awards) 2019.

* Note:

* Director Meghna Gulzar's Raazi claimed Best Film Award while **Alia Bhatt** bagged Best Actress Award for the film.

* The film Raazi won four awards
Andhadhun and Padmaavat received two awards for each film.

Complete list of winners of IIFA Awards 2019:

* Best Actor (Male): Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat

* Best Actor (Female): Alia Bhatt for Raazi

* Best Film: Raazi

* Best Director: Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun

* Best Lyrics: Amitabh Bhattacharya for Dhadak

* 20 Years Best Actor (Female): Deepika Padukone

* Outstanding performance by a director in last 20 years: Rajkumar Hirani for Sanju

* 20 Years Best Actor (Male): Ranbir Kapoor.

* Best music in the last 20 years: Pritam

* Best film of the past 20 years: Kaho Na Pyaar Hai

* Lifetime Achievement Award:

Legendary actor and comedian Jagdeep Jaffery.

55. Who among the following has become the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to be deployed as a military diplomat in Indian missions abroad?

- A. Anjali Singh
- B. Aarohi Pandit
- C. Shaliza Dhama
- D. Minty Agarwal
- E. Punita Arora

Ans. A

Sol.

* **Wing Commander Anjali Singh** has become the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to be deployed as a military diplomat in Indian missions abroad.

* Anjali Singh has been posted as **Deputy Air Attaché** at the Indian Embassy in Russia on 10 September.

* The embassy said that Singh is an AE(L) officer who has been serving for 17 years. She is trained to fly MiG-29 aircraft.

* She has the distinction of being the first woman Indian Armed Forces officer to be deployed as a military diplomat in any Indian mission abroad.

* Note:

* **Air attache** is an Air Force officer who is part of a diplomatic mission. A high-ranking officer is normally appointed to this post. Air attache usually represents the head of the air force of his country in another country.

56. 'SITMEX-2019' is a joint trilateral maritime exercise between which countries?

- A. Singapore, India and Sri Lanka
- B. Singapore, India and Thailand
- C. Sri Lanka, India and Maldives
- D. India, Japan and Thailand
- E. Japan, India and USA

Ans. B

Sol.

* The Navies of Singapore, India and Thailand began their first joint maritime exercise 'SITMEX-2019' in Port Blair.

* The Singapore's Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) are conducting the five-day exercise (till 20th September 2019).

* The objective of the 'SITMEX' exercise is to bolster maritime relationships and contribute significantly to enhancing overall maritime security.

* This would also strengthen the mutual confidence amongst three navies in terms of interoperability and development of a common understanding of procedures.

57. In order to promote the funding in the infrastructure sector, the Union

government has waived the three-year lock-in period on investments made by non-residents in IDFs. What does the letter 'D' stand for the IDFs?

- A. Deficiency
- B. Demand
- C. Debt
- D. Department
- E. Document

Ans. C

Sol.

* Full form of IDFs is 'Infrastructure Debt Funds'.

* As per Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notification, the Union government has waived the three-year lock-in period on investments made by non-residents in infrastructure debt funds (IDFs), to promote funding in the infrastructure sector.

* IDFs are investment vehicles to accelerate the flow of long-term debt to the sector.

* If a non-resident transfers rupee-denominated bonds of IDF to another non-resident outside India, such transfer is not regarded as transfer for the purpose of capital gain, and no capital gain tax is charged on such transfer.

58. Which of the following state governments has launched a helpline number '1100' the 'Mukhya Mantri Service Resolution Helpline' for the speedy and time-bound redressal of public grievances?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Uttarakhand

Ans. D

Sol.

* Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched a helpline number '1100' (Mukhya Mantri Service Resolution Helpline) for the speedy and time-bound redressal of public grievances.

* The helpline number will make use of the latest technologies to help people register their complaints online, making the whole procedure paperless and lessen the footfall in government offices.

* Now, Himachal Pradesh has become the fourth state (after Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh) in the country to have such a helpline.

* Around 56 departments and 6500 officers working under government have been linked to Chief Minister's Service Resolution Helpline by Geo Mapping and Go Tagging.

* Mukhya Mantri Service Resolution Helpline will function 6 days a week (Monday-Saturday) from 7 am to 10 pm

* Every complaint will be resolved within a period of 7-14 days.

59. Who among the following has become the first Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the 2020 Olympics to be held in Tokyo, Japan?

- A. Babita Kumari
- B. Kavita Devi
- C. Sakshi Malik
- D. Vinesh Phogat
- E. Geeta Phogat

Ans. D

Sol.

* Indian women wrestler Vinesh Phogat has qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Vinesh managed to get an Olympic ticket in the 53 kg category.

* She has become the first Indian woman wrestler to make it to the 2020 Olympics.

* Vinesh Phogat achieved this feat by defeating Sarah Hildebrandt of America in the repechage rounder of the World Wrestling Championship.

Note:

* The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has selected Tokyo, Japan, to host the Summer Olympics in 2020. The games are planned to be held from **24 July to 9 August** 2020 in Tokyo.

* The 2024 Summer Olympics will be held in Paris, France.

* The 2028 Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles, California.

60. South Asia's tallest tower called 'Lotus Tower' has been unveiled in which of the following countries?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Maldives
- C. Sri Lanka

D. Myanmar
E. India

Ans. C
Sol.

* Sri Lanka has unveiled South Asia's tallest tower called 'Lotus Tower' in Colombo.

* The Lotus Tower (17-storey) is spread over an area of 30,600 sq. meters, with a height of 350-meter and overall cost, is above USD 100 million.

* The Lotus Tower will function as a TV tower, a hotel, a shopping mall, and a conference center.

Note:

* In 2012, Sri Lanka and China signed the Lotus Tower agreement to build the tower, with China National Electronics Import and Export Corporation being the general contractor.

61. The International Day of Peace is being observed all around the world every year on 21st September. What was the theme of the International Day of Peace 2019?

- A. Climate Action for Peace
- B. Beat the war
- C. Peace for Climate Action
- D. Stop the terrorism
- E. Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace

Ans. A
Sol.

- The International Day of Peace is observed around the world annually on 21st September.
- It is dedicated to world peace and specifically the absence of war & violence such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access.
- The theme for 2019 is "Climate Action for Peace".
- The theme draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world

Note:

- In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) had designated 21st September as the International Day of Peace.

62. Which of the following Indian States has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation?

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

Ans. B
Sol.

• Kerala inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation. memorandum of understanding

• Maldives has also sought RCC's support to create a cancer registry in that country.

• The MOU was signed between Abdulla Ameen (Maldivian Minister) and KK Shylaja (Kerala Health Minister) in the presence of the state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

63. Which eminent mathematician has been awarded the 'Education Excellence Award 2019' in the US?

- A. Kannan Soundararajan
- B. Anand Kumar Santosh
- C. Vempala Lakshminarayanan
- D. Mahadevan
- E. None of these

Ans. B
Sol.

• Anand Kumar, eminent mathematician and the founder and of Super-30, has been awarded a prestigious teaching award in the US for his contribution to providing education to the country's needy students.

• Mr Anand Kumar received the award by the 'Foundation for Excellence' (FFE) at a ceremony on the 25th anniversary of the Organization in San Jose, California.

64. UN Climate Change Summit, 2019 was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New York
- B. Tokyo
- C. Pyongyang
- D. Paris

E. Toronto

Ans. A

Sol.

- On 23rd September the UN Climate Change Summit, 2019 was held in General Assembly Hall at UN Headquarters in New York.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on world leaders to bring forth their concrete plans, and ambitious actions to solve the climate crisis.
- The key focus of the summit is to accelerate the actions to implement the Paris agreement.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India's body of work at UN Climate Action Summit.

65. UNESCO has named which of the following cities as the World Book Capital City for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Sharjah
- C. Tokyo
- D. London
- E. Paris

Ans. B

Sol.

- The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) will be organized from 30th October to 9th November 2019.
- The book fair will be held at the 'Expo Center' in Sharjah, with the participation of selected writers, novelists and artists from around the world.
- Authors, publishers, intellectuals and artists worldwide will bring their experiences and expertise to this prominent event and partake in a vibrant cultural programme.
- UNESCO has named Sharjah as the World Book Capital City for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy.
- Aligning itself with the title of the World Book Capital, the SIBF will be organized under the theme 'Open Books, Open Minds'.
- It will be an exceptional edition of the book fair, where the events and

discussions will all shine a spotlight on the book's ability to ignite peoples' minds, appreciate cultural differences and bring them closer.

66. Who has authored the book titled "Being Gandhi" which will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Vikrant Khanna
- C. Paro Anand
- D. Chetan Bhagat
- E. Ravi Shankar

Ans. C

Sol.

- Book titled "Being Gandhi" written by award-winning author Paro Anand will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The book explores "not Gandhi the man or his life as a leader, but really the Gandhian way that must remain relevant to us."
- The story revolves around a boy, Chandrashekhar, who is bored of doing projects on Gandhi. But, a turn of events forces him to "dig deep and not just find his 'inner Gandhi', but become Gandhi. Not for a day or two. But, maybe even, for life".

67. World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia?

- A. 19th September
- B. 20th September
- C. 21st September
- D. 22nd September
- E. 23rd September

Ans. C

Sol.

- 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.
- Some of the most common signs of Alzheimer's Disease include memory loss, problems with language, difficulty performing familiar tasks, changes in

personality and difficulty keeping track of things.

68. Who among the following has won the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix 2019?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Charles Leclerc
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Daniel Ricciardo
- E. Lando Norris

Ans. C

Sol.

- German racing driver Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) has won the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix 2019.
- Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) remained in the second position while Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Honda) was third.
- The 2019 Singapore Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Marina Bay, Singapore.

69. Which of the following public sector bank has launched a digital platform for farmers to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. United Bank of India
- D. Canara Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda

Ans. E

Sol.

- Bank of Baroda has launched a digital platform 'Baroda Kisan' to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements.
- The agri-digital platform has been executed by the IT Centre of Excellence (ITCoE) of Bank of Baroda in partnership with IBM India.
- It is a web-based portal that can also be accessed by farmers via mobile.
- The web-based portal will cater to all the needs of farmers, including weather forecasts, crop conditions, the moisture levels of the soil, information on crop worms, market prices, special crop-related consultation.

- The Bank also launched centralized processing hubs at Gandhinagar and Hyderabad of agriculture proposals.

70. Which of the following states' tourism department won three prestigious Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold awards?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala
- E. Tamil Nadu

Ans. D

Sol.

- **Kerala Tourism** has won three prestigious **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** Gold awards.
- These awards include one for an ethnic **food** restaurant run by women at Kumarakom under its Responsible Tourism Mission.
- The awards presented at a glittering function at Nur-Sultan (Astana) in Kazakhstan were received by state Tourism Minister Kadakampally Surendran and Tourism Director P Bala Kiran.
- The **two other gold awards** were for an advertisement campaign of Kerala Tourism 'Come Out and Play' and for its website (www.keralatourism.org) respectively.
- The PATA Awards are presented to outstanding entries in four principal categories: Marketing; Education and Training; Environment, and Heritage and Culture.

71. Which of the following Indian playback singer has been honoured with 'Magnificent Performing Arts Award' at the 21st Century Icon Awards in London, United Kingdom (UK)?

- A. Arijit Singh
- B. Kelash Kher
- C. Himesh Reshammiya
- D. Sonu Nigam
- E. Armaan Malik

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian playback singer Sonu Nigam (46-years) has been honoured with 'Magnificent Performing Arts Award' at

the 21st Century Icon Awards in London, United Kingdom (UK).

- The nominations for the annual award were from 22 different countries and Sonu Nigam won the award among these.
- These annual awards are the brainchild of UK-based Indian-origin entrepreneurs Preeti Rana and Tarun Gulati (co-founders of Squared Watermelon Ltd).
- The 2019 edition of awards attracted more than 700 nominations which were narrowed down to 44 finalists.

72.The Fourth edition of Internet of Things India Congress 2019 was held in_____.

- A. Bhubaneshwar
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Chennai
- E. New Delhi

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Fourth edition of Internet of Things India Congress 2019 was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- It was held on 22-23 August, 2019.
- The theme of Edition was 'Mainstreaming the Internet of Things'.
- It was inaugurated by Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India.

73.India's largest power company the NTPC Ltd. has planned to set up 5 gigawatts (GW) solar park in which of the following states?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Tamil Nadu

Ans. A

Sol.

- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd. has planned to set up 5 gigawatts (GW) solar park at Kutch in Gujarat.
- A site has been identified for the project, which is expected to cost as much as Rs. 25,000 crores and begin operations by 2024.

- It will be the biggest solar park in the country.
- The project is part of the NTPC target to build 32 gigawatts (GW) of renewable capacity by 2032 in order to reduce the share of fossil fuels in its energy mix to 70% from about 96%.
- The International Solar Alliance (ISA), proposed by India as a founder member, is headquartered in India.

74.India's first environment school named World Environment School (WES) will come in which state?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- India's first environment school named World Environment School, Coorg (WESc) will come up at Coorg, Karnataka.
- WESc will be open for students of Grade 6 to 12 from India and around the world from the year 2021.
- It will be the first school in India and South Asia to take a leading role in promoting and delivering environmental education with sustainability at its core.
- It will be launched by Mobius Foundation, a non-profit organization working towards environmental sustainability.

75.Who among the following will become the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh to help and promote the state's tradition and tourist places?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Amir Khan
- C. Govinda
- D. Irfan Khan
- E. Akshay Kumar

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bollywood Actor Govinda (55-years) will be the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh and will help promote the state's traditions and tourist places.
- Govinda is one of the most successful Bollywood stars in the 1990s, had a five-

year stint as Congress Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai North constituency (in 2004).

- The Madhya Pradesh government is planning to set up a film city, as several production units are visiting places like Maheshwar, Mandu and Bhopal to shoot movies.

76. 'Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited' has signed a bancassurance agreement with which of the following banks?

- A. United Bank of India
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Indian Bank
- D. Canara Bank
- E. Punjab and Sind Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

- 'Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited' has announced a bancassurance corporate agency agreement with a state-owned bank 'Indian Bank'.
- Under the agreement, Max Bupa will provide comprehensive health insurance solutions and services to over 40 million customers of Indian Bank spread across 2800 branch network, through a slew of digital touchpoints.
- As part of the tie-up, Max Bupa's offerings will include both retail and group health insurance products besides Indemnity and Fixed Benefit products.

77. In which state/union territory of India 'Shondol dance' is performed which has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records recently?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Telangana
- E. Sikkim

Ans. B

Sol.

- The royal dance of Ladakh 'Shondol dance' has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance.
- 'Shondol' is a famous dance, which artistes used to perform for the king of Ladakh.

- As many as 408 women attired in traditional dresses and beautiful headgears performed the dance.
- It was held on the concluding day of the ongoing Buddhist carnival Naropa festival near the Hemis Monastery.
- The festival had begun on 16th September and concluded on 20th September 2019.

78. Who among the following has been conferred with the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism in Bengaluru?

- A. Rajat Sharma
- B. Sudhir Chaudhary
- C. Ravish Kumar
- D. Punya Prasun Bajpai
- E. Abhisar Sharma

Ans. C

Sol.

- Senior journalist Ravish Kumar has received the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism in Bengaluru.
- Ravish Kumar was chosen for the award for sharp news analysis and uncompromising secular stance by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust.
- The award was presented to him by freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.
- Three books, Neera Nade (by Vinaya Okkunda), Dehali Nota (by D. Umapathy), and Maatige Enu Kadime (translation of Mr. Kumar's The Free Voice by Harshakumar Kugwe) were released on the occasion.
- Ramon Magsaysay awardee Ravish Kumar is the Managing Editor of NDTV India.

79. Which of the following footballers has won the FIFA's best male player of the year award 2019 at La Scala in Milan, Italy?

- A. Virgil van Dijk
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- D. Mohamed Salah
- E. Sergio Aguero

Ans. B

Sol.

- Argentine footballer Lionel Messi (32-years) won the FIFA's best male player

of the year award 2019 at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

- Messi beats Virgil van Dijk and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the Best Men's Player award.
- Lionel Messi has won this award for the record sixth time (earlier, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2015).
- American footballer Megan Rapinoe has won the Best FIFA Football Women's Player award 2019.
- Rapinoe beat Alex Morgan and Lucy Bronze to win The Best Women's Player award.
- Jurgen Klopp (Germany) has won the best FIFA men's coach award.
- Daniel Zsori (Hungarian-Romanian) received FIFA's Puskas award.

80. The Union Science and Technology & Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched which initiative to tackle inherited genetic disorders in newborns?

- A. NIDAN
- B. UMMID
- C. SAMADHAN
- D. AYUSHMAN

E. AROGYA

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- The Union Science and Technology & Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched 'UMMID' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of new-born babies in New Delhi.
- The new initiative aims at creating awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establish molecular diagnostics in hospitals so that the benefits of developments in medical genetics could reach patients.
- According to Mr. Vardhan, congenital and hereditary genetic diseases are becoming a significant health burden and there is a need for adequate and effective genetic testing and counselling services.
- Dr Vardhan further emphasized on the use of cutting-edge scientific technology and molecular medicine for extending Universal Health Coverage for all.
- Also, National Inherited Diseases Administration (NIDAN) kendras have been established under UMMID scheme.

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