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1. 46th G7 summit scheduled to be held from 10 to 12th June 2020 will take place in _____.

- A. England
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. USA
- E. Canada

Ans. D

Sol.

- According to US President's acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, the 46th G7 summit (10 to 12th June 2020) will take place in one of US President Donald Trump's Florida golf clubs.
- Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States as well as representatives of the European Union will participate in the summit.
- The President of the European Commission has been a permanent welcome participant at all meetings and decision-making since 1981.
- The 45th G7 summit was held on 24–26 August 2019, in Biarritz, France.

2. Name the cricketer who has been sacked as Pakistan captain from the Test and T20I formats?

- A. Babar Azam
- B. Azhar Ali
- C. Sarfaraz Ahmed
- D. Soaib Malik
- E. Mohammad Hafeez

Ans. C

Sol.

- Wicket-keeper batsman Sarfaraz Ahmed (32 years) has been sacked as Pakistan's Test and T20 captain with Azhar Ali and Babar Azam elevated to leadership roles for the upcoming tour of Australia.
- According to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Batsman Azhar Ali would lead the Test side in the two Tests in Australia.
- While Babar Azam (25-years) would be the captain in the three T20 matches.
- Sarfaraz has been captain in all three formats of the game for the last two years and led Pakistan to the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy title.

3. Who among the following has been appointed as the Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A. Santosh Kumar Upadhyay
- B. Anup Kumar Singh
- C. Ghanshyam Upadhyay
- D. Amitendra Nath Sinha
- E. Jay Narayan Pankaj

Ans. B

Sol.

- Senior IPS officer Anup Kumar Singh (1985-batch Gujarat cadre) has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG), (up to 30th September 2020).
- He succeeds Sudeep Lakhtakia.
- NSG was raised in 1984 as a federal contingency force with a specific aim to undertake counter-terror and counter-hijack operations and it was later tasked to protect high-risk VVIPs.

4. The India arm of Netherlands-based Home Credit Group has tied up with which bank for joint lending to tap the large unbanked customer base across the country?

- A. Yes Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. HDFC Bank
- E. Karur Vysya Bank

Ans. E

Sol.

- The India arm of Netherlands-based Home Credit Group has tied up with Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) for joint lending to tap the large unbanked customer base across the country.
- It has a total business of about Rs 1.1 lakh crore with a deposit base of Rs 60,000 crore and a loan book of Rs 50,000 crore.
- Home Credit India (entry in 2012) has spread its operations over 179 cities across 20 states and emerged with the largest penetration is below the Rs. 10,000 category with a customer base of one crore.
- Karur Vysya Bank is a 103-year-old scheduled commercial bank headquartered at Karur in Tamil Nadu.



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5. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Banks Association for fiscal 2019-20?

- A. Sunil Mehta
- B. Rajnish Kumar
- C. TN Manoharan
- D. Padmaja Chundurur
- E. Dinabandhu Mohapatra

Ans. B

Sol.

- The State Bank of India Chairman Rajnish Kumar has been elected as the chairman of the banking industry lobby Indian Banks Association for fiscal 2019-20.

- The body, which represents banks' interests with the government and regulators, said it has three top bankers from various lenders as its deputy chairmen.

- An official statement said these include Union Bank of India's G Rajkiran Rai, S S Mallikarjuna Rao of Punjab National Bank and Madhav Kalyan JP Morgan Chase Bank.

- IDBI Bank's managing director and chief Rakesh Shamra will be the honorary secretary of the body

6. Who among the following Indian Industrialist has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the World Steel Association?

- A. T V Narendran
- B. L N Mittal
- C. Ratan Tata
- D. Sajjan Jindal
- E. Sanjay Singal

Ans. D

Sol.

- Global body World Steel Association (worldsteel) has elected JSW Steel Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Sajjan Jindal as its vice-chairman.

- The board has elected HBIS Group Co-Chairman Yu Yong as its chairman.

- The association has also appointed Tata Steel CEO and MD T V Narendran and ArcelorMittal Chief L N Mittal as its members.

- The World Steel Association is one of the largest industry representations in

the world and represents 85 per cent of the world's steel production.

7. The new version of Bharat Interface for Money app, BHIM 2.0 will now support how many languages which was unveiled in the first MeitY Start-up Summit 2019 by Ravi Shankar Prasad?

- A. 10
 - B. 13
 - C. 16
 - D. 20
 - E. 22
- Ans. C

Sol.

- On October 21, 2019, the Union minister of law & justice, communications, electronics & Information Technology (IT), Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad unveiled several new initiatives in the first MeitY Start-up Summit 2019 held in New Delhi.

- One of the initiatives unveiled in the summit is BHIM 2.0 with new functionalities.

- BHIM 2.0 apart from the existing 13 languages, now supports additional languages namely Konkani, Bhojpuri, and Haryanvi. 'Donation' gateway, increased transaction limits for high-value transactions are the other additional features.

8. On 22nd October 2019, India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet was held in which city in which trade and connectivity are in high on the agenda?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kolkata
- C. Dhaka
- D. Guwahati
- E. New Delhi

Ans. D

Sol.

- On 22nd October 2019, India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet begins in Guwahati with trade and connectivity high on the agenda.

- A 70-member delegation from Bangladesh, including two Central ministers and two advisors of the Prime Minister, are participating in the meet.

- A similar top-level team from India, including Union ministers, will represent the host nation.
- The idea of the meet is to put Assam at the center point of India's trade expansion with ASEAN and Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal or BBN countries.
- The country's first International multi-model hub will be set up at Jogighopa in Assam at a cost of 600 crore rupees.

9. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan released a postal stamp of which institutions to commemorate its centenary celebration?

- A. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
 - B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
 - C. National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad
 - D. Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow
 - E. School of Medical Science and Technology (SMST), Kharagpur
- Ans. C

Sol.

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare) has released a special commemorative postal stamp of the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad.
- The stamp has been brought out under the "Corporate My stamp" scheme of India Posts.
- These stamps are of limited edition and are made to order.
- Alongside these customised themed stamps, the NIN also opted for printing its centenary logo.

10. Name the country which will host the 91st INTERPOL General Assembly in 2022?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Russia
- E. France

Ans. B

Sol.

- India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal

received the overwhelming support of member countries at this year's congregation at Santiago in Chile.

- It will be held as part of celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.
- The International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) had hosted the general assembly, where representatives of all member countries converge, in India in 1997.

11. Name the Glacier which has been opened for tourism for the first time by the Indian government?

- A. Siachen Glacier
- B. Gangotri Glacier
- C. Milam Glacier
- D. Gomukh Glacier
- E. Pindari Glacier

Ans. A

Sol.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that the Siachen Glacier (the world's highest battlefield) is now open for tourism.
- The decision comes months after declaring Ladakh as a Union Territory.
- This is the first time that the area has been opened by the army for tourists
- Now, you can travel from the Siachen Base Camp (altitude of 12,000 feet) to Kumar Post.
- The Siachen Glacier is on the eastern Karakoram Range in the Himalayas.

12. What is the title of the advertising campaign launched by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India?

- A. Feed Our Future
- B. Feed for Future
- C. Food for Hunger
- D. Food for Future
- E. Food and Future

Ans. A

Sol.

- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a cinema advertisement campaign titled 'Feed Our Future'.



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- The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India.
- Headquarters of UN World Food Programme (WFP): Rome, Italy.

13. Which country has signed an agreement to lease the entire Tulagi island in the Solomon Islands?

- A. Japan
- B. Philippines
- C. Taiwan
- D. China
- E. USA

Ans. D

Sol.

- A Chinese company has signed an agreement to lease an entire island in the Solomon Islands.
- Tulagi, an island about two square kilometres (0.8 square miles) with a population of 1,200.
- It is the site of a former Japanese naval base and was the scene of fierce fighting in World War II.
- The agreement with China mentions developing a refinery on the island, but its potential for dual use as a Chinese military base is certain to raise concerns with the United States and Australia.

14. Which country won the 9th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2019 by defeating India in the final?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Pakistan
- C. England
- D. China
- E. Japan

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Indian junior hockey men's team lost a second consecutive final to Great Britain in the 2019 Sultan of Johor Cup as it succumbed to a 1-2 loss at Johor Bahru, Malaysia.
- * In the tournament India's Shilanand Lakra with 5 goals emerged as a top scorer;
- * Japan's Kosei Kawabe was named as the Best player and Oliver Payne of Great

Britain was named as the Goalkeeper of the tournament.

- * The 2019 Sultan of Johor Cup (9th - edition) was an international men's under-21 field hockey tournament held in Malaysia.

15. The book titled 'Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem' is written by who among the following?

- A. N Chandrasekaran
- B. Ratan Tata
- C. Roopa Purushothaman
- D. Both A and C
- E. Girish Wagh

Ans. D

Sol.

- * Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book titled 'Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem' in New Delhi.
- * Mr. Modi presented books' first copy to eminent industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata.
- * The book has been authored by N Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons) and Roopa Purushothaman.
- * The book 'Bridgital Nation' presents a powerful vision of future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem.

16. Name the person who was conferred with the Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award by the Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. K. Parasaran
- B. Ishwarchandra Chintamani
- C. Chhaju Ram Sharma
- D. Eli Ahmed
- E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award to legal luminary and former Attorney General K. Parasaran at a function in New Delhi.
- * Mr Parasaran was honoured with the award on the Elder's Day celebration of Age Care India, an organization working for the welfare of the elderly.

* The Award is a fitting recognition of Mr Parasaran's exceptional contribution to the field of law and justice as well as his extraordinary personality.

* He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2003 and Padma Vibhushan in 2011.

17. Who is the Union Minister of State for Culture and tourism?

- A. Kiren Rijiju
- B. Narendra Singh Tomar
- C. Pralhad Joshi
- D. Prahlad Singh Patel
- E. Santosh Gangwar

Ans. D

Sol.

* Presently, Prahlad Singh Patel Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism. He has inaugurated e-portal of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training and YouTube Channel in New Delhi.

* The objective of the e-portal to take India to a newer digital pinnacle and to promote Indian culture.

* He also attended the "Digital Bharat - Digital Sanskriti" program organised by Rashtriya Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, CCRT of the Ministry of Culture.

18. On October 21, 2019, Defence Minister Mr Rajnath Singh inaugurated Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu in Ladakh. It is built on which river?

- A. Brahmaputra
- B. Shyok
- C. Indus
- D. Zaskar
- E. Nubra

Ans. B

Sol.

* On October 21, 2019, Defence Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh inaugurated Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu/Bridge over River Shyok, connecting Durbuk and Daulat Beg Oldie in Eastern Ladakh.

* The Bridge, which is 1400 feet span, is constructed by the Border Road Organization (BRO) and is at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of the Ladakh region.

19. Ekushey Padak winner renowned personality Kalidas Karmakar passed away on October 2019. He was a veteran _____.

- A. Musician
- B. Journalist
- C. Folk Dancer
- D. Painter
- E. Sculptor

Ans. D

Sol.

* Bangladeshi artist Kalidas Karmakar (73-years) passed away in Dhaka.

* He was specialized in viscosity printing.

* He was awarded Shilpakala Padak (2016) and the Ekushey Padak (2018) by the Government of Bangladesh for his contribution to fine arts.

20. National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on which date to remember the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties?

- A. 17th October
- B. 18th October
- C. 19th October
- D. 20th October
- E. 21st October

Ans. E

Sol.

* National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on 21st October to remember remembering the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties.

* The day commemorates the sacrifices of ten policemen while defending the borders with China in 1959.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has saluted the police forces, their families and remembers those brave police personnel martyred in the line of duty, on Police Commemoration Day.

21. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the 14th annual convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC) in _____.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jaipur
- D. Dehradun

E. Bengaluru

Ans. A

Sol.

* Home Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the 14th annual convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC) in New Delhi.

* All the present and former Chief Information Commissioners, Information Commissioners of the Central Information Commission, State Information Commission, RTI activists and NGOs associated with the implementation of the RTI Act will attend the Convention.

22. 'Conference of Power and Renewable Energy Ministers of States and UTs' was held at which place?

A. Ahmedabad

B. Narmada

C. Surat

D. Gandhi Nagar

E. Vadodara

Ans. B

Sol.

* Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (I/C) Shri RK Singh inaugurated the two-day 'Conference of Power and Renewable Energy Ministers of States and UTs' at Tent City, Narmada, Gujarat.

* The Conference is being attended by the Energy Ministers and top officials of energy departments of the States.

* The Conference will see deliberation over a range of issues pertaining to power and renewable energy sector such as – 24/7 power supply for all, Ease of doing business, Sanctity of contracts, regulatory issues, implementation of various schemes.

* Power Finance Corporation (PFC) a PSU under the Ministry of Power has appointed ICRA and CARE as the designated credit rating agencies for carrying out the rating exercise.

23. The second 'informal' summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping was held at _____.

A. Mamallapuram

B. Tuticorin

C. Thiruvannamalai

D. Pudukottai

E. Madurai

Ans. A

Sol.

* The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and the President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping held their Second Informal Summit in Mamallapuram, India, on 11-12 October 2019.

* 2. The two Leaders had an in-depth exchange of views in a friendly atmosphere on overarching, long-term and strategic issues of global and regional importance.

* 3. They also shared their respective approaches towards national development.

* 4. They evaluated the direction of bilateral relations in a positive light and discussed how India-China bilateral interaction can be deepened to reflect the growing role of both countries on the global stage.

24. Who among the following finds top position in "The Forbes India Rich List 2019" with a net worth of \$51.4 billion, released by the business magazine Forbes?

A. Gautam Adani

B. Anil Ambani

C. Ajim Prem ji

D. Mukhesh Ambani

E. Uday Kotak

Ans. D

Sol.

* The business magazine Forbes has released "The Forbes India Rich List 2019".

* Mukesh Ambani has maintained his top position as the wealthiest person of India with \$51.4 billion.

* The Forbes India Rich List 2019 showed industrialist Gautam Adani jumped 8 spots on the list to become the second richest India with a net worth of \$15.7 billion.

25. Which of the following states tourism department has organized a month-long City Walk Festival in its 11 cities?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Karnataka
- E. Maharashtra

Ans. C

Sol.

* Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has organized a month-long City Walk Festival in 11 cities (from 12th October to 10th November).

* The City Walk Festival organized in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Panna, Vidisha, Khajuraho, Chanderi, Jabalpur, Burhanpur and Orchha.

* In a unique way to promote tourism, local, national and international tourists of all age groups is participating in the festival.

* More than 100 city walks organized during the festival on subjects including art, culture, heritage, food, textile, photography and spiritualism.

* In this festival, the tourists will be acquainted with the rich heritage, natural beauty, glorious history, traditions and ancient heritage of the Madhya Pradesh.

26. On which of the following dates World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2019 was observed?

- A. 10th October
- B. 11th October
- C. 12th October
- D. 13th October
- E. 14th October

Ans. C

Sol.

* World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2019 is being observed on 12th October (second Saturday of October).

* The WMBD is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

* The theme for 2019: Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!

27. Indian women boxer MC Mary Kom Settles for Bronze medal in the 51-kg

division after Losing Intense Semi-final at Women's World Boxing Championships 2019. It was held in which country?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. Austria
- E. Germany

Ans. A

Sol.

* Mary Kom Settles for Bronze (in 51-kg division) medal after Losing Intense Semi-final at Women's World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia.

* She lost her semi-final bout against Turkey's Buse naz Cakiroglu.

* The 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships are held in Ulan-Ude, Russia.

28. US-based Major credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service estimated that the Indian economy will grow at _____ in the financial year 2020.

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.0%
- C. 5.8%
- D. 5.5%
- E. 5.0%

Ans. C

Sol.

* US-based Major credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service estimated that the Indian economy expected to 5.8% from 6.2%. in the financial year 2020.

* It stated that the Indian economy is experiencing a pronounced slowdown partly due to long-lasting factors.

* Moody's Investors Service was established in 1909, headquarters in New York, USA.

* Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC: was founded in 1860, headquarters in New York, USA, subsidiary of S&P Global.

* Fitch Ratings: was founded in 1914, headquarters in New York City and London.

29. The C40 World Mayors Summit 2019 was held in which city?

- A. Hamburg, Germany
- B. Copenhagen, Denmark



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- C. Paris, France
D. London, UK
E. New York, USA

Ans. B

Sol.

* Copenhagen is hosting the C40 Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark. (9th October to 12th October 2019)

* The main objective of the summit is to show how cities are delivering their strong commitments for healthier, sustainable, resilient and inclusive future.

* The 2019 summit in specific aims to build a global coalition of cities, citizens and businesses that rallies around ambitious climate action that the earth needs right now.

* The 2019 marks 14 – year establishment of C40 Leadership group.

30. Which of the following countries has won the SAFF Under-18 Football Championship 2019?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

* India defeated Bangladesh by 2-1 in the final of **SAFF Under-18 Football Championship 2019** to lift the maiden title in Kathmandu.

* India's Ninthoinganba Meetei was declared Most Valuable Player of the championship.

* Earlier, Host Nepal had lifted two editions of the Championship but could not qualify for semi-finals this time.

* The SAFF U–18 Championship is a football championship for male footballers under the age of 18 and is organized by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF).

31. Who among the following has won the Russian Grand Prix 2019?

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

E. Sebastian Vettel

Ans. A

Sol.

* British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (for Mercedes) has won the Russian Grand Prix 2019.

* This was Hamilton's 9th win of the season.

* Finland's Valtteri Bottas (for Ferrari) was in second, with Monaco's Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) was third.

* The 2019 Russian Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Sochi Autodrom in Sochi, Russia.

32. Famous personality Viju Khote passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Musician
B. Lyricist
C. Actor
D. Journalist
E. Politician

Ans. C

Sol.

* Famous Bollywood actor Viju Khote passed away at the age of 77 on 30th September. He is known for his 'Kalia' character in the film 'Sholay'.

* He has worked in Marathi films as well as other languages. He had won the audience's heart by his dialogue, 'Sardar Maine Tumhara Namak Khaya hai'.

* He died of a heart attack.

* Khote featured in popular films like "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak", "Ventilator" and the TV show "Zabaan Sambhalke".

33. Which of the following states topped in the School Education Quality Index (SEQI) released by NITI Aayog?

- A. New Delhi
B. Karnataka
C. Tamil Nadu
D. Rajasthan
E. Kerala

Ans. E

Sol.

* On 30th September, NITI Aayog has released the School Education Quality Index (SEQI) in New Delhi.

* According to the report, in the field of education, Kerala has got the first place,



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while Rajasthan has got second place and Karnataka has got third place.

* At the

* **Kerala was the best performer with a score of 76.6%**, while Uttar Pradesh came in last with a score of 36.4%.

* Tamil Nadu was the top performer in access and equity outcomes, while Karnataka led in learning outcomes.

* Haryana had the best infrastructure and facilities.

* The School Education Quality Index assesses States on the basis of learning outcomes, access, equity and infrastructure and facilities, using survey data, self-reported data from States and third-party verification.

34. Which of the following has become the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. Indian Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. State Bank of India
- E. ICICI Bank

Ans. D

Sol.

* The State Bank of India opened its Melbourne office on 30th September. With this, SBI becomes the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria.

* Speaking at the inauguration, Victoria's parliamentary secretary to the treasurer, Steve Dimopoulos, said, "We are delighted to welcome the State Bank of India to Victoria – the first Indian bank to set up operations in our state."

* Victoria's financial sector employs more than 122,000 people and generates around 40 billion Australian dollars every year.

35. Who among the following has been appointed as the principal spokesperson of the government?

- A. Sitanshu Kar
- B. Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia
- C. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- D. Sharad Kumar Saraf
- E. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Ans. B

Sol.

* On 30th September Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia, an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer appointed the principal spokesperson of the government.

* Dhatwalia, a 1984-batch IIS officer, has been posted as the new principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the publicity wing of the central government.

* He succeeded Sitanshu Kar, will function as the principal spokesperson of the government of India.

36. International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30th September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. What is the theme of International Translation Day 2019?

- A. Translation and Indigenous Languages
- B. Translation and Foreign Languages
- C. Translation and Regional Languages
- D. Translation and International Languages
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

* Every year on 30th September **International Translation Day** observed around the world.

* The theme for this year is "**Translation and Indigenous Languages**".

* This day provides a great opportunity to spotlight the important work of translators, interpreters and others in the language service industry.

37. Defence Research and Development Organization successfully test-fired a land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from which of the following launch center?

- A. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- B. Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad
- C. Chandipur Test Range, Balasore
- D. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.



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* DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organization) successfully test-fired a land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Chandipur coast in Odisha's Balasore district.

* The missile (strike range of 290km) can be fired from land as well as sea-based platforms.

* The BrahMos is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft, or land.

* It is a joint venture between the Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroyeniya and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) who together have formed BrahMos Aerospace.

* The name BrahMos is a portmanteau formed from the names of two rivers, the Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva of Russia.

38. On which of the following dates International Day of Older Persons is observed every year?

- A. 28th September
- B. 29th September
- C. 30th September
- D. 1st October
- E. 2nd October

Ans. D

Sol.

* The International Day of Older Persons is observed on 1st October every year to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse.

* It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.

* The theme of the 2019 commemoration is 'The Journey to Age Equality'.

* The theme focuses on pathways of coping with existing and preventing future old age inequalities.

39. Which of the following company has won the prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category?

- A. Google India
- B. Infosys
- C. Facebook
- D. WIPRO
- E. TCS

Ans. B

Sol.

* Digital services and consulting major Infosys has won the prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category.

* Infosys is the only corporate from India to earn the recognition for its efforts to combat climate change.

* The award will be presented to Infosys at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile (December 2019).

* Infosys began its action to combat climate change in 2008 with an assessment of its carbon footprint.

* The UN Global Climate Action Awards are organized by the Momentum for Change initiative of the UN Climate Change Secretariat.

* The award-winning projects are recognized for their innovative solutions that address climate change and help drive progress on many other sustainable development goals, such as poverty alleviation, gender equality and economic opportunity.

40. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid after Indian classical singer Pandit Jasraj. Where is the headquarter of IAU situated?

- A. Paris, France
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. Vienna, Austria
- D. Greenwich, UK
- E. Hamburg, Germany

Ans. A

Sol.

• The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has named a **minor planet (asteroid)** after Indian classical singer **Pandit Jasraj**.

• The **asteroid** (located between Mars and Jupiter) was discovered on **11th November 2006**, by the **Catalina Sky Survey**, whose telescopes are based in **Arizona** in the United States.



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- All names proposed are judged by the **15-member Working Group** for Small Body Nomenclature (CSBN) of the **IAU**, comprising **professional astronomers** with research interests in minor planets and/or comets from around the world.
- The International Astronomical Union is an international association of professional astronomers, at the PhD level and beyond, active in professional research and education in astronomy. Wikipedia
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Founded: 28 July 1919
- President: Ewine van Dishoeck

41. On which of the following dates the International Translation Day is celebrated every year?

- A. 26th September
- B. 27th September
- C. 28th September
- D. 29th September
- E. 30th September

Ans. E

Sol.

- International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30th September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators.
- International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals.
- The celebrations have been promoted by FIT (the International Federation of Translators) ever since it was set up in 1953.
- On 24 May 2017, the General Assembly adopted resolution 71/288 on the role of language professionals in connecting nations and fostering peace, understanding and development, and declared 30th September as International Translation Day.

42. Every year on which date the World Heart Day is observed?

- A. 26th September
- B. 27th September
- C. 28th September
- D. 29th September

E. 30th September

Ans. D

Sol.

- **World Heart Day** (WHD) is celebrated on **29th September** every year to **create awareness about heart disease** and stroke prevention.
- The theme for the World Heart Day 2019 is "My Heart, Your Heart".
- The World Heart Federation created this global campaign in the hopes of uniting people all around the world to encourage heart-healthy living across the globe.

43. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the International Egg Commission (IEC) for the next two years?

- A. Suresh Chitturi
- B. Banda Vasudev Rao
- C. Pawan Kumar Borthakur
- D. Bijender Singh
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

- India's **Suresh Chitturi** has been appointed as chairman of the **International Egg Commission** (IEC) for the next two years.
- He will be the **first chair from Asia** in the history of the **International Egg Commission** (IEC).
- Currently, **Mr. Chitturi** is the Vice Chairman and **Managing Director** (MD) of India's leading poultry firm 'Srinivasa Farms'.
- The appointment was made at the **IEC Global Leadership Conference** in Copenhagen in Denmark.
- The **International Egg Commission** (IEC) is a membership organization (over 80 countries) dedicated to the global egg industry.
- The IEC was established in **1964** at the second International Egg Conference held in Bologna, Italy.

44. Which of the following central banks has issued commemorative coins on the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. State Bank of Pakistan



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- C. Nepal Rastra bank
D. Bangladesh Bank
E. Maldives Monetary Authority
Ans. C

Sol.

- To celebrate 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev the Nepal Rastra Bank has issued commemorative coins of 2500, 1000 and 100 Nepali rupees.
- Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal (Nepal Rastra Bank Governor) and Manjeev Singh Puri (Indian Ambassador) released commemorative coins.
- Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee President Sardar Gobind Singh Longowal, Jathedar of Akal Takht Giani Harpreet Singh and many other prominent Sikh leaders from Punjab also joined the launching ceremony.
- On this occasion, a book "Sikh Heritage of Nepal" was also released.
- The book published by Indian Embassy highlights Nepal's Sikh connection which dates back to Guru Nanak Dev, who travelled through Nepal during his third Udasi.

45. Renowned personality K P S Menon (Junior) has passed away on September 2019, he was a veteran?

- A. Bureaucrat
B. Cartoonist
C. Musician
D. Politician
E. Defence personnel

Ans. A

Sol.

- Former Foreign Secretary of India **K P S Menon** (Jr.) (90 -years) passed away at his residence in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Mr. Menon (Indian Foreign Service-officer-1951) had served as the **Foreign Secretary of India** from 1987 to 1989.
- **KPS Menon** (junior) was best known for his services as an ambassador to various countries, including Bangladesh, Egypt, Japan and China.
- K P S Menon (Junior) was the son of **first Foreign Secretary of independent India** K P S Menon (senior).

46. Which of the following airports of India has been adjudged as the best airport in terms of services offered to passengers as per the annual Airport Service Quality survey conducted by the Airport Council International (ACI)?

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport
B. Cochin International Airport
C. Kempegowda International Airport
D. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
E. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport

Ans. B

Sol.

- As per the annual **Airport Service Quality survey** (conducted by the ACI), **Airport Council International** has recognized **Cochin International Airport Limited** (CIAL) as the best airport in terms of services offered to passengers.

- CIAL was ranked amongst the best airports in the 5-15 million categories in the Asia Pacific region for the year 2018.

- The award was presented to the authorities of Cochin International Airport at the second Annual ACI Customer Experience Global Summit held at Bali, Indonesia.

- ACI ASQ survey is a world-renowned and established airport service quality benchmarking programme measuring passengers' satisfaction.

47. The 7th annual World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in _____.

- A. Chicago, USA
B. Paris, France
C. Mumbai, India
D. London, UK
E. Kathmandu, Nepal

Ans. C

Sol.

- The 7th annual World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The theme of (WHEF) 2019 was "Prosperous Society: Stronger Society".

- The World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) describes itself as an independent international organization committed to making Hindu society



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prosperous through the creation and sharing of surplus wealth.

- Earlier, The **World Hindu Economic Forum** has been organised in London, Chicago, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, and Nairobi.

48. Who among the following becomes the first Indian cricketer to bowl 3 maidens overs in T20 Internationals?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Jhulan Goswami
- C. Poonam Yadav
- D. Deepti Sharma
- E. Ekta Bisht

Ans. D

Sol.

- India's all-rounder **Deepti Sharma** (22-years) had an extraordinary outing in India's first T20I against South Africa in Surat.

- Deepti Sharma gave away runs only off the 19th ball that she bowled in the India Women vs South Africa Women match

- She ended with figures of **4/8 with three of the four overs** to lead India to victory.

- This is the **first time that an Indian** has bowled as many maidens in a T20I match.

49. Which Indian tennis player has won the men's singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament at Buenos Aires in Argentina?

- A. Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- B. Sumit Nagal
- C. Somdev Devvarman
- D. Ramkumar Ramanathan
- E. Saketh Myneni

Ans. B

Sol.

- Indian tennis player **Sumit Nagal** (22-year) has won the men's singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament in Buenos Aires in Argentina.

- He defeated local favourite Facundo Bognis in straight-sets 6-4, 6-2 to claim the 54,160 US dollars prize money.

- Last month, Nagal grabbed headlines after he made his **Grand Slam debut** and produced a spirited fight against the

legendary Roger Federer in the **first round** of the US Open.

50. Who among the following is the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2019?

- A. Greta Thunberg
- B. Jacinda Ardern
- C. Abiy Ahmed Ali
- D. Raoni Metuktire
- E. Zoran Zaev

Ans. C

Sol.

- * The Nobel Peace Prize 2019 was awarded to **Abiy Ahmed Ali** "for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea.

- * Current, Abiy Ahmed Ali is the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (since 2 April 2018).

- * He was awarded for his work in ending the 20-year stalemate between **Ethiopia and Eritrea**.

- * The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the five Nobel Prizes (Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Literature) established by the will of Swedish industrialist, inventor, and armaments manufacturer Alfred Nobel.

51. During the second informal summit between the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping, both the leaders agreed to establish a sister-state link between _____ and Fujian province of China.

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- * The **second** informal summit between the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping was held in **Mahabalipuram**, TamilNadu, on 11-12 October 2019.

- * Previously, the first informal summit between the two nations was held in Wuhan, China in April 2018.



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* During the summit, the two leaders agreed to establish a sister-state link between Tamil Nadu and Fujian province of China to study the link between Mahabalipuram and Fujian on their maritime connections.

52. Who among the following is set to become the new President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Saurav Ganguly
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Jay Shah
- E. Brijesh Patel

Ans. B

Sol.

* Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly is set to become the new President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

* The 47-year-old Ganguly is currently the current president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

* Sourav Ganguly will be the 2nd Indian cricketer after Maharaja of Vizianagaram to serve as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

53. Who among the following has been selected for the 31st Indira Gandhi National Integration Award for 2017 and 2018?

- A. Chandi Prasad Bhatt
- B. Sunderlal Bahuguna
- C. Sunita Narayan
- D. Vandana Shiva
- E. Rajendra Singh

Ans. A

Sol.

* Environmentalist and social activist Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been selected for the 31st Indira Gandhi National Integration Award for 2017 and 2018. This award is given by the National Congress Party.

* Congress President Sonia Gandhi will present the award on 31 October, on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

* Chandi Prasad Bhatt is a pioneer of the Chipko movement a forest conservation

movement that began in the 1970s in Uttarakhand.

* Chandi Prasad Bhatt has previously received prestigious accolades such as Padma Bhushan, Ramon Magsaysay, and the Gandhi Peace Prize.

54. Name the country where typhoon 'Hagibis' hits and triggered floods and landslides with wind speeds of 225km/h?

- A. Philippines
- B. Taiwan
- C. Japan
- D. Australia
- E. China

Ans. C

Sol.

* Typhoon '**Hagibis**' triggered floods and landslides as it battered **Japan** with wind speeds of **225km/h**.

* More than **100 people** were injured **across the country** after **typhoon Hagibis made landfall** on Japan's main island of **Honshu**.

* **Bullet trains** were also seen engulfed by floodwater at East Japan Railway Co's Railyard near Nagano Station.

* Now, the typhoon has weakened to an **extra-tropical cyclone** off Japan's northeastern coast.

55. Name the Indian Industrialist who tops the list of Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. Ajim Premji
- C. Shiv Nadar
- D. Gautam Adani
- E. Anil Ambani

Ans. C

Sol.

* The founder and chairman of the HCL technology company, Shiv Nadar tops the list of Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019.

* According to the list, Chairman of Wipro Azim Premji ranked second and Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani ranked third among philanthropists.

* Shiv Nadar donated Rs 826 crore while Premji gave Rs 453 crore and Mukesh Ambani donated Rs 402 crore in Corporate social responsibility (CSR)



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56. Name the mobile app launched by the Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep S Puri for 'Environment Protection in Government Colonies'?

- A. mEnvironment
- B. **mHariyali**
- C. mVanikaran
- D. mVanropan
- E. mKhushhali

Ans. B

Sol.

* Minister of **State for Housing & Urban Affairs** Shri Hardeep S Puri has launched the mobile app, '**mHariyali**' to encourage Public engagement in **planting trees** and other such **Green drives**.

* Now, People can **upload information/photos of any plantation done** by them, which is linked to the app and will be displayed on the website www.epgc.gov.in.

* The App provides for **automatic geotagging of plants**.

* This app will also enable nodal officers to periodically monitor the plantation.

57. Name the author of the book titled 'How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need' to be released on June 2020?

- A. Melinda Gates
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Bill Gates
- D. Warren Buffet
- E. Jeff Bezos

Ans. C

Sol.

* UK-based publishing house **Allen Lane** has announced, American philanthropist **Bill Gates** (founder of Microsoft Corporation) will release a new book titled '**How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need**'.

* The book will be released in **June 2020**.

* The **author's interest** in climate change is a natural outgrowth of the efforts made by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to reduce poverty and disease.

58. Name the Indian shuttler who clinched his maiden BMF World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open men's singles at Almere in the Netherlands?

- A. Srikanth Kidambi
- B. Parupalli Kashyap
- C. Nikhil Kanetkar
- D. **Lakshya Sen**
- E. Dhruv Kapila

Ans. D

Sol.

* Rising Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** (18-year-old from Almora) clinched his **maiden BMF World Tour title** by winning the Dutch Open men's singles at Almere in the Netherlands.

* Lakshya defeated Japan's Yuseke Onodera 15-21, 21-14, 21-15 in the final.

* The **Dutch Open is a BWF World Tour Super 100 tournament**.

* Earlier, **Lakshya** had won the Belgian Open, Asian Junior Championships, a silver medal at Youth Olympic Gamers and a bronze medal at the world Junior Championship 2018.

59. Star sprinter Dutee Chand smashed her own national record in the women's _____ semi-finals at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi.

- A. 100 m
- B. 200 m
- C. 400 m
- D. 1000 m
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

* Star sprinter **Dutee Chand** (23-years) smashed her own national record in the **women's 100 m semi-finals** at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi.

* She surpassed her previous timing of **11.26 second** (clocking -11.22 seconds) which she had set at the Asian Championships in April this year.

* Dutee clocked 11.25 seconds in the final to claim the gold, leaving **Archana Suseendran** and Himashree Roy behind.

60. Simone Biles breaks the record for most world medals in which sport?



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- A. Swimming
- B. Gymnastic
- C. Boxing
- D. Cycling
- E. Athletics

Ans. B

Sol.

* American artistic gymnast **Simone Biles** (22-years) captures all-time medal record at the **World Gymnastics Championship**.

* Biles surpassed **Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's** record 23 world medals (won in the 1990s), winning "her 24th and 25th world medals (both gold) at the World Championship competition in Stuttgart.

* Now, **Simone Biles** holds the record for the most World Championship medals (25), as well as the most gold medals (19) in World Championship history for an athlete of any gender.

61. Joint military exercise 'KAZIND-2019' is between India and which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Afghanistan
- E. Mongolia

Ans. B

Sol.

• KAZIND-2019, the fourth joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan that began on 03rd October in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

• The soldiers of both the countries involved in Kajind-2019 will be trained in counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism operations in forests and hilly areas.

• Along with this, there will be important lectures, demonstrations and exercises related to counter-terrorism operations during military exercises.

• The first exercise took place in Kazakhstan in the year 2016. Till now two maneuvers took place in Kazakhstan while one in Shimla. This is the fourth joint maneuver.

62. Who among the following has won the China Open women's tennis tournament 2019?

- A. Bianca Andreescu
- B. Ashleigh Barty
- C. Elise Mertens
- D. Naomi Osaka
- E. Aryna Sabalenka

Ans. D

Sol.

• Naomi Osaka won the China Open tennis tournament by defeating world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia on 6th October 2019.

• Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka emerged victorious after 110 minutes in chilly Beijing, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

• This was the third title of 2019 for Osaka and fifth in her short career.

63. Which Indian cricketer has become the first Indian to play hundred T20 International matches?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur
- C. Mithali Raj
- D. Deepti Sharma
- E. Jhulan Goswami

Ans. B

Sol.

• Indian women cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur became the first Indian to play 100 T20 International matches. Harmanpreet is the captain of India in the shortest format of the game.

• She achieves this feat in the sixth T20I against South Africa in Surat.

• Harmanpreet Kaur is among 10 female players who have reached the three-figure mark in terms of appearances. New Zealand's Suzie Bates and Australia's Ellyse Perry top the list with 111 appearances.

• Overall, Harmanpreet has two more appearances in T20Is than MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, who have played the highest number of matches for India in men's cricket.

64. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 12-member working group (WG) under whose chairmanship to review the product structure of title insurance?



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- A. T.L. Alamelu
B. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
C. G. R. Surya Kumar
D. K Ganesh
E. V.S. Narendra Chandra
Ans. A

Sol.

- On October 3, 2019, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 12-member working group (WG) chaired by T.L. Alamelu.
- The group is to examine legal and regulatory frameworks, study the structure, analyze the reasons for sluggish demand for title insurance products available in the Indian market and also recommend measures to spur the demand for the product.
- To develop a standard title insurance product suitable to the Indian market and.
- To suggest augmentation of reinsurance capacity within the domestic market.
- To examine any other aspect relating to title insurance products in India.

65. Who among the following has won the Men's Singles title in China Open tennis tournament 2019?

- A. Nicolas Mahut
B. Novak Djokovic
C. Stefanos Tsitsipas
D. Dominic Thiem
E. Rafael Nadal

Ans. D

Sol.

- The men's singles titles in China Open Tennis Tournament 2019 was won by Dominic Thiem of Austria.
- It was the 15th singles title of the career for Dominic Thiem.
- The women's singles title in this tournament was won by Naomi Osaka of Japan
- It was the third title of 2019 for Naomi Osaka and fifth in her short career.
- The China Open 2019, an annual tennis tournament, was held at the National Tennis Center in Beijing, China, from September 30 to October 6, 2019.

- It was the 21st edition for the men and the 23rd for the women.

66. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and _____ jointly launched Youth Co:Lab which aims at accelerating social entrepreneurship and innovation in young India.

- A. United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)
B. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
D. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. * Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India jointly launched Youth Co:Lab which aims at accelerating social entrepreneurship and innovation in young India.

* To mark the launch, a Letter of Intent (LOI) was signed between AIM, NITI Aayog and UNDP India.

* Through Youth Co:Lab, young entrepreneurs and innovators will get a chance to connect with governments, mentors, incubators and investors, who will help equip them with entrepreneurial skills.

* AIM and UNDP, as part of UNSDF signed between NITI Aayog and UN India, are collaborating to spread awareness about different issues pertaining to youth, the future of work and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through Youth Co:Lab.

67. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to have a permanent deployment of more than 300 highly-trained personnel at the Baglihar Hydro Electric Power plant in Jammu and Kashmir. It is built on which river?

- A. Sutlej
B. Beas
C. Ravi
D. Chenab
E. Jhelum

Ans. D



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Sol. * According to sources, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to have a permanent deployment of more than 300 highly-trained personnel at Baglihar Hydro Electric Power plant in Jammu and Kashmir.

* This Hydroelectric Power Project is one of the most sensitive hydroelectric plants. Recently, the security forces gunned down two militants along with a top Hizbul Mujahideen commander.

* Another senior government official also said that there have been consistent threats on Baglihar Dam as Pakistan has opposed its construction claiming it as a violation of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960.

* Baglihar Dam also known as Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project, is a run-of-the-river power project on the Chenab River in the Ramban district of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.

* Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project was conceived in 1992, approved in 1996 and construction began in 1999.

68. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the "Trans-Fat Free" logo during the 8th International Chefs Conference in _____.

- A. Mumbai
- B. Nagpur
- C. New Delhi
- D. Noida
- E. Lucknow

Ans. C

Sol.

* Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the "Trans-Fat Free" logo during the 8th International Chefs Conference in New Delhi.

* The logo can be used by the Food establishments which use trans-fat free fats/oil and do not have industrial trans-fat more than 0.2g/100g of food, in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018.

* The logo can be voluntarily used by food business operators in their outlets and also on food products.

* India is committed to eliminating it from the food supply and is progressing

towards its objective of trans fat elimination by 2022 in a phased manner.

* "The FSSAI is committed to reducing trans-fatty acids produced in industries by 2 per cent in a phased manner by 2022.

69. In which of the following cities India's first e-waste clinic will be set up?

- A. Indore
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Bhopal
- D. Raipur
- E. New Delhi

Ans. C

Sol. * The Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have joined hands to set up the country's first e-waste clinic in Bhopal.

* It would enable segregation, processing and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units.

* The clinic is a three-month pilot project, if successful, would be replicated elsewhere in the country.

* Electronic waste will be collected door-to-door or could be deposited directly at the clinic in exchange for a fee.

70. Which of the following Hollywood actress has been named as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples?

- A. Angelina Jolie
- B. Yalitza Aparicio
- C. Salma Hayek
- D. Emma Stone
- E. Priyanka Chopra

Ans. B

Sol. * The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has named Mexican actress Yalitza Aparicio as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples.

* Ms. Aparicio is committed to the fight against racism and for the rights of women and indigenous peoples. She was chosen to play in Alfonso Cuarón's film Roma while studying to be a teacher.

* Her performance in the film, for which she had to learn the Mixtec language of her father's family, won her an Oscar



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nomination for best actress, the first indigenous Mexican woman to be so recognized by the US Academy Awards.
* TIME magazine (USA) listed her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2019.

71. Former judge of Madras High Court Justice Vinod Kumar Sharma has been appointed as the Lokpal of which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Punjab
- D. Kerala
- E. Telangana

Ans. C

Sol. * Punjab government has appointed Justice Vinod Kumar Sharma as Punjab Lokpal.

* This is done without amending Punjab Lokpal Act, 1996 in which CM of Punjab and cabinet ministers are out of its ambit.

* Justice Satish Kumar Mittal resigned from the post of Lokpal in April 2018 and became the chairman of Haryana Human Rights Commission, since then this post was lying vacant.

* Justice Sharma had worked as an advocate in Punjab and Haryana High Court from 1974 till his elevation as Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court in March 2006.

* He retired as a judge of Madras High Court in May 2013. At least 3,000 of his judgments have been quoted in various law books and journals.

* The Lokpal holds the office for a term of six years.

72. Joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV started on 5th October 2019. It is between which two countries?

- A. India and Thailand
- B. India and Singapore
- C. India and Malaysia
- D. India and China
- E. India and Mongolia

Ans. E

Sol. * 14th edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV started on 5th October.

* The exercise will be conducted from 05

to 18 Oct 19 at Bakloh. In this exercise, the Indian Army is being represented by a battalion of the RAJPUTANA RIFLES Regiment.

* Nomadic Elephant – XIV is the fourteenth edition between the two nations aimed at training troops in counter-insurgency & counter-terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate.

* The joint exercise will enhance defence co-operation and military relations between the two nations.

73. Who among the following has won the 2019 Japan Open single title in Tokyo, Japan?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. John Millman
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Ans. C

Sol. * World number one Novak Djokovic won his first Japan Open title and the 76th of his career by defeating Australian John Millman in the final in Tokyo.

* It was a triumphant return to the tour for Djokovic, who had withdrawn from the U.S. Open in the fourth round due to a shoulder injury

* It was the 10th time Novak Djokovic had won a title on his tournament debut.

* Djokovic has already qualified for next month's season-ending ATP Finals in London.

74. Which of the following banks has launched UCash, a digital product that will enable customers to withdraw money from ATMs through mobile banking without using a debit card?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

• Public sector lender, the Uco Bank has launched three new digital products namely UCash, Digilocker and an app.



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- These new products were launched by the bank's managing director and CEO, A K Goel.
- UCash enables customers to withdraw money from ATMs through mobile banking without using a debit card.
- Digilocker aims to eliminate the use of physical documents and enables the sharing of verified electronic documents.
- The third product, the new mobile app, integrates four existing apps of the bank - UCO Mbanking, UCO UPI, UCO Mpassbook and UCO Secure- in a single interface.

75. Every year on which of the following dates the World Teachers' Day is celebrated?

- A. 5th September
- B. 15th September
- C. 25th September
- D. 2nd October
- E. 5th October

Ans. E

Sol.

- World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Days is being celebrated all across the world on October 5.
- It is being held annually since 1994 to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
- The Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted in 1997 to complement the 1966 Recommendation by covering teaching and research personnel in higher education.
- World Teachers' Day is co-convened in partnership with UNICEF, UNDP, the International Labour Organization, and Education International.
- This year's International Teachers' Day Theme is "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession."

76. Sushil Chandra Mishra is appointed as the MD & CEO of which PSUs?

- A. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- B. Oil India Limited
- C. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

- D. Steel Authority of India Limited
- E. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Ans. B

Sol.

- Oil India Limited has appointed Sushil Chandra Mishra as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.
- Mr. Mishra replaces Utpal Bora, who ceased to be Chairman & Managing Director of the company on 30th September.
- Mishra started his professional journey as an executive trainee with OIL in 1984.
- He played a key role in framing and implementing procurement policies and procedures for inventory management, vendor development, framework agreement and its related strategies.
- He acquired significant Board level exposure at corporate office at the time of launch of OIL's IPO in 2009 and developing the Strategic Plan 2020.

77. National Basketball Association (NBA) brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in which of the following places?

- A. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Kolkata, West Bengal
- D. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- E. Cuttack, Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

- The National Basketball Association brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in the Arabian Sea near Bandra Worli Sealink.
- There were some sports enthusiasts enjoying the floating court and were accompanied by NBA legend Jason Williams.

78. Which of the following state governments has launched the 'Mo Sarkar programme' to make governance people-centric?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Odisha
- E. West Bengal



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Ans. D

Sol. • With an aim to make the governance people-centric, Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik has formally launched the Mo Sarkar programme, a first of its kind initiative in the country.

- The objective of the programme is to provide service to people, coming to government offices, with dignity.
- All the departments dealing with the delivery of public services will implement the Mo Sarkar programme by March 5, 2020.
- As part of the initiative, the government will collect feedback on the behavior and professionalism of government officers.
- The employees will be ranked as good and bad based on the feedback received from the people

79. Avinash Sable, who recently qualified for Tokyo Olympic is associated with which sports?

- A. Badminton
- B. Javelin Throw
- C. Steeplechase
- D. Boxing
- E. Discus Throw

Ans. C

Sol. • India's Avinash Sable has qualified for Tokyo Olympics in men's 3,000-metre steeplechase event by shattering his own national record at the World

Championships in Doha.

- Avinash clocked 8 minutes 21.37 seconds to breach the Olympics qualifying standard of 8 minutes 22 seconds. He also bettered his own national record of 8 minutes and 25.23 seconds.

- The 25-year-old Avinash is from Mandwa in Maharashtra.

80. Who among the following has inaugurated the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Prakash Javadekar
- D. Ajit Doval
- E. Dr. Harshvardhan

Ans. D

Sol. • The Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019 was inaugurated by the National Security Advisor, Shri Ajit Kumar Doval, at Goa on 4th October 2019.

- The Conclave was conducted by Naval War College.
- The 31st edition of the Naval War College Journal was also released by the NSA on the occasion.
- The theme for the conclave is "Common Maritime Priorities in IOR and need for Regional Maritime Strategy".
- The sub-theme for the first session was "Opportunities and Challenges in IOR".



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