

January Month

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1. What is the theme of National Youth Day (Yuva Diwas) 2019?

- A. Sankalp Se Siddhi
- B. Youth and Nation Building
- C. Youth for Digital India
- D. Indian Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony
- E. None of these

Ans. B.

The theme for National Youth Day (Yuva Diwas) 2019 is "Youth and Nation Building".

National Youth Day (Yuva Diwas) is celebrated in India on 12th January on the birthday of social reformer, philosopher and thinker Swami Vivekananda (156th).

2. Which city hosted the 29th Indian Paint Conference 2019?

- A. Agra
- B. Bhopal
- C. Cuttack
- D. New Delhi
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

The apex body of the country's paint industry, The Indian Paint Association (IPA) has announced that the 29th biennial Indian Paint Conference would be held in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

This would be the largest trade show of the estimated INR 500 billion (50,000 Crore) Indian Paints & Coatings industry.

3. Which of the following countries will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations?

- A. Ghana
- B. Sudan
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Egypt
- E. Zambia

Ans. D.

Egypt will host the 2019 Africa Cup of Nations between 15th June and 13th July 2019.

The CAF executive committee preferred Egypt to South Africa as a replacement for original hosts Cameroon.

Cameroon was dropped due to delays in preparations and concerns over security.

4. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Taiwan?

- A. Annette Lu
- B. Su Tseng-chang
- C. Tsai Ing-wen
- D. Shirley Kuo
- E. None of these

Ans. B.

Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen has appointed **Su Tseng-chang** as Prime Minister, during a Cabinet reshuffle following the ruling Democratic Progressive Party's heavy losses in local elections.

She was a chairman of Tsai's Democratic Progressive Party for two terms.

5. The book "We Are Displaced" has been written by _____.

- A. Malala Yousafzai
- B. R P Dhokalia
- C. Anita Desai
- D. Olive Schlieden
- E. Ramachandra Guha

Ans. A.

Nobel Peace Prize winner, Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai is coming up with a new book 'We Are Displaced', charting her experiences travelling the world and visiting refugee camps.

6. Who has won the Premier Badminton League (PBL) 2018-19?

- A. Hyderabad Hunters
- B. Delhi Dashers
- C. Bengaluru Raptors
- D. Chennai Smashers
- E. Mumbai Rockets

Ans. C.

Bengaluru Raptors edged the Mumbai Rockets 4-3 to win their first ever Premier Badminton League 2018-19 title.

Premier Badminton League is a franchise league has the rights to operate and execute the Premier Badminton League.

7. Who has become the fifth player to score 10,000 runs for India in One-day International (ODI) Cricket?

- A. Shikhar Dhawan
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. M S Dhoni

D. Ajinkya Rahane
E. K L Rahul

Ans. C.

India's wicketkeeper-batsman Mahendra Singh Dhoni has become the fifth player to score 10,000 runs (in 330 ODIs) for India in One-day International (ODI) Cricket.

Dhoni has over 10,050 runs at an average of 49.75, including 9 centuries and 67 fifties.

8. Banker-turned politician Meera Sanyal passed away due to illness. She was associated with which political party?

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

Ans. E.

Banker-turned politician Meera Sanyal (57-years) passed away due to illness. She had joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) after quitting her job as the country chief executive (CEO) of Royal Bank of Scotland.

She contested the Lok Sabha election unsuccessfully in 2014 from Mumbai South constituency.

9. Who has resigned as the Chairman of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE)?

- A. Ashok Chawla
- B. D P Agrawal
- C. P C Hota
- D. Rajni Razdan
- E. Alka Sirohi

Ans. A.

Ashok Chawla has resigned as chairman of the National Stock Exchange of India Ltd (NSE) with immediate effect.

Mr Chawla is named, along with former Finance Minister P Chidambaram, in the Aircel-Maxis bribery case being probed by the CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation).

The National Stock Exchange of India Limited (NSE) is the leading stock exchange of India, located in Mumbai.

10. Which of the following city hosted Global Aviation Summit 2019?

- A. Kolkata
- B. Mumbai
- C. Chennai
- D. New Delhi
- E. None of these

Ans. B.

The Union Civil Aviation Minister Suresh Prabhu has inaugurated the two-day 'Global Aviation Summit 2019' in Mumbai.

The Global Aviation Summit with a theme "Flying for all - especially the next 6 Billion", being organised by Ministry of Civil Aviation in association with FICCI. The Vision 2040 for the aviation sector and the Air Cargo Policy will also be unveiled during the summit.

11. Which City hosted the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Bhopal
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chennai
- E. Mumbai

Ans. C.

- Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Col Rajyavardhan Rathore has launched the National Youth Parliament Festival 2019 at a function in **New Delhi**.
- The theme of the festival is- **Be the Voice of New India** and Find solutions and contribute to policy.

12. Which of the following city hosted the 25th edition Partnership summit 2019?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bhopal
- D. Chandigarh
- E. Hyderabad

Ans. A.

Vice President of India M. Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the Partnership summit 2019 (25th edition) in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

New India Rising to Global Occasions is the theme of the inaugural session of the Summit.

The summit is expected to build new partnerships and explore investment

opportunities in sectors like Artificial Intelligence, big data, food processing, defense, aeronautics, renewable energy and tourism.

13. Which of the following states Government has launched 'One Family One Job' scheme?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Sikkim
- D. Assam
- E. Odisha

Ans. C.

Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling has launched the 'One Family One Job' scheme in Gangtok.

Now, Sikkim has become the first state in the country to carry out such a programme for the people entitling them to state government employee benefits. Under this Scheme, every family one government job has been allotted.

14. Who has been appointed as non-executive part-time Chairman of Yes Bank?

- A. Ashok Vajpeyi
- B. Balan Nambiar
- C. Uttam Pacharne
- D. Biswa Sarma
- E. Brahm Dutt

Ans. E.

Yes Bank has appointment Mr Brahm Dutt as non-executive part-time Chairman.

Yes Bank Limited is India's fourth largest private sector bank, founded by Rana Kapoor and Ashok Kapur in 2004.

It operates as three entities - Yes Bank, Yes Capital and Yes asset management services.

15. Who has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel "Things to Leave Behind"?

- A. Namita Gokhale
- B. Jhumpa Lahiri
- C. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- D. Kiran Desai
- E. Anuja Chauhan

Ans. A.

Writer Namita Gokhale has won the Sushila Devi Literature Award for her novel "Things to Leave Behind". She was awarded in the 'Best Book of Fiction Written by a Woman Author' category at the inaugural edition of Bhopal Literature and Art Festival (BLF).

16. Who has received the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential award for outstanding leadership for the nation?

- A. Dmitry Medvedev
- B. Donald Trump
- C. Narendra Modi
- D. Shinzo Abe
- E. Imran Khan

Ans. C.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has received the first-ever Philip Kotler Presidential award at his residence in New Delhi.

PM Modi has been awarded for his outstanding leadership for the nation. The Philip Kotler Presidential Award recognises and celebrates achievements of organisations, marketing teams, and individuals in different industries around the world.

17. What is the theme of 9th International Micro irrigation conference held at Aurangabad, Maharashtra?

- A. Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture
- B. Innovation in Tech. & management of Micro irrigation
- C. Enhanced Crop and water productivity
- D. Water and Biodiversity
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

The Union Minister for water resources and river development Shri Nitin Gadkari has inaugurated the 9th International Micro irrigation conference at Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

The theme of the three-day conference is "Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture".

18. Which Indian city hosted the 9th International Micro irrigation conference?

- A. Aurangabad
- B. Patna
- C. Bhopal

D. Pune
E. Kochi
Ans. A.

The Union Minister for water resources and river development Shri Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 9th International Micro irrigation conference at Aurangabad, Maharashtra.

The conference aims to share experiences in the use of new technologies and best management practices in drip, micro-sprinkler, and other localized irrigation systems.

19. Who has been appointed as the Secretary-General of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?

- A. Jaideep Govind
- B. Ashok Vajpeyi
- C. Balan Nambiar
- D. Uttam Pacharne
- E. Biswa Sarma

Ans. A.

Senior IAS officer Jaideep Govind (1984-batch, Madhya Pradesh cadre) has been appointed the Secretary-General (15th) of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC).

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India is an autonomous public body constituted on 12 October 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Ordinance of 28 September 1993.

20. Which City hosted the first National Level Sports Meet for the students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS)?

- A. Pune
- B. Bhopal
- C. Jaipur
- D. Hyderabad
- E. Cuttack

Ans. D.

The first National Level Sports Meet for the students of Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) has been inaugurated by Shri Jaswantsinh Sumanbhai Bhabhor (Minister of State for Tribal Affairs) at G.M.C Balayogi Stadium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad. 1777 students (975 boys and 802 girls) representing 20 States of the country participated in the event.

21. The world's oldest man, Masazo Nonaka passed away at the age of 113. He belonged to which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Pakistan
- C. New Zealand
- D. Bangladesh
- E. Indonesia

Ans. A.

According to the Kyodo News agency, Japan's Nonaka, who was officially recognized as the oldest male in the world by Guinness World Records last April.

The record-holder Masazo Nonaka was born in 1905 in the town of Ashoro.

22. Which of the following city hosted the 49th annual meeting of World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Tokyo
- C. Jakarta
- D. Davos
- E. Kuala Lumpur

Ans. D.

The 49th World Economic Forum (WEF) annual meet has begun in Davos, Switzerland.

The theme of the event would be 'Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution'.

The World Economic Forum is an independent and impartial International Organization for Public-Private Cooperation.

23. Who sworn in as the President of Madagascar?

- A. Andry Rajoelina
- B. Hyppolite Ramarason
- C. Didier Ratsiraka
- D. Albert Zafy
- E. Hery Rajaonarimampianina

Ans. A.

Andry Rajoelina has been sworn in as President of Madagascar at the capital city of Antananarivo.

It is the first time in the history of the country since its independence that a democratic power transfer and a peaceful power transition took place between two elected Presidents.

24. Which of the following three states celebrated Full Statehood Day on 21st January?

- A. Assam, West Bengal, and Odisha
- B. Punjab, Uttarakhand and Haryana
- C. Bihar, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh
- D. Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura
- E. Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat & Rajasthan

Ans. D.

Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura celebrated their statehood day on 21st January every year.

On this day in 1972, all the three states became full-fledged states under the North Eastern Region (Reorganisation) Act, 1971.

25. Who has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore?

- A. Ankita Raina
- B. Sanaa Bhambri
- C. Riya Bhatia
- D. Rutuja Bhosale
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

India's Ankita Raina has won the International Tennis Federation's 25,000-dollar Women's tournament in Singapore.

In the Final, Ankita defeated top seed and world number 122 Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands, 6-3, 6-2.

26. Which of the following states topped in the Khelo India Youth Games (2nd edition) in Pune?

- A. Punjab
- B. Assam
- C. Haryana
- D. Delhi
- E. Maharashtra

Ans. E.

In the second edition of Khelo India Youth Games (2nd edition), Maharashtra topped with 228 medals (85 gold, 62 silver and 81 bronze).

Haryana was second with total 178 medals (62 gold, 56 silver and 60 bronze) while Delhi was third with total 136 medals (48 gold, 37 silver and 51 bronze) for a total of 136 medals.

27. Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated every year to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community. What is

the theme of the 2019 Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (15th Edition)?

- A. Apna Bharat Apna Gaurav": Connecting Across Generation
- B. Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora
- C. Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generations
- D. Engaging Diaspora – The Indian Growth None of these
- E. Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India

Ans. E.

The theme this year Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is, 'Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India'.

Pravasi Bhartiya Divas is celebrated every year to mark the contribution of the overseas Indian community to the development of India.

28. Who has been appointed as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan?

- A. Justice Munib Akhtar
- B. Justice Ijazul Ahsan
- C. Justice Qazi Faez Isa
- D. Justice Gulzar Ahmed
- E. Justice Asif Saeed Khosa

Ans. E.

Justice Asif Saeed Khosa took oath as the 26th Chief Justice of Pakistan.

President Arif Alvi administered oath to the new Chief Justice who took office after the retirement of Chief Justice Saqib Nisar.

The Chief Justice of Pakistan (CJP) is the head of the court system of Pakistan (the judiciary branch of government) and the chief judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

29. Who among the following has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)?

- A. Rishi Kumar Shukla
- B. Sanjay Kumar
- C. S N Pradhan
- D. Karnal Singh
- E. M S Sahoo

Ans. C.

S N Pradhan (1988 batch IPS officer - Jharkhand cadre) has been appointed

Director General (DG) of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

30. Renowned Shivakumar Swami passes away due to age-related complications. He was religious head of the _____.

- A. Nath Shaiva Mathas
- B. Sri Vaishnava Mathas
- C. Dvaita Mathas
- D. Siddaganga Mathas
- E. None of these

Ans. D.

Renowned Lingayat seer Shivakumar Swami (111-year) popularly known as 'walking God' passes away due to age-related complications at Tumakuru, Karnataka.

Shivakumara Swami joined the Siddaganga Mutt in 1930 and became the head of the Mutt in 1941

31. Which of the following city hosted the India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Mumbai
- D. Bhopal
- E. Chandigarh

Ans. C.

Mumbai hosted the three-day India Steel 2019 Exhibition and Conference.

The event provided an opportunity for all the stakeholders to deliberate and identify ways to contribute toward building a robust roadmap for the further growth of the steel sector. The event organised by the Ministry of Steel will help chart out the future growth path of the steel industry.

32. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first National Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in _____.

- A. Mumbai
- B. Chennai
- C. Kolkata
- D. New Delhi
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the country's first National

Museum of Indian Cinema (NMIC) in Mumbai.

The museum has been built by NBCC (India) Limited, at a cost of Rs. 140.61 crore.

The objective of the Museum is to take its visitors through an absorbing journey of over a century of Indian cinema in a story telling mode with the help of visuals, graphics, artifacts, interactive exhibits and multimedia expositions.

33. As per Nepal's Central Bank circular, which of the following Indian currency denominations can't be carried and used for trading?

- A. Rs. 200
- B. Rs. 500
- C. Rs. 2,000
- D. All the above
- E. None of these

Ans. D.

According to Nepal's central bank circular, Indian currency of Rs. 200, Rs. 500 and Rs. 2,000 denominations cannot be carried and used for trading. Under the new regulation, Nepali citizens cannot carry these denominations to countries other than India.

Indian notes of Rs 100 or below, are allowed for trading and conversion.

34. Who has won the "Woman's Voice Award" at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF)?

- A. Akhil Sheoran
- B. Anjum Moudgil
- C. Manu Bhaker
- D. Heena Sidhu
- E. Ranjani Murali

Ans. E.

US Based Indian poet Ranjani Murali has been awarded the "Woman's Voice Award" at the Apeejay Kolkata Literary Festival (AKLF).

The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh apart from a citation.

The Objective of the award is to recognize and encourage creative writing by women in India. The Award carried a cash prize of Rs 1 Lakh along with a citation.

35. Which of the following cities hosted the second World Orange Festival?

- A. Pune
- B. Nagpur
- C. Mumbai
- D. New Delhi
- E. None of these

Ans. B.

The second World Orange Festival has been organised in the city of Oranges Nagpur (18th-21st Jan 2019).

The festival will showcase and brand the exquisite fruit in order to boost its export.

Agricultural experts and scientists from various countries will participate in the workshops and guide farmers.

36. Who has been appointed as Director General (Investigation) of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)?

- A. Gurbachan Singh
- B. Balan Nambiar
- C. Ashok Vajpeyi
- D. Sudarshan Rao
- E. Prabhat Singh

Ans. E.

Senior IPS officer Prabhat Singh has been appointed as Director General (Investigation) in the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) (till 30th April, 2020)

NHRC is an autonomous public body constituted in 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights Ordinance 1993 and has given a statutory basis by Protection of Human Rights Act 1993.

37. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the International Cricket Council (ICC)?

- A. Manu Sawhney
- B. Shashank Manohar
- C. Mark Boucher
- D. Anurag Thakur
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has appointed media professional Manu Sawhney as its new chief executive officer (CEO).

He is replacing incumbent David Richardson, who will step down at the

end of this summer's ODI World Cup in England.

38. Which of the following states government has announced to hike of Rs 200 per month in the social security pension under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY)?

- A. Punjab
- B. Odisha
- C. Haryana
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Assam

Ans. B.

The Odisha Government has announced a hike of Rs 200 per month in the social security pension under Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY).

It will come into effect from 15th February 2019.

The Madhu Babu Pension Yojana (MBPY) is a pension scheme under the Department of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the disabled, old age persons in the state of Odisha.

39. Former president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Vishnu Hari Dalmia passed away. Mr. Dalmia played a crucial role in _____.

- A. Constitutional Reforms
- B. Indian anti-corruption movement
- C. Quit India Movement
- D. Ram Janambhumi agitation
- E. None of these

Ans. D.

Former president of Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) Vishnu Hari Dalmia (91-years) passed away in Delhi.

Mr. Dalmia played a crucial role in the Ram Janambhumi agitation.

The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) is an Indian right-wing Hindu nationalist organisation based on the ideology of Hindutva.

40. Who has won the 2019 Japan Prize for contributions in the field of 'Biological Production, Ecology'?

- A. M K Narayan
- B. Kailash Satyarthi
- C. E Sreedharan
- D. Dr. Rattan Lal

E. None of these

Ans. D.

India born professor Dr. Rattan Lal will be the recipient of the 2019 Japan Prize for his contributions in the field of 'Biological Production, Ecology'.

Laureate will receive a certificate of recognition, commemorative gold medal and cash award of 50 million Japanese yen (USD 450,000) in a ceremony on 8th April 2019 in Tokyo.

Dr. Rattan Lal is the University Professor of Soil Science at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A

41. Which of the following countries has successfully tested a new hypersonic nuclear weapon delivery system 'Avangard' on December 26th, 2018?

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

Ans. E.

Russia tested a new hypersonic weapons program, designed to sneak under U.S. ballistic missile defenses on December 26th, 2018. Avangard is a winged glider weapon boosted high into the atmosphere by a ballistic missile, which then descends on its target at speeds in excess of 15,000 miles an hour.

42. Who has been sworn-in as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court?

- A. Justice Amareshwar Pratap Sahi
- B. Justice L Narasimha Reddy
- C. Justice T B N Radhakrishnan
- D. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari
- E. Justice Rekha Manharlal Doshit

Ans. C.

Justice T B N Radhakrishnan was sworn in as the first Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court.

The Supreme Court had directed the Centre to bifurcate the existing high court in Hyderabad and by a Central notification, the bifurcation process has been completed a few days ago facilitating the two high courts to function in their respective states.

43. The DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) day is celebrated on ____.

- A. 1st January
- B. 2nd January
- C. 5th January
- D. 10th January
- E. 11th January

Ans. A.

- The DRDO day is celebrated on **1st January every year.**
- The DRDO was established in 1958 with just 10 laboratories to enhance the research work in the defense sector.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is an agency of the Republic of India, charged with the military's research and development, headquartered in New Delhi, India.

44. Veteran actor-writer Kader Khan passed away in Canada. Khan made his acting debut in 1973 with Rajesh Khanna's movie ____.

- A. Haathi Mere Saathi
- B. Roti
- C. Aradhana
- D. Swarg
- E. Daag

Ans. E.

Kader Khan made his acting debut in 1973 with Rajesh Khanna's "Daag" and has featured in over 300 films.

Veteran actor-writer Kader Khan (81-year) passed away in Canada due to prolonged illness.

45. Which of the following countries officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) with the close of 2018?

- A. Japan and Korea
- B. India and China
- C. Denmark and Brazil
- D. USA and Israel
- E. Canada and Italy

Ans. D.

The United States (US) and Israel officially quit the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural

Organization (UNESCO) with the close of 2018.

America has demanded fundamental reform in UNESCO, which was co-founded by it after World War II to foster peace.

46. Which of the following cricketer has won the women's cricketer of the year by the sport's world governing body ICC?

- A. Shikha Pandey
- B. Smriti Mandhana
- C. Anuja Patil
- D. Harmanpreet Kaur
- E. None of these

Ans. B.

India's Smriti Mandhana was crowned women's cricketer of the year by the sport's world governing body ICC.

The left-handed batswoman Mandhana was also named ODI cricketer of the year for accumulating 669 runs off 12 one-day internationals.

47. In Dec 2018, Legendary filmmaker Padma Bhushan and Dada Saheb Phalke awardee Mrinal Sen passed. He belonged to which state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. West Bengal

Ans. E.

Legendary filmmaker Padma Bhushan and Dada Saheb Phalke awardee Mrinal Sen (95-years) passed away due to age-related ailments in Kolkata.

He was the recipient of 12 international film awards including Cannes Film Festival.

Mrinal Sen was also a member of the Indian People's Theatre Association.

48. Who among the following has won the straight 3rd term as the Bangladesh Prime Minister?

- A. Fakhruddin Ahmed
- B. Fazlul Haque
- C. Sheikh Hasina
- D. Kazi Zafar Ahmed
- E. Tajuddin Ahmad

Ans. C.

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's (71-years) has registered a landslide victory in Parliamentary elections.

The ruling Awami League-led grand alliance bagged 266 seats and its ally Jatiya Party secured 21 in the 300-member House.

The 350 members of the Jatiya Sangsad consist of 300 directly elected seats using first-past-the-post voting in single-member constituencies, and an additional 50 seats are reserved for women.

49. Who among the following will be the head of the RBI panel on MSME revival?

- A. U K Sinha
- B. D P Agrawal
- C. Arvind Saxena
- D. Rajni Razdan
- E. Alka Sirohi

Ans. A.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will set up an expert committee under former Sebi chairman U K Sinha to suggest long-term solutions for the economic and financial sustainability of the MSME sector.

The eight-member committee will also examine the factors affecting the timely and adequate availability of finance to the sector, the RBI said in a statement.

50. Who among the following will resume its diplomatic services at its embassy in Damascus (Syria) after six years of suspension?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. Australia
- D. United Arab Emirates
- E. Nepal

Ans. D.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) resumed its diplomatic services at its embassy in Damascus (Syria) after six years of suspension.

In February 2012, The UAE broke ties with Syria as the repression of nationwide protests demanding regime change was escalating into a devastating

war.

The decision follows a careful reading of the latest developments and a conviction that the next phase requires Arab involvement to protect Syria's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

51. Who authored the book "Early Indians The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"?

- A. Vikram Seth
- B. Dalai Lama
- C. Anita Desai
- D. Tony Joseph
- E. None of these

Ans. D.

The book titled "Early Indians The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From" written by Tony Joseph was released.

The book talks about the migration of the First Indians also known as 'Aryans' who arrived here 65,000 years ago. This book relies heavily on path-breaking DNA research of recent years.

52. Who has been honoured with Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja National Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature?

- A. Rajan Bhagat
- B. Sarika Singh
- C. Rajendra Kumar
- D. Manoj Das
- E. None of these

Ans. D.

Manoj Das, an eminent English and Odia writer, received the Kabi Samrat Upendra Bhanja National Award for Lifetime Achievement in Literature. This ceremony was instituted by the Berhampur University, Odisha.

53. The third edition of women's national boxing championships begins in _____

- A. Bhopal
- B. Vijayanagara
- C. Pune
- D. Jaipur
- E. New Delhi

Ans. B.

The third edition of women's national boxing championships begins in Vijayanagara, Karnataka.

Country's top boxers will be vying for top honours as the tournament will be

held at the JSW Sports-owned Inspire Institute of Sport.

54. Who has been named as the International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricketer of the Year?

- A. Mithali Raj
- B. Deepti Sharma
- C. Megan Schutt
- D. Smriti Mandhana
- E. Heather Knight

Ans. D.

India's Smriti Mandhana was crowned women's cricketer of the year by the sport's world governing body International Cricket Council.

55. Who has won the Balkan athlete of the year 2018?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Cristiano Ronaldo
- C. Luka Modric
- D. Fernando Torres
- E. None of these

Ans. C.

Croatia soccer star Luka Modric has been chosen Balkan athlete of the year 2018. Now, He became only the second soccer player to scoop the prize after Bulgaria's former European Footballer of the Year Hristo Stoichkov in 1994.

Tennis great Novak Djokovic of Serbia was second in the Balkan poll, and Romania's Simona Halep third.

56. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Railway Board?

- A. A K Mittal
- B. J P Batra
- C. R K Singh
- D. Vinod K Yadav
- E. None of these

Ans. D.

Vinod K. Yadav (1980 batch of the Indian Railway Service of Electrical Engineers) has been appointed as the Chairman of Railway Board.

Mr. Yadav succeeds Ashwani Lohani (retired on 31st Jan 2018)

The Railway Board is the apex body of the Indian Railways.

57. What is the theme of 106th edition Indian Science Congress-2019?

- A. Science and Technology for Indigenous Development in India
- B. Science for shaping the future of India
- C. Planet Earth
- D. Future India – Science & Technology
- E. Reaching the unreached through science and technology

Ans. D.

The theme of 106th edition Indian Science Congress-2019 is 'Future India: Science and Technology'.

Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) is a premier scientific organisation of India with headquarters at Kolkata, West Bengal.

It has a membership of more than 30,000 scientists.

58. Which of the following Airport has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post for entry into/exit from India for all classes of passengers?

- A. Jogbani Airport
- B. Mopa Airport
- C. Veer Savarkar International Airport
- D. Dholera International Airport
- E. Shimoga Airport

Ans. C.

Veer Savarkar International Airport in Port Blair has been declared as an authorized Immigration Check post for entry into/exit from India with valid travel documents for all classes of passengers.

Efforts are being made for the early operation of international flights from the Airport and extending facilities of e-visa and visa on arrival.

59. The Union cabinet has approved the merger of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda (BoB). what would be rank of the combined merger bank, In terms of market value?

- A. 4th
- B. 5th
- C. 3rd
- D. 2nd
- E. 1st

Ans. C.

The Union cabinet has approved the merger of Vijaya Bank & Dena Bank with Bank of Baroda.

After the merger, Bank of Baroda will become the third biggest public sector bank, behind State Bank of India and HDFC Bank (in terms of assets).

The merger will be effective from April 2019.

60. Cricket coach Ramakant Achrekar passed away due to age-related ailments in Mumbai. He was the childhood cricket coach of _____.

- A. MS Dhoni
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. Sachin Tendulkar
- D. Rohit Sharma
- E. Sourav Ganguly

Ans. C.

Sachin Tendulkar's childhood coach cricket coach Ramakant Achrekar passed away due to age-related ailments in Mumbai.

Besides Tendulkar, he also coached some prominent players in Vinod Kambli, Pravin Amre, Sameer Dighe and Balwinder Singh Sandhu.

61. What was the theme of the World Book Fair 2019 held in New Delhi?

- A. Cultural Diversity
- B. Books for Readers with Special Needs
- C. Digital India
- D. Environment and Climate Change
- E. Culture of Reading

Ans. B.

The theme of World Book Fair 2019 is 'Books for Readers with Special Needs' and Sharjah is the guest of honours' country.

The Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar has inaugurated the nine-day World Bookfair (27th) at Pragati Maidan New Delhi.

62. Which of the following ministry has launched 'Swachh Survekshan 2019' to evaluate the achievements in the cleanliness level in urban areas of the country?

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- A. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- B. Ministry of Environment
- C. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- D. Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- E. Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans. D.

The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri has launched the 'Swachh Survekshan 2019', the fourth edition of the annual nationwide cleanliness survey of urban India in New Delhi.

It is a part of the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan', the Swachh Survekshan 2019 aims to evaluate the achievements in the cleanliness level in urban areas of the country.

63. Which of the following countries has abolished the long-standing facility of visa on arrival for Afghan nationals?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. Pakistan
- D. USA
- E. None of these

Ans. C.

Pakistan abolished the long-standing facility of visa on arrival for Afghan nationals.

The Immigration Wing of the Federal Investigation Agency cited increased security risks from the western border as a reason for the move.

Earlier, Afghan nationals were granted a 30-day visa on arrival at the entry points but now they will be required to apply for a visa from Pakistani missions in Afghanistan.

64. Renowned Bengali writer Dibyendu Palit passes away due to age-related ailments. He was conferred the Sahitya Akademi for his novel _____ in 1998.

- A. Anubhab
- B. Tungabhadrar Tire
- C. Matam
- D. Kheladhula
- E. Debjan

Ans. A.

Renowned Bengali writer Dibyendu Palit was conferred the Sahitya Akademi for his novel 'Anubhab' in 1998.

Renowned Bengali writer Dibyendu Palit (79-years) passes away due to age-related ailments.

65. Who has become the World's 1st woman amputee to climb Mount Vinson, the highest peak in Antarctica?

- A. Bachendri Pal
- B. Premlata Agarwal
- C. Santosh Yadav
- D. Arunima Sinha
- E. Malavath Purna

Ans. D.

Arunima Sinha has become the World's 1st woman amputee to climb Mount Vinson, the highest peak in Antarctica. Arunima Sinha (born 20 July 1988) is the first female amputee to climb Mount Everest.

She was a national level volleyball player who was pushed from a running train by some robbers in 2011 while she was resisting them.

66. Who among the following film has won the 'Golden Globe 2019' for best motion picture drama?

- A. Simon Baker
- B. Bohemian Rhapsody
- C. Mark Harman
- D. Sterling K Brown
- E. William Shatner

Ans. B.

Bohemian Rhapsody and its lead star Rami Malek were declared as the Best Motion Picture (Drama) and the Best Actor, respectively in the 76th Golden Globe Awards 2019.

The 76th Golden Globe Awards honoured the best in film and American television of 2018, as chosen by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

67. Who is the incumbent Prime Minister of Norway?

- A. Johan Nygaardsvold
- B. Einar Gerhardsen
- C. Per Borten
- D. Erna Solberg
- E. Gunnar Knudsen

Ans. D.

Erna Solberg is the current Prime minister of Norway.

The Prime Minister of Norway is the head of government of Norway and the most powerful person in Norwegian politics.

68. How many Crores has been allocated by Union Government for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next four years?

- A. 10,900 Crore
- B. 5,000 Crore
- C. 2,000 Crore
- D. 7,000 Crore
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

The Union Government has allocated 10,900 crore rupees for the development of 40 satellite launch vehicles in the next four years.

Chandrayan Mission will be launched within three months.

The human space flight Gaganyaan is planned to be launched by 2022 (the 75th anniversary of Independence).

69. Which cities hosted the fourth edition of the Raisina Dialogue?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Allahabad
- C. Pune
- D. Chandigarh
- E. Patna

Ans. A.

The fourth edition of the Raisina Dialogue has begun in New Delhi.

The theme of this year Dialogue is "A World Reorder: New Geometries; Fluid Partnerships; Uncertain Outcomes".

The Dialogue will bring together over 600 delegates from 93 countries, including influential political leaders, strategic thinkers, policy practitioners, technology innovators, business representatives and academics.

70. Who won the Best Actor in Motion Picture-Drama award at the 76th Golden Globe Awards?

- A. Tom Cruise
- B. Christian Bale
- C. Rami Malek

D. Dwayne Johnson

E. Leonardo DiCaprio

Ans. C.

The Best Actress in Motion Picture (Drama) went to Glenn Close for the film 'The Wife' and Best Actor in Motion Picture (Drama) went to Rami Malek for 'Bohemian Rhapsody'.

71. Who has resigned as the chief of staff of the US Department of Defence?

- A. Ash Carter
- B. Kevin Sweeney
- C. Chuck Hagel
- D. Leon Panetta
- E. Donald Rumsfeld

Ans. B.

The chief of staff of the US Department of Defence, Rear Admiral 'Kevin Sweeney' has announced his resignation from the post.

In general, a chief of staff provides a buffer between a chief executive and that executive's direct-reporting team.

72. Which of the following state government has launched Krishak Bandhu scheme to address farmers distress?

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat
- E. West Bengal

Ans. E.

The West Bengal government has launched Krishak Bandhu scheme to provide financial assistance to farmers and landless labourers.

The state government will give an annual financial assistance (cash dole) of Rs 5,000 per acre in two instalments – one during kharif and another during rabi – for a single crop.

73. India has won the first ever Test series in Australian soil beating the home team 2-1. Who was declared man-of-the-series?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Cheteshwar Pujara
- C. Tim Paine

D. Rishabh Pant
E. Kuldeep Yadav

Ans. B.

India's Cheteshwar Pujara was declared man of the match as well as man-of-the-series.

India has won the first ever series (ending a 71-year wait) on Australian soil beating the home team 2-1 after the fourth and final Test ended in a draw due to inclement weather.

Now, Virat Kohli has become the first Indian as well as the first Asian captain to win a Test series in Australia.

74. Who has been appointed as the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB)?

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

Ans. A.

Kumar Rajesh Chandra (IPS officer-1985-batch-Bihar cadre) has been appointed as the director general of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

The SSB has about 80,000 personnel, guards India's borders with Nepal and Bangladesh.

Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), in English the Armed Border Force (rarely translated into English in Indian usage), is one of India's Central Armed Police Forces.

75. Who has been appointed as the Chief Economist in International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Gita Gopinath
- B. Arundhati Roy
- C. Seema Biswas
- D. Arundhati Bhattacharya
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

India born Gita Gopinath has joined International Monetary Fund (IMF) as its chief economist (11th).

Gopinath succeeds Maurice (Maury) Obstfeld (retired on 31st December) as Economic Counsellor and Director of the IMF's Research Department.

The Economic Counsellor of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is also the Director of the Fund's Research Department and is responsible for providing independent advice to the Fund on its policy issues.

76. How many seats will be increase in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) for the Academic Year 2019-20?

- A. 5000
- B. 2000
- C. 1000
- D. 500
- E. 100

Ans. A.

The Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister Prakash Javadekar has announced to increase 5000 seats (at present-46600 seats) in Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) for the Academic Year 2019-20.

For the 2019 entrance test, 31.10 lakh students have registered for the entrance examination.

In the next four years, the government is likely to add 32000 more seats.

77. Who was sworn in as the Prime Minister of Bangladesh in 2019?

- A. Fazlul Haque
- B. Khaleda Zia
- C. Moudud Ahmed
- D. Sheikh Hasina
- E. Pedro Sánchez

Ans. D.

Awami League President Sheikh Hasina (71-years) sworn in as Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the third consecutive term.

President Mohammad Abdul Hamid has administered the oath of office to the Ministers at Bangabhaban.

Recently, Awami League and its allies secured 288 seats (Awami League -266 seats & Jatiya Party-21) out of elections held for 299-member Parliament.

78. Which of the following railway zones in India has launched a mobile application 'Rail Kumbh Seva Mobile App' to help people navigate through Prayagraj city during Kumbh Mela?

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- A. Central railway
- B. Western Railway
- C. South east central Railway
- D. North Central Railway
- E. Konkan Railway

Ans. D.

The North Central Railway (NCR) has launched a mobile application 'Rail Kumbh Seva Mobile App' to help people navigate through Prayagraj city during Kumbh Mela (from 15th January).

It will also provide information regarding all the 'Mela special' trains that will be run during the period.

Through this app, the users will not only get to know their current location but will also be able to reach to all railway stations, the mela zone, major hotels, bus stations and other facilities within Prayagraj.

79. Who has resigned as the Tamil Nadu's Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister?

- A. Balakrishna Reddy
- B. P Thangamani
- C. Badri Narayan Patra
- D. Prafulla Mallick
- E. S P Velumani

Ans. A.

Tamil Nadu Youth Welfare and Sports Development Minister **Balakrishna Reddy** has resigned following a special

court sentencing him to three years imprisonment.

As per Raj Bhavan release, his portfolio has been allocated to School Education Minister KA Sengottayyan.

Earlier, Mr Reddy was convicted in a stone pelting case by a Chennai special court.

80. Which city is the venue of the 2nd edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2019?

- A. Pune
- B. Ranchi
- C. New Delhi
- D. Chandigarh
- E. None of these

Ans. A.

Union Minister for sports Col. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore has inaugurated the 2nd edition of 'Khelo India Youth Games' in Pune, Maharashtra.

Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) held annually are the national level multidisciplinary grassroots games in India held for two categories (under-17 years school students & under-21 college students).

Every year the best 1000 kids will be given an annual scholarship of Rs. 500,000 for 8 years to prepare them for the international sporting events.

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