

February 75+ Current Affairs Questions PDF

1. Who among the following has been awarded the Ashok Chakra Award 2019 posthumously?
- A. Sher Singh
 - B. Tej Prakash Nirala
 - C. Wani Shakir
 - D. Nazir Ahmad Wani
 - E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Lance Naik Nazir Ahmad Wani of Jammu and Kashmir was posthumously conferred with the Ashoka Chakra, India's highest peacetime gallantry award, by President Kovind.

The award was received by his Mother and Wife.

The Ashok Chakra is India's highest peacetime military decoration awarded for valour, courageous action or self-sacrifice away from the battlefield.

2. Who among the following has been awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously in 2019?
- A. Nanaji Deshmukh
 - B. Bhupen Hazarika
 - C. Both A and B
 - D. Gyani Zail Singh
 - E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Former president Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh (Bharatiya Jana Sangh leader) and Bhupen Hazarika (singer) conferred the country's highest civilian award Bharat Ratna for the year 2019.

The Bharat Ratna is the highest civilian award of the Republic of India.

3. Which of the following former President of India has been conferred upon 'Bharat Ratna' for the year 2019?
- A. Gyani Zail Singh
 - B. Pratibha Devisingh Patil
 - C. R Venkataraman
 - D. Pranab Mukherjee
 - E. Shankar Dayal Sharma

Ans. D

Sol. Former president Pranab Mukherjee, Nanaji Deshmukh (Bharatiya Jana Sangh leader) and Bhupen Hazarika (singer) conferred the country's

highest civilian award Bharat Ratna for the year 2019.

Pranab Mukherjee (known as 'Pranab Da') was the president between 2012 and 2017.

Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and founder of Banaras Hindu University Madan Mohan Malviya were given the award by the Narendra Modi government in 2015.

4. Who has been elected as the new King of Malaysia?
- A. Sultan Ibrahim Ismail
 - B. Sultan Abdullah
 - C. Tuanku Muhriz
 - D. Sultan Mizan Zainal Abidin
 - E. Sultan Nazrin Shah

Ans. B

Sol. The leaders of Malaysia's royal houses elected the Sultan Abdullah (59-year-old) to a five-year term under a system of rotational monarchy that is unique to Malaysia. Sultan Abdullah will be sworn in as the nation's 16th Yang di-Pertuan Agong, or head of state, in a ceremony on 31st January.

5. Who has won the Indonesia Masters women's singles title 2019?
- A. Carolina Marin
 - B. P V Sindhu
 - C. Saina Nehwal
 - D. Ratchanok Intanon
 - E. Wang Yihan

Ans. C

Sol. Ace shuttler Saina Nehwal (India) has won the Indonesia Masters women's singles title after Carolina Marin (Spain) limped out of the final due to a leg injury.

The DAIHATSU Indonesia Masters 2019 is a badminton tournament that takes place at the Istora Gelora Bung Karno in Indonesia and has a total purse of USD 350,000.

6. Which of the following ministry has launched a mobile app 'RDP India 2019' with the intent of making available the highlights of the Republic Day event?
- A. Ministry of Home
 - B. Ministry of Women and Child Development

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- C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- D. Ministry of Defence
- E. Ministry of External Affairs

Ans. D

Sol. Ministry of Defence has launched a mobile app 'RDP India 2019' with the intent of making available the highlights of the Republic Day event in New Delhi.

It is a new initiative in sync with the Digital India campaign of the Government.

7. Which engineering institution has developed an Android app 'Roshni' to help the Visually Impaired to recognise currency notes?
- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Patna
 - B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati
 - C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur
 - D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar
 - E. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur

Ans. D

Sol. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Ropar has developed an Android app 'Roshni' that would help the Visually Impaired to recognise currency notes in Chandigarh.

The Roshni app can recognise both old and new notes and gives audio information as to which note you are holding in your hands.

The Roshni is the first Android App that works successfully with new INR currency notes.

8. India's fastest indigenous train will run from Delhi to Varanasi has been named as ____.
- A. Barak Valley Express
 - B. Prayagraj Express
 - C. Shanti Express
 - D. Vande Bharat Express
 - E. Seshadri Express

Ans. D

Sol. India's fastest indigenous train will run from Delhi to Varanasi has been named as 'Vande Bharat Express' (earlier, Train 18).

It is a train built completely in India by Indian engineers in a span of 18 months and it is an example that it is possible to make world-class trains under Make in India.

The 16-coach train has been built by the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai and cover the distance in 8 hours.

9. Who has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Burkina Faso?
- A. Paul Kaba Thieba
 - B. Yacouba Isaac Zida
 - C. Tertius Zongo
 - D. Christophe Joseph Marie Dabire
 - E. Saye Zerbo

Ans. D

Sol. Christophe Joseph Marie Dabiré has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Burkina Faso.

He led the country's Department of Health between 1992-1997 and oversaw the Department of Secondary, Higher Education and Scientific Research between 1997-2000.

10. Who has won the men's singles 2019 Australian Open Tennis Tournament?
- A. Roger Federer
 - B. Novak Djokovic
 - C. Stan Wawrinka
 - D. Rafael Nadal
 - E. Marat Safin

Ans. B

Sol. Serbian professional tennis player Novak Djokovic won the 2019 Australian Open Men's Singles title. He defeated Rafael Nadal in the final match.

- It was his 7th Australian Open Men's Singles title.
- This is Novak Djokovic's **15th Grand Slam title**.
- He won the Australian Open Men's Singles title before 2008, 2012, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016.
- Australian Open was held in Melbourne, Australia in January 2019.
- **Naomi Osaka won the Australian Open Women's Singles title.**

11. As per The Oxford Dictionaries announcement, which of the following words is the Hindi Word of the Year 2018?

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- A. Brexit B. Notebandi
C. Nari Shakti D. Bahubali
E. Vikaas

Ans. C

Sol. The Oxford Dictionaries has announced 'Nari Shakti' (women empowerment) as the Hindi Word of the Year 2018.

The word was selected by the Oxford Dictionaries (India) with help of a panel of language experts.

Nari Shakti (derived from Sanskrit), broken down, the word 'nari' means women and 'shakti' means power.

12. Which of the following state Government will develop India's second Tulip garden?
A. Assam B. Bihar
C. Gujarat D. Uttarakhand
E. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. D

Sol. Uttarakhand Government has obtained the permission to develop the Tulip garden in Pithoragarh district.

It will be the second Tulip garden (first in Srinagar, J&K) in the country. Tulips (Tulipa) flowers are usually large, showy and brightly coloured, generally red, pink, yellow, or white (usually in warm colours).

13. Ministry of Textiles Smriti Zubin Irani has presided the National Conclave on Technical Textiles in _____.
A. Mumbai B. Delhi
C. Chandigarh D. Pune
E. Bhopal

Ans. A

Sol. Ministry of Textiles Smriti Zubin Irani has presided the National Conclave on Technical Textiles in Mumbai.

Technical textiles are textile material and products manufactured primarily for technical performance and functional properties.

The event will also be a curtain raiser for TechnoTex 2019.

14. Former Defence Minister 'George Fernandes' passed away. In 1976, he was arrested and tried in the infamous _____.
A. Jessica Lal Murder Case
B. Ayodhya Case
C. Baroda dynamite case
D. 2G Spectrum Case
E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Former Defence Minister 'George Fernandes' (88-years) passed away in New Delhi.

In 1976, was arrested and tried in the infamous Baroda dynamite case.

He was elected to the Lok Sabha nine times and once to the Rajya Sabha.

15. Who has won the best Mini ratna public sector undertaking (PSU) award in strategic performance (Financial Category)?
A. Airports Authority of India
B. National Fertilizers Limited
C. Numaligarh Refinery Limited
D. Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
E. ONGC Videsh Limited

Ans. C

Sol. The 'Numaligarh Refinery Limited' (NRL) has been awarded the best Miniratna PSU (public sector undertaking) in strategic performance (Financial Category).

- The Numaligarh Refinery is located at Morangi, Golaghat district, **Assam**.
- It is a joint venture between Bharat Petroleum, Oil India and Govt of Assam.

The company was awarded for its efforts in the country's growth and strategic performance.

16. Who has won the best Tableau Trophy of Republic Day Parade 2019 held at Rajpath, New Delhi?
A. Jammu and Kashmir tableau
B. Arunachal Pradesh tableau
C. Uttarakhand tableau
D. Uttar Pradesh tableau
E. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) tableau

Ans. E

Sol. The Central Industrial Security Force has won the 'Best Tableue Trophy' of Republic Day Parade 2019 held at Rajpath.

The Tableau paid tribute to the 'Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi', by highlighting CISF security cover to the 'Samadhi' in the front portion of the Tableau.

17. Who has won the women's singles 2019 Australian Open Tennis Tournament?

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- A. Angelique Kerber
- B. Simona Halep
- C. Petra Kvitova
- D. Naomi Osaka
- E. Caroline Wozniacki

Ans. D

Sol. Japan's Naomi Osaka has won her maiden Australian Open Grand Slam Singles title 2019 at Melbourne, Australia.

In the Final, Osaka defeated Czech Petra Kvitova, 7-6, 5-7, 6-4 to become the first Asian player to achieve the world number one ranking.

18. Which of the following Indian Cricketer has been suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) from bowling in International Cricket?
- A. Ravindra Jadeja
 - B. Ambati Rayudu
 - C. Yuvraj Singh
 - D. Suresh Raina
 - E. Hardik Pandya

Ans. B

Sol. Indian cricketer Ambati Rayudu has been suspended from bowling in International Cricket by the International Cricket Council (ICC), after having found his bowling action to be illegal.

Earlier, Rayudu had been reported for suspect bowling action during the first ODI match between India and Australia in Sydney.

19. The central banks of the UAE and Saudi Arabia have launched a common digital currency called _____.
- A. Litecoin
 - B. Dogecoin
 - C. Aber
 - D. Bitcoin cash
 - E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The central banks of the UAE and Saudi Arabia have launched a common digital currency called "Aber".

It will be used in financial settlements between the two countries through Blockchains and Distributed Ledgers technologies.

20. Who has won the round-the-world yacht race after 212 days alone at sea without modern instruments?

- A. Franck Ternier
- B. Pieter Elbers
- C. Anne-Marie Couder
- D. Jean-Luc Van Den Heede
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. French sailor Jean-Luc Van Den Heede has won the round-the-world yacht race after 212 days alone at sea without modern instruments. He became the oldest to complete the 30,000-mile Golden Globe race.

21. Who has been appointed as the CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) Director?
- A. Alok Verma
 - B. Ashwani Kumar
 - C. Rishi Kumar Shukla
 - D. R K Raghavan
 - E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Rishi Kumar Shukla (1983 batch-Madhya Pradesh Cadre) has been appointed as the CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) Director for a period of two years.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) is the premier investigating agency of India, headed by the Director.

CBI Operating under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

22. Which of the following Country has won the AFC Asian Cup 2019 in Abu Dhabi?
- A. Japan
 - B. Thailand
 - C. Qatar
 - D. South Korea
 - E. Iran

Ans. C

Sol. Qatar national football team beat Japan 3-1 to win the AFC Asian Cup 2019 crown in Abu Dhabi. The 2019 AFC Asian Cup (17th edition) was the quadrennial international men's football championship of Asia organised by the Asian Football Confederation (AFC).

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23. Which of the following state Government has approved a rural development scheme 'Smart Village Campaign'?
- A. Bihar
 - B. Punjab
 - C. Uttar Pradesh
 - D. Odisha
 - E. Assam

Ans. B

Sol. The Punjab government has approved a rural development scheme 'Smart Village Campaign' to supplement the ongoing works to build village infrastructure and provide essential amenities. The scheme would be financed with funds (Rs 384.40 crore) from the 14th Financial Commission and MGNREGA works.

The objective of the 'Smart Village Campaign' to improving the condition of rural areas by supplementing the ongoing government schemes for building infrastructure and providing essential amenities.

24. World cancer day is being observed globally on 4th February. What is the theme of the 2019 -21 World Cancer day?
- A. We can. I can.
 - B. Not beyond us
 - C. Together it is possible
 - D. Cancer – Did you know?
 - E. I Am and I Will

Ans. E

Sol. This year, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) is launching a new three years (2019-2021) campaign with the theme: "I Am and I Will."

The primary goal of the day is to reduce the illness and related deaths by 2020.

25. As per the Interim Budget 2019-20, what amount of pension has been announced for the unorganized sector workers under the 'Pradhan Mantri Shram-Yogi Maandhan'?
- A. Rs. 1,000
 - B. Rs. 2,000
 - C. Rs. 3,000
 - D. Rs. 4,000
 - E. Rs. 5,000

Ans. C

Sol. As per the Interim Budget 2019-20, A new scheme called 'Pradhan Mantri Shram-Yogi Maandhan' is announced.

The pension scheme will provide an assured monthly pension of Rs 3,000 to workers in the unorganized sector who earn up to Rs 15,000 per month.

26. Who has taken over as the new Director General of Nation Cadet Corps?
- A. Lt. General A Chakravarty
 - B. Dr. A S Durga Prasad
 - C. Lt. General Rajeev Chopra
 - D. Lt. General Vinod Vashisht
 - E. Lt. General P P Malhotra

Ans. C

Sol. Lieutenant General Rajeev Chopra took over the reins of National Cadet Corps (NCC) as its Director General. He has been awarded Ati Vishisht Seva Medal for his distinguished service in January 2018.

The National Cadet Corps is the Indian military cadet corps with its Headquarters in New Delhi, India.

27. In an official order, The Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) has been renamed as the _____.
- A. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
 - B. Department for International Development
 - C. Department for International Trade
 - D. Department for Industrial Policy and Promotion
 - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade with a mandate to deal with matters related to start-ups, facilitating ease of doing business among others.

It will look into matters related to promotion of internal trade, including retail trade, welfare of traders and their employees, facilitating ease of doing business and start-ups.

The order has been approved by President Ram Nath Kovind.

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28. The Annual Pulicat Day being observed every year on _____.
A. 31 January B. 30 January
C. 1 February D. 2 February
E. 3 February

Ans. D

Sol. The Annual Pulicat Day being observed on 2nd February 2019 to create awareness among people about the importance of protecting the lagoon.

29. Who has won the award of excellence for the 'Best in Show' at New York Times Travel Show 2019(NYTTS-2019)?
A. Japan B. UK
C. India D. Germany
E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. India received the award of excellence for 'Best in Show' during the Closing Bell Ceremony at New York Times Travel Show 2019(NYTTS-2019).

It is the largest travel show in North America, held in New York, USA.

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India participated as the 'Presenting Partner' in the New York Times Travel Show (NYTTS 2019).

30. Ramesh Bhatkar passed away recently. He was the renowned actor of which regional cinema?
A. Maithili B. Marathi
C. Tamil D. Magahi
E. Telugu

Ans. B

Sol. Veteran Marathi actor Ramesh Bhatkar (70-years) passed away at a hospital in Mumbai.

He was known for his roles in the TV series 'Commander' and 'Hello Inspector'.

He worked for more than thirty years as an actor in mainstream Hindi and Marathi films such as 'Aaj Pahije', 'Kucch To Hai' and 'Bhavesh Joshi Suerhero'.

31. Who has been appointed as the MD (Managing Director) and CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Corporation Bank?
A. Ashwini Kumar
B. S L Bansal

- C. Ashish Kumar
D. Sankara Narayanan
E. P V Bharathi

Ans. E

Sol. PV Bharathi has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Corporation Bank.

Corporation Bank is a public-sector banking company headquartered in Mangalore, India.

Currently, the bank has a network of 2,600 fully automated CBS branches, 3,040 ATMs, and 4,724 branchless banking units across the country.

32. Union Minister of state for Communications Mr Manoj Sinha has released a special postage stamp worth Rs. 5 of the Indian Postal Department on _____.
A. Kumbh Mela
B. Ganesh Chaturthi
C. Pongal
D. Basant Panchami
E. Maha Shivratri

Ans. A

Sol. Union Minister of state for Communications Mr Manoj Sinha has released a special postage stamp of the Indian Postal Department on Kumbh Mela.

It is a commemorative postal stamp (cost-5 rupees) on Second Shahi Snan holy bath of Mauni Amavasya.

33. Who has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Argentina?
A. Dinesh Bhatia
B. Nilambar Acharya
C. Barsaman Pun
D. Upendra Yadav
E. Ishwor Pokhrel

Ans. A

Sol. The Union government has appointed Dinesh Bhatia as the next Ambassador of India to Argentina.

An ambassador is a diplomatic representative that attends international meetings, banquets and parties and acts as a figurehead for their country of origin.

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34. Which of the following mobile app has been launched by Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri for booking of Bungalow number -5, Ashoka Road in New Delhi?
- A. Mauka
 - B. Menka
 - C. Book my Bungalow
 - D. Mashoka5
 - E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. The union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched a mobile app 'Mashoka5' for booking of Bungalow number -5, Ashoka Road in New Delhi (for any ceremony). This Mashoka5 app will enable an applicant to complete the entire booking process from anywhere and at any time through mobile.

35. Which of the following Ministry has organised the 'Know India Programme'?
- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
 - B. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
 - C. Ministry of Environment
 - D. Ministry of Human Resource Development
 - E. Ministry of External Affairs

Ans. E

Sol. Know India Programme (KIP) is a government initiative by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India for the Indian diaspora (excluding NRIs) between the age group of 18 to 30 years.

36. As per RBI's sixth Bi-Monthly policy 2018-19. What is current Reverse Repo Rate?
- A. 6.75%
 - B. 7.0%
 - C. 6.0%
 - D. 6.25%
 - E. 5.75%

Ans. C

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India in its sixth Bi-Monthly statement 2018-19, The reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 6.0 per cent. Reverse Repo rate is the rate at which RBI borrows money from commercial banks.

37. Which among the following festivals is celebrated in Arunachal Pradesh?
- A. Boori Boot Yollo
 - B. Chapchar Kut festival
 - C. Hundred Drums Wangala Festival
 - D. Medaram Sammakka Sarakka
 - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Nyishi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrating its Boori Boot Yollo festival (52nd) to welcome spring and a successful harvest. The festival witnessed the grand display of Punu/Jajin and Boori Yapa dance.

38. Which cricket team has won the 2018-19 season's Ranji Trophy title?
- A. Railways
 - B. Mumbai
 - C. Vidarbha
 - D. Saurashtra
 - E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Vidarbha defeated Saurashtra by 78 runs to retain the Ranji Trophy 2018-19 edition (85th season) at the Vidarbha Cricket Association in Nagpur.

Ranji Trophy title consists of 37 teams, with all 29 states in India and two of the seven union territories having at least one representation.

39. Which of the following city hosted the 9th Senior Women's Hockey National Championship?
- A. Hisar
 - B. Ranchi
 - C. Pune
 - D. Chandigarh
 - E. Panipat

Ans. A

Sol. The 9th Senior Women's Hockey National Championship kicks off in Hisar, Haryana. Top India stars will turn up for their respective state units and employers for the tournament.

RSPB will begin their campaign against Hockey Rajasthan in the Pool A opening match during the 11-day domestic extravaganza.

40. Which city hosted the 'Parmanu Tech 2019' to discuss the issues related to Nuclear Energy and Radiation Technologies?
- A. Bhopal
 - B. Ranchi
 - C. Pune
 - D. Chandigarh
 - E. New Delhi

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Ans. E

Sol. Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) organized 'Parmanu Tech 2019' in New Delhi to discuss the issues related to Nuclear Energy and Radiation Technologies.

41. Which city hosted the first annual conference of Media Units organized by the Information and Broadcasting Ministry?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Kolkata
- C. Chennai
- D. Pune
- E. Chandigarh

Ans. A

Sol. The Information and Broadcasting Ministry has organized the first annual conference of Media Units in New Delhi.

The objective of the conference is to give a unique platform to the officers of the Indian Information Service working in different Media Units to converge at an All-India level.

42. Which of the following city is hosting the Senior National Badminton Championship 2019?

- A. Patna
- B. Ranchi
- C. Kochi
- D. Guwahati
- E. Pune

Ans. D

Sol. The 83rd edition of the Senior National Badminton Championships has begun with the qualifiers in the Assamese city of Guwahati.

The Indian National Badminton Championships is a tournament organized to crown the best badminton players in India since 1934.

43. Which of the following language has been declared as the third official language in Abu Dhabi courts to make the justice delivery system simple?

- A. Hindi
- B. Arabic
- C. English
- D. Punjabi
- E. Chinese

Ans. A

Sol. Abu Dhabi declared Hindi as the third official language (after Arabic and English) in its courts to make the justice delivery system simple.

It will help Hindi speakers to learn about litigation procedures, their rights and duties without a language barrier.

44. Who is the author of the recently released book "Let's Talk On Air: Conversations with Radio Presenters"?

- A. Naresh Gujral
- B. Hamid Ansari
- C. Rakesh Anand Bakshi
- D. Kuldeep Nayar
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The book titled "Let's Talk On Air: Conversations with Radio Presenters" has been released on World Radio Day (WRD-2019) in Mumbai.

The book has been authored by Rakesh Anand Bakshi.

This book explains the lives of 14 popular radio presenters in India from the legendary Ameen Sayani to present-day RJs who have been entertaining us via the airwaves.

45. The Himalayan Cloud Observatory has been set up in which district of Uttarakhand?

- A. Haridwar
- B. Almora
- C. Nainital
- D. Tehri Garhwal
- E. Pithoragarh

Ans. D

Sol. Himalayan Cloud Observatory has been set up in Tehri district, Uttarakhand

The observatory will receive forecast and monitor cloudburst incidents in the Himalayan region and help minimise the damage.

46. Union Tourism Minister KJ Alphons laid the foundation stone for the Sree Narayana Guru spiritual pilgrimage circuit at _____.

- A. Varkala (Kerala)
- B. Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu)
- C. Kochi (Kerala)
- D. Madurai (Tamil Nadu)
- E. Mysore (Karnataka)

Ans. A

Sol. Union Tourism Minister K J Alphons has laid the foundation stone for the Sree Narayana Guru spiritual pilgrimage circuit at the spiritual abode of the renowned social reformer in Varkala, Kerala.

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This project covers all the places in Thiruvananthapuram district where the Guru spent most of his life.

47. Which of the following states will host the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) in 2020?
- A. Uttar Pradesh B. Gujarat
C. Odisha D. Kerala
E. Rajasthan

Ans. B

Sol. The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) will be held in Gujarat in 2020.

48. The Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal laid the foundation stone of a Mega Food Park in ____.
- A. Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
B. Patna, Bihar
C. Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
D. Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. The Union Minister for Food Processing Industries Harsimrat Kaur Badal laid the foundation stone of a Mega Food Park in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh.

Mega Food Park is an inclusive concept and a scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing of the Government of India, aimed at establishing a "direct linkage from farm to processing and then to consumer markets" through a network of collection centres and primary processing centres.

49. Which of the following cities hosted the 5th International Dam Safety Conference-2019?
- A. Delhi
B. Ranchi
C. Bhubaneswar
D. Kochi
E. Chandigarh

Ans. C

Sol. The two-day 5th International Dam Safety Conference-2019 was held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

This programme is based on the safety and maintenance issues of old

dams and the international conference is a part of it.

50. Who among the following Indian female cricketers has scored fastest T20I fifty?
- A. Amita Sharma
B. Smriti Mandhana
C. Jaya Sharma
D. Ekta Bisht
E. Mithali Raj

Ans. B

Sol. Indian Cricketer Smriti Mandhana hammered the fastest fifty for India in the first T20I against New Zealand in Wellington in just 24 deliveries. She broke her own record of fastest T20I fifty for India in women's cricket, which she had achieved against England in Mumbai in 2018. Smriti Mandhana (second Indian woman) was crowned women's cricketer of the year by the sport's world governing body ICC.

51. Which of the following will be the mascot for the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)?
- A. Olive Ridley
B. Chubao
C. Stanford Tree
D. Great Indian Bustard
E. Hodori

Ans. D

Sol. The Union Environment Minister Dr. Harsh Vardha has announced the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) as the mascot for the 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS).

The 13th Conference of Parties (COP) of the UN Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) will be held in Gujarat in 2020.

52. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of African Union (AU)?
- A. Maite Nkoana-Mashabane
B. Nomvula Mokonyane
C. Aaron Motsoaledi
D. Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi
E. None of these

Ans. D

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Sol. Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi (65-years) has been elected as the chairman of the African Union at the continental body's summit in Ethiopia.

The Chairperson of the African Union is the ceremonial head of the African Union elected by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government for a one-year term.

53. Which city hosted the International Oil and Gas Conference PETROTECH-2019?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Pune
- C. Greater Noida
- D. Ranchi
- E. Ahmedabad

Ans. C

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has formally inaugurated the three-day International Oil and Gas Conference 'PETROTECH-2019' (13th) at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

The 'PETROTECH-2019' is being organised under the aegis of the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, Government of India.

54. Who won the men's single title of Chennai Open ATP Tennis Tournament 2019?

- A. Corentin Moutet
- B. Andrew Harris
- C. George Thompson
- D. Yuki Bhambri
- E. Jordan Thompson

Ans. A

Sol. Corentin Moutet (France) beat Andrew Harris (Australia) 6-3, 6-3 in the singles final to win the Chennai Open ATP Challenger tennis tournament in Chennai.

The Chennai Open Challenger is a professional tennis tournament played on hard courts annually in Chennai, India since 2018.

currently, it is a part of the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) Challenger Tour.

55. Who has become the highest run-Scorer in Twenty20 International Cricket history?

- A. Martin Guptill
- B. Shoaib Malik
- C. Virat Kohli
- D. Rohit Sharma
- E. Brendon McCullum

Ans. D

Sol. India's Rohit Sharma (31-year) has become the highest run scorer in the Twenty20 International Cricket history while playing against New Zealand in Auckland.

Sharma overtook New Zealand's Martin Guptill, who has scored 2,272 runs in 74 innings in T20I.

He also became first India and the third overall player to smash 100 sixes in T20 cricket.

56. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals (RR) for the Indian Premier League (IPL)-2019?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- C. Shane Warne
- D. Irrfan Khan
- E. Sourav Ganguly

Ans. C

Sol. Australia spin legend Shane Warne has been named the brand ambassador of Rajasthan Royals (RR) for the Indian Premier League (IPL)-2019.

Warne went on to captain Rajasthan Royals for four seasons until 2011, after which he retired from all forms of cricket.

57. The first-ever World Pulses Day (WPD) is observed every year on _____.

- A. 12th February
- B. 14th February
- C. 1st February
- D. 10th February
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. The first-ever World Pulses Day was celebrated on 10th February 2019.

Pulses are a type of leguminous crops that are harvested solely for the dry seed and does not include crops that are harvested green.

58. Which of the following banks has been fined Rs 1 crore by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for not

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monitoring the end use of funds in respect of one of its borrowers?

- A. Bank of Baroda
- B. Bank of India
- C. Corporation Bank
- D. ICICI Bank
- E. State Bank of India

Ans. E

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has slapped Rs 1 crore penalty on the country's largest lender State Bank of India (SBI) for not monitoring the end use of funds in respect of one of its borrowers.

RBI in the exercise of powers conferred under Section 47 A of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 has levied a penalty.

59. Which hockey team has won the 2019 Senior Men's National Hockey championship?

- A. Hockey Uttar Pradesh
- B. Hockey Punjab
- C. Railway Sports Promotion Board
- D. Services Sports Control Board
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Railway Sports Promotion Board lifted the 9th Senior National Men's Hockey Championship crown at Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

They dished out a scintillating performance to stun defending champions Punjab 3-2 and claim the gold medal.

Petroleum Sports Promotion Board beat Punjab and Sind Bank, 4-1 to clinch the Bronze medal.

60. Which of the following cities hosted the five-day Multinational Maritime Exercise "AMAN-19"?

- A. Islamabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Karachi
- D. Dhaka
- E. Dubai

Ans. C

Sol. The five-day Multinational Maritime Exercise "AMAN-19" commenced in Karachi with the slogan "Together for Peace".

According to Pakistan Vice Admiral Amjad Khan Niazi, it is a step to enhance cooperation, take benefit from mutual advantage and understand each other.

61. Who has been appointed as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of Pawan Hans Limited?

- A. Kumar Mangalam
- B. Suraj Ragunathan
- C. Trichur Ramachandran
- D. B P Sharma
- E. Aruna Sairam

Ans. D

Sol. B P Sharma has been appointed as the chairman and managing director (CMD) of Pawan Hans Limited for a period of five months.

Pawan Hans Limited is a helicopter service company (Mini Ratna-I category PSU) based in New Delhi, India.

62. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)?

- A. Vishal Sikka
- B. Sushil Chandra
- C. Pramod Chandra Mody
- D. Millard Drexler
- E. Ashok Vemuri

Ans. C

Sol. Shri Pramod Chandra Mody (Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax cadre)- 1982-batch) has been appointed as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT).

The CBDT Chairperson is ex-officio special secretary and is under the direct charge of the revenue secretary of India.

63. Who is the incumbent President of Argentina?

- A. Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner
- B. Eduardo Duhalde
- C. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa
- D. Mauricio Macri
- E. Carlos Menem

Ans. D

Sol. Mauricio Macri is the current President of Argentina.

The President of the Argentine Republic is both head of state and head of government of Argentina. President is also the chief executive of the federal government and Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces.

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64. Who among the following Indian footballer has won the first ever Football Ratna award?

- A. Jeje Lalpekhlua
- B. Bhaichung Bhutia
- C. Sunil Chhetri
- D. Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- E. Sandesh Jhingan

Ans. C

Sol. Indian professional footballer Sunil Chhetri (34-year) has been conferred the first ever Football Ratna. He has scored the 2nd highest number of goals in international matches among active players after Cristiano Ronaldo.

65. Who among the following has won the women's singles title at the 83rd Senior National Championship in Guwahati?

- A. PV Sindhu
- B. Saina Nehwal
- C. Jwala Gutta
- D. Ramya Tulasi
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Saina Nehwal has won the women's singles title at the 83rd Senior National Championship. She defeated PV Sindhu in the finals in Guwahati by 21-18, 21-15.

66. Which of the following team has won the Irani Cup 2018-19?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Rest of India
- C. Railways
- D. Vidarbha
- E. Rajasthan

Ans. D

Sol. Ranji Trophy champions Vidarbha beat Rest of India to retain 2018-19 Irani Cup Title in Nagpur. (on the first-innings basis). The 2018-19 Irani Cup is the 57th season of Irani Cup.

67. Who among the following has been conferred with the 2019 Qatar Open men's Title?

- A. Novak Djokovic
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Roger Federer
- D. Roberto Bautista Agut
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Roberto Bautista Agut (Spain) has won the 2019 Qatar Open men's Title.

The Qatar Open is a professional Tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts.

68. Who has been appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Air India?

- A. Rajiv Singhania
- B. Ashwani Lohani
- C. Santosh Verma
- D. Rajiv Bansal
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Former Railway Board Chairman Ashwani Lohani (1980-batch IRSME) has been appointed as the Chairman and managing director (CMD) of Air India.

Air India is the flag carrier airline of India, owned by Air India Limited and operates a fleet of Airbus & Boeing aircraft serving 90 domestic and international destinations.

69. Who has published of the recently released Chaudhari's book 'What Marx Left Unsaid' 'Production of Skills by Means of Skills'?

- A. Cisco Press
- B. B & W Publishing
- C. BBC Books
- D. Times Group
- E. International Universities Press

Ans. D

Sol. The book has been authored jointly by 3 generations of the same family Dr. Malay Chaudhari, Dr. Arindam Chaudhari and Che Kabir Chaudhari.

The book 'What Marx Left Unsaid' 'Production of Skills by Means of Skills' has been published by Times Group.

Indian Politician Manish Tewari has released 'What Marx Left Unsaid' 'Production of Skills by Means of Skills' at Indian International Centre, New Delhi.

70. Which city hosted the 40th International Annual Desert Festival?

- A. Udaipur
- B. Jaipur
- C. Bikaner
- D. Jaisalmer
- E. None of these

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Ans. D

Sol. The 40th International Annual Desert Festival held on the sand dune in Jaisalmer with thousands of tourists participating in the colourful event.

71. Veteran writer Vishnu Wagh passed away in South Africa. He was the former deputy speaker of _____.
A. Assam Legislative Assembly
B. Karnataka Legislative Assembly
C. Goa Legislative Assembly
D. Puducherry Legislative Assembly
E. Kerala Legislative Assembly

Ans. C

Sol. Veteran writer and former deputy speaker of Goa Legislative Assembly Vishnu Wagh passed away in South Africa.

Wagh was a member of the Goa Legislative Assembly from St Andre constituency between 2012 and 2017.

72. Who among the following Badminton legend has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement award?
A. Dinesh Khanna
B. Pullela Gopichand
C. Parupalli Kashyap
D. Srikanth Kidambi
E. Prakash Padukone

Ans. E

Sol. Badminton legend Prakash Padukone has been honoured for the Lifetime Achievement at the Taj Mahal Palace Mumbai.

73. Who among the following has been awarded the 'Oscat' by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA)?
A. Shilpa Shetty
B. Priyanka Chopra
C. Aishwarya Rai
D. Roger Ebert
E. Bradley Cooper

Ans. E

Sol. Bradley Cooper (43-years) has been awarded the 'Oscat' by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The animal rights organisation awarded Cooper "for his enlightened decision to cast his own canine companion in 'A Star Is Born' rather than using one supplied by a notorious animal exhibitor".

74. Who among the following has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th National Photography Awards organized by the photo division of the I&B ministry in New Delhi?

- A. Atul Kasbekar
B. Arko Datta
C. Raghu Rai
D. L Shankar
E. Ashok Dilwali

Ans. E

Sol. Ashok Dilwali has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 7th National Photography Awards organized by the I&B ministry in New Delhi.

The theme for the Professional category was "Women-led Development", while the theme for Amateur category was "Fairs and Festivals of India".

75. Which of the following cities hosted the 'Aero-India-2019'?
A. Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
B. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
C. Shillong, Meghalaya
D. Nagpur, Maharashtra
E. Bangalore, Karnataka

Ans. E

Sol. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has inaugurated the five-day long biennial 'Aero-India-2019' (12th edition) at Yelahanka air force station in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

76. Which of the following Portal has been launched by the Ministry of Labour and Employment to deal with industrial disputes?
A. CAREERAGE B. SAMADHAN
C. PRAAPTI D. SAMPARK
E. HELPME

Ans. B

Sol.

Ministry of Labour and Employment has launched SAMADHAN Portal on Pilot basis for conciliation, arbitration and adjudication of the Industrial Disputes (IDs) as defined in the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 (ID Act).

77. Which of the following countries has launched new 'Fateh' Submarine in the semi-heavy category?

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- A. Pakistan
- B. Iraq
- C. Iran
- D. Sudan
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Iran President Hassan Rouhani has launched a new locally-made submarine 'Fateh' (Farsi for 'Conqueror') capable of firing cruise missiles.

78. Who has organised a two-day workshop on "Committee of Creditors: An Institution of Public Faith" in Mumbai?

- A. Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- B. Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- C. Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
- D. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- E. Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA)

Ans. A

Sol. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has organised a two-day workshop on "Committee of Creditors: An Institution of Public Faith" in Mumbai.

The workshop was jointly organised with the State Bank of India (SBI) and the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA).

79. What is the theme of the World Day of Social Justice 2019?

- A. Workers against exploitation
- B. Workers on social justice for human rights
- C. Workers on the move: the quest for social justice
- D. If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice
- E. Worker's social justice

Ans. D

Sol. The theme for 2019 World Day of Social Justice is "If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice".

The United Nations' (UN) World Day of Social Justice is annually observed on 20th February to encourage people to look at how social justice affects poverty eradication.

80. Noted Hindi Writer Prof. Namvar Singh passed away in New Delhi. He received Sahitya Academy Award for literary criticism in 1971 for _____.

- A. Chhayavad
- B. Dusri Parampara Ki Khoj
- C. Kavita Ke Naye Pratiman
- D. Sammukh
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Noted Hindi Writer Prof. Namvar Singh received Sahitya Academy Award for literary criticism in 1971 for 'Kavita Ke Naye Pratiman'.

Prof. Namvar Singh (92-years) passed away at All India Institute of Medical Science in New Delhi.

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