

# **75+ Current Affairs Q/A PDF April Month**

1. The Earth Hour Day 2019 was observed on which date?  
A. 2<sup>nd</sup> April      B. 25<sup>th</sup> March  
C. 30<sup>th</sup> March    D. 4<sup>th</sup> April  
E. 10<sup>th</sup> March

Ans. C

Sol. The 2019 Earth Hour was observed on 30<sup>th</sup> March.

People were encouraged to switch off the lights for an hour from 8:30 PM to 9:30 PM local time.

The 2019 event was based on the theme #Connect2Earth.

2. What is the name of the India's first professional franchise-based Kho-Kho league sports?  
A. Ultimate Kho-Kho  
B. Khelo Kho-Kho  
C. Limited Kho-Kho  
D. Kho-Kho Leage  
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) has launched a franchise-based league for the sport named 'Ultimate Kho-Kho'.

It will conduct the 21-day league (IPL-style), which will see eight franchise teams playing a total of 60 matches in a double round-robin format.

3. The famous Kandhamal haldi (turmeric) got the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. Kandhamal haldi belongs to which state?  
A. Bihar                      B. Odisha  
C. Punjab                    D. Uttar Pradesh  
E. Assam

Ans. B

Sol. Kandhamal haldi (turmeric) produced by the tribal farmers in Odisha's Kandhamal district received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.

Kandhamal turmeric, originally grown by tribal people in Kandhamal, is famous for its medicinal properties. The GI (Geographical Indication) tag ensures that none other than those registered as authorised users (or at least those residing inside the geographic territory) can use the popular product name.

4. Who has been appointed the chief executive officer (CEO) of Royal Enfield?

A. Ashok Vajpeyi  
B. Balan Nambiar  
C. Uttam Pacharne  
D. Biswa Sarma  
E. Vinod K Dasari

Ans. E

Sol. Eicher Motors Ltd. has appointed 'Vinod K. Dasari' as the chief executive officer (CEO) of Royal Enfield.

Mr. Dasari will also join the board of Eicher Motors as an executive director with immediate effect.

Royal Enfield is an Indian motorcycle manufacturing brand with the tag of "the oldest global motorcycle brand in continuous production" manufactured in factories in Chennai in India.

5. China has successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites named \_\_\_\_\_ into orbit.

A. Tianlian II-01  
B. Apstar 01  
C. China 1A  
D. MessChina01  
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. China has successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites named Tianlian II-01 satellite, into orbit.

It will provide data relay, measurement and control services for its manned spacecraft.

6. The book 'Saffron Swords- Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders' has been written by \_\_\_\_\_.

A. R P Dhokalia  
B. Anita Desai  
C. Manoshi Sinha  
D. Ramachandra Guha  
E. C Banda

Ans. C

Sol. The book 'Saffron Swords- Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders' has been written by Manoshi Sinha Rawal.

It fills in the gap in the current education system which treats invasions of India as one long saga of defeat for Indian people.

7. What is the theme of 'World Autism Awareness Day' 2019?
- Assistive Technologies, Active Participation
  - Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neurodiversity
  - Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination
  - Empowering Women and Girls with Autism
  - Employment: The Autism Advantage

Ans. A

Sol. The 2019 theme for the World Autism Awareness Day is "**Assistive Technologies, Active Participation**".

The 'World Autism Awareness Day' has been observed across the world on 2nd April every year to raise awareness about people with autism throughout the world.

8. Which of the following countries has successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites into orbit?
- China
  - India
  - U S A
  - Germany
  - France

Ans. A

Sol. China has successfully launched the first of its new-generation data relay satellites into orbit to provide data relay, measurement and control services for its manned spacecraft.

The Tianlian II-01 satellite was launched by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre.

The satellite is developed by the China Academy of Space Technology under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

9. Which of the following countries has conferred its highest civilian honour 'Zayed Medal' to PM Narendra Modi?
- United Arab Emirates
  - Bahrain
  - Qatar
  - Iraq
  - Kuwait

Ans. A

Sol. United Arab Emirates (UAE) has conferred its highest civilian honour

'Zayed Medal' to PM Narendra Modi for his role in consolidating ties between the UAE and India.

The award came in appreciation of Narendra Modi's role in consolidating the long-standing friendship and joint strategic cooperation between the two countries.

10. Eminent theatre organiser and playwright Kartik Chandra Rath passed away. He belonged to which of the following states?

- Andhra Pradesh
- Kerala
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu
- Odisha

Ans. E

Sol. Eminent theatre organiser and playwright Kartik Chandra Rath (70-years) passed away at his residence Cuttack (Odisha) following a brief illness.

His play "Bhagwan Jane Manisha" staged at the National Theatre festival in Allahabad way back in the 1980s gave him an opening as a dramatist from where he scripted a passionate career as a dramatist.

He was the recipient of Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi award and Odishi Sangeet Natak Akademi award.

11. Noted film director J Mahendran passed away. He belonged to which of the following states?

- Andhra Pradesh
- Kerala
- Karnataka
- Tamil Nadu
- Odisha

Ans. D

Sol. Noted Tamil film director J. Mahendran (79-years) passed away following a brief hospitalization in Tamil Nadu.

He was also a part of the Blue Ocean Film and Television Academy (BOFTA) in Chennai where he heads the filmmaking and direction course.

12. Who has become the youngest player to take a hat-trick in the Indian Premier League (IPL)?

- A. Shreyas Gopal
- B. Jofra Archer
- C. Sam Curran
- D. Deepak Chahar
- E. Rashid Khan

Ans. C

Sol. KXIP's **Sam Curran** (20 years and 302 days) has become the youngest player to take a hat-trick in the Indian Premier League (IPL) match against Delhi Capitals.

In 2009, Rohit Sharma (Mumbai Indians) had taken a hat-trick at the age of 22 years and 6 days.

Sam Curran took the wickets of - Harshal Patel (0), Kagiso Rabada (0) and Sandeep Lamichhane (0) to take the 1st hat-trick of the 2019 Indian Premier League in Mohali, Punjab. Samuel Matthew Curran is an English cricketer, who plays for Surrey and England.

13. Who has won the 2019 Bahrain Grand Prix?
- A. Valtteri Bottas
  - B. M Verstappen
  - C. Daniel Ricciardo
  - D. Lewis Hamilton
  - E. Sebastian Vettel

Ans. D

Sol. Formula One world champion British racing driver Lewis Hamilton claimed a dramatic victory for Mercedes in the Bahrain Grand Prix 2019.

The Bahrain Grand Prix is a Formula One Championship race in Bahrain sponsored by Gulf Air.

14. What is the reverse repo rate, according to first Bi-monthly Monetary Policy statement for 2019-20?
- A. 5.75%
  - B. 6.00%
  - C. 6.25%
  - D. 6.50%
  - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. As per RBI's first Bi-monthly Monetary Policy statement for 2019-20, The reverse repo rate under the LAF stands adjusted to 5.75 per cent. Reverse Repo rate is the rate at which RBI borrows money from commercial banks.

15. What is the theme of the International Mine Awareness Day (IMAD) 2019?

- A. Mine Action is Humanitarian Action
- B. United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home
- C. Protection and Human Rights
- D. Mine Action & Women Dominance
- E. Needs driven. People centred

Ans. B

Sol. The Theme for International Mine Awareness Day (IMAD) 2019 is "United Nations Promotes SDGs – Safe Ground – Safe Home".

International Mine Awareness Day (IMAD) is being organized across the world on 4th April to foster the establishment and development of national mine-action capacities in countries.

16. Which of the following countries will set up the India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD)?

- A. Malawi
- B. Burundi
- C. Ethiopia
- D. Djibouti
- E. Kenya

Ans. A

Sol. India signed an agreement with a development bank (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service) for setting up the India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi.

IAIARD will be a Pan-African Institute wherein trainees not only from Malawi but also from other African countries.

17. Who has won the 2019 Miami Open Men's singles title?

- A. John Isner
- B. Roger Federer
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Novak Djokovic
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Switzerland's Roger Federer has won Miami open 2019, defeating American John Isner (defending champion) in the final 6-1, 6-4 at Dolphins' NFL stadium in Miami.

18. Which grade has been given by Fitch towards India's sovereign rating?

- A. AA+                      B. CCC  
C. BB+                      D. BBB-  
E. AAA

Ans. D

Sol. Explanation: Rating agency Fitch has retained India's sovereign rating at 'BBB-' with stable outlook. BBB- is the lowest investment grade. This is the 13th year in a row that global rating agency Fitch has rated India at 'BBB-'.

19. Which of the following services has been launched by WhatsApp in India to tackle rumours ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections?

- A. Tipline                      B. I-hariyali  
C. cVIGIL                      D. eVIGIL  
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. WhatsApp launched a new service in India named as 'tipline' to tackle rumours ahead of the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

Users can send suspicious messages to the 'tipline phone number' (+91-9643-000-888) to validate the authenticity of claims in those messages, which may be in the form of text, images or videos.

20. Who has been appointed Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)?

- A. Vipin Anand    B. Jagdish Kapoor  
C. Vinay Shah    D. V K Sharma  
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Vipin Anand has taken charge as Managing Director (MD) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India. Life Insurance Corporation of India is an Indian state-owned insurance group and investment company headquartered in Mumbai.

21. Who among the following has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of FIFA Executive Council?

- A. Praful Patel  
B. Ankit Sharma  
C. Sachin Rathi  
D. Mohan Kumar Raja  
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. All India Football Federation president Praful Patel has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of the FIFA Executive Council.

22. Who has won the men's singles Malaysian Open Badminton tournament 2019?

- A. Chen Long  
B. Taufik Hidayat  
C. Lin Dan  
D. Srikanth Kidambi  
E. Lee Chong Wei

Ans. C

Sol. Chinese veteran Lin Dan has won the Malaysian Open Badminton men's singles title at Axiata Arena Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

He defeated countryman Chen Long 9-21, 21-7, 21-11.

The 2019 Malaysia Open (9th) is a badminton tournament which takes place at Axiata Arena in Malaysia from 2 to 7 April 2019.

23. Which of the following states hosted the first National Sky Running Championship?

- A. Uttarakhand  
B. Assam  
C. Jammu and Kashmir  
D. Himachal Pradesh  
E. None of These

Ans. A

Sol. Border guarding force Indo Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) along with Sky Running Association of India organised the National Sky Running Championship at Mountaineering and Skiing Institute of ITBP at Auli in Uttarakhand.

This is the first time such championship was organised at a high altitude of up to 4000 metres.

24. Who has been sworn-in as the new Chief Justice of Bombay High Court?

- A. Justice K T Koshi  
B. Justice Arijit Pasayat  
C. Justice Navniti Prasad Singh  
D. Justice Hrishikesh Roy  
E. Justice Pradeep Nandrajog

Ans. E



Sol. Justice Pradeep Nandrajog was sworn in as the new chief justice of Bombay High Court.

He was administered the oath by Maharashtra Governor C Vidyasagar Rao at the Raj Bhavan in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Bombay High Court is one of the oldest High Courts of India, located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

25. Bollywood actor Shri Navtej Hundal passed away in Mumbai. Which roles he played in the movie 'Uri: The Surgical Strike'?
- A. Home Minister
  - B. Major
  - C. Prime Minister of India
  - D. Flight lieutenant
  - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Bollywood actor Shri Navtej Hundal passed away in Mumbai. He played the role of the Home Minister in the movie 'Uri: The Surgical Strike'.

Uri: The Surgical Strike is a 2019 Indian Hindi-language military action film written and directed by Aditya Dhar in his debut and produced by Ronnie Screwvala under the banner of RSVP Movies.

26. Which of the following banks has inked a term-loan agreement with the National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) to raise Rs 2,000 crore?
- A. Canara Bank
  - B. ICICI Bank
  - C. State Bank of India
  - D. Union Bank of India
  - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has inked a term-loan agreement with Canara Bank to raise Rs 2,000 crore.

The loan facility is extended at an interest rate linked to three months MCLR of the Bank.

This loan has a door to door tenure of 15 years and will be utilised to part finance the capital expenditure of the NTPC.

27. Which of the following countries has announced to grant long-term Visas

for the top 100 start-ups shaping the fourth industrial revolution?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Germany
- D. United Arab Emirates
- E. Iraq

Ans. D

Sol. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Government has announced granting long-term visas for the top 100 start-ups shaping the fourth industrial revolution.

Earlier, 100 Arab start-ups were selected at the World Economic Forum on the Middle East and North Africa, held in Jordan.

28. Who has been conferred with an Honorary Doctorate in Philanthropy by London's University of Law?
- A. Salman Khan
  - B. Akshaye Khanna
  - C. Amir Khan
  - D. Shah Rukh Khan
  - E. Akshay Kumar

Ans. D

Sol. Superstar Shah Rukh Khan has received an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by The University of Law, London.

The actor received the merit during a graduation ceremony for more than 350 students.

He has worked closely with several charitable foundations, including the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

29. Which of the following cities hosted a two-day convention to mark the 'World Homeopathy Day'?
- A. Patna
  - B. New Delhi
  - C. Bhopal
  - D. Chandigarh
  - E. Pune

Ans. B

Sol. India hosted a two-day convention to mark the 'World Homeopathy Day' (10th- April) at Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi (9-10th April 2019).

AYUSH awards relating to Homoeopathy for Life Time Achievement, Best Teacher, Young Scientist and Best Research paper will be conferred on this occasion.

30. Who has been conferred with the 'Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman' for the year 2018?

- A. Muhammad Yunus
- B. Jacques Dubochet
- C. Gyanaditya Shakya
- D. Dalai Lama
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Vice-President M Vainkaiya Naidu gave the 'Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman' to Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya in New Delhi. Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman distinction is conferred on persons in recognition of their substantial contribution in the field of Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit, Classical Odiya, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu and Classical Malayalam.

31. As per NIRF Ranking 2019, which institution got the first rank in the Engineering category?

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur
- B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur
- C. Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Allahabad
- D. Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi
- E. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras

Ans. E

Sol. As per NIRF (works under HRD department of Government of India) Ranking 2019, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has been ranked as number one Engineering College.

32. South African player Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie passed away in a motor-car accident in South Africa. She belonged to which of the following games?

- A. Cricket
- B. Foot ball
- C. Table Tennis
- D. Hockey
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Former South Africa Women all-rounder Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie passed away in a motor-car accident in Stilfontein in North West province of South Africa.

She represented South Africa in three One-Day Internationals and one T20I in 2013.

33. Who has been elected the new President of World Bank?

- A. Paul Wolfowitz
- B. Jim Yong Kim
- C. Barber Conable
- D. David Malpass
- E. Robert McNamara

Ans. D

Sol. Senior US Treasury official David Malpass (63-year) has been selected as President (13th) of the World Bank for a five-year term.

The President of the World Bank Group is responsible for chairing the meeting of the Boards of Directors and for overall management of the World Bank Group.

34. Which of the following Countries Army will conduct "Exercise - Western Shield" with the participation of over 5,000 soldiers?

- A. Japan
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. India
- D. Malaysia
- E. USA

Ans. B

Sol. The Army of Sri Lanka will conduct "Exercise - Western Shield" starting with the participation of over 5,000 soldiers.

The exercise will provide an opportunity for army trainees to march through those areas that are inaccessible to others, except forest conservation authorities.

35. What is the rank of India in the latest Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) ranking?

- A. 166
- B. 165
- C. 164
- D. 101
- E. 160

Ans. D

Sol. The Indian football team gained two places to rise to 101 in the new FIFA rankings.

Overall, Belgium remained on top with 1737 points, ahead of France (1734), Brazil (1676), England (1647) and Croatia (1621).

36. Who is the new President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

- A. Biswa Sarma
- B. Pradeep Mathur
- C. Vikram Kirloskar
- D. Uttam Pacharne
- E. Balan Nambiar

Ans. C

Sol. The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has appointed Vikram Kirloskar (CMD of Kirloskar Systems Ltd) as president for 2019-20. He will take over the position from Rakesh Bharti Mittal, vice-chairman, Bharti Enterprises.

37. As per latest notification of RBI, what is the minimum Chest Balance Limit (CBL) specified to the minimum standards for setting up of a new Currency Chests?
- A. Rs 5 billion    B. Rs 20 billion
  - C. Rs 10 billion    D. Rs 15 billion
  - E. Rs. 2 billion

Ans. C

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to have the following minimum standards for setting up of a new Currency Chests. Minimum area of the strong room/ vault: 1500 sq. ft. For those situated in hilly/inaccessible places area of the strong room/ vault: at least 600 sq. ft. Chest Balance Limit of Rs 10 billion.

38. Who has imposed an interim penalty of 100 crores rupees on the Andhra Pradesh Government for inaction to prevent illegal sand mining?
- A. National Green Tribunal
  - B. High Court
  - C. Supreme Court
  - D. Indian Bureau of Mines
  - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) bench, headed by the Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel has slapped an interim penalty of Rs 100 crore on the Andhra Pradesh government for inaction to prevent illegal sand mining in the state.

39. As per The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF), which University in India has been ranked as number one in 2019?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- B. Jadavpur University, Kolkata
- C. University of Delhi, New Delhi
- D. Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. As per NIRF (works under HRD department of Government of India), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru has been ranked as number one university in India in 2019.

40. The 54<sup>th</sup> Valour Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) being observed on \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. 9<sup>th</sup> April    B. 7<sup>th</sup> April
  - C. 5<sup>th</sup> April    D. 4<sup>th</sup> April
  - E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has celebrated 9th April as Valour Day, as a tribute to the brave personnel of the force. President Ram Nath Kovind paid homage to the martyrs of police at National Police Memorial in New Delhi on 54th Valour Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) is India's largest Central Armed Police Forces.

41. Who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Israel for the fifth consecutive term?
- A. Ehud Olmert
  - B. Ariel Sharon
  - C. Ehud Barak
  - D. Benjamin Netanyahu
  - E. Yitzhak Rabin

Ans. D

Sol. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (69-years) has won a fifth term in office.

Mr. Netanyahu is now set to be the longest-serving prime minister in Israeli history even longer than David Ben-Gurion (the country's first prime minister) who's often described as "Israel's George Washington."

42. Who among the following has grabbed the top spot in Chinese Grand Prix 2019?



- A. George Russell
- B. Esteban Ocon
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Lewis Hamilton
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (34-years) won the Chinese Grand Prix for a record sixth time.

Valtteri Bottas was second for his team's third one-two finish in as many races this season.

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel took third place.

43. Which of the following countries will host the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit?

- A. U S A
- B. China
- C. United Arab Emirates
- D. Japan
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is set to host the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society.

Emirates News Agency reported that the two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society - augmenting the world's happiness.

44. Who has been appointed the Prime Minister of Haiti?

- A. Jean-Michel Lapin
- B. Fritz Jean
- C. Evans Paul
- D. Laurent Lamothe
- E. Garry Conille

Ans. A

Sol. Haiti's President Jovenel Moise confirmed Jean-Michel Lapin as the country's new prime minister.

The Prime Minister of Haiti is the head of government of Haiti.

Haiti is the poorest country in the Americas, with 60 per cent of the population living below the poverty line.

45. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement Award during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Mohali?

- A. L K Jha
- B. Dr AK Singh
- C. Rajiv Gauba
- D. Dr Rajendra Joshi
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Dr A K Singh, director at Life Sciences, DRDO has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali.

The conclave was organised by the university to note World Creativity and Innovation Day.

46. Who has been awarded the World Press Photo Award 2019?

- A. John Moore
- B. Ronaldo Schemidt
- C. Burhan Ozbilici
- D. Warren Richardson
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. American photographer John Moore has won the World Press Photo of The Year 2019 award for "Crying Girl" image.

The award-winning image shows a Honduran toddler, Yanela Sanchez, who is crying, as she and her mother are taken into custody by U.S. border officials in McAllen, Texas, on June 12, 2018.

47. Bibi Andersson passed away at Stockholm, Sweden. She was related to which field?

- A. Sports
- B. Actor
- C. Social Activist
- D. Politics
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. The Swedish actress Bibi Andersson (83-years) passed away at Stockholm, Sweden.

Bibi Andersson had received several awards including the Silver Bear for Best Actress at the Berlin international film festival in 1963.

She is best known for starring in many of Bergman classics including The Seventh Seal (1957), Wild Strawberries (1957) and Persona (1966).

48. Which of the following countries has tested the world's first armed amphibious drone boat 'Marine Lizard'?
- A. India                      B. China  
C. Germany                D. France  
E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. China has successfully tested the world's first armed amphibious drone boat and it is named Marine Lizard. It is built by Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group under China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC).

49. Which of the following coast guard's offshore patrol vessel (OPV) has been commissioned by Chief of Army Staff General Bipin Rawat in Visakhapatnam?
- A. Veera                      B. Wani  
C. Serawat                  D. Sagar  
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Chief of Army Staff General Bipin Rawat commissioned the Indian Coast Guard Ship Veera at a ceremony held at Naval Jetty at the dockyard in Visakhapatnam.

Veera is equipped with the state-of-the-art machinery comprising an integrated bridge system, which includes advanced navigation and communication technology and integrated platform management system.

The Veera has a range of 5,000 nautical miles and can attain a sustained speed of up to 26 knots.

50. Which of the following cities hosted the 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019?
- A. Greater Noida  
B. Ranchi  
C. Gurugram  
D. Mumbai  
E. Bhopal

Ans. A

Sol. The 8th edition of Home Expo India 2019 began at India Expo Centre and Mart in Greater Noida.

Home Expo India 2019 is a one-stop destination for all your sourcing needs for a variety of Housewares & Decorative products at one place.

51. Which of the following cities hosted the 4th Resilient Cities Asia Pacific Congress 2019?
- A. Pune                      B. New Delhi  
C. Bhopal                  D. Lucknow  
E. Chandigarh

Ans. B

Sol. The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organised by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and co-hosted by South Delhi Municipal Corporation started in New Delhi.

It offers a lot of innovative solutions that build resilience to climate change at the sub-national level.

52. Who has been appointed first woman vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia?
- A. Tanvi Azmi  
B. Zaira Wasim  
C. Zarina Wahab  
D. Najma Akhtar  
E. Zeenat Aman

Ans. D

Sol. Professor Najma Akhtar has been appointed as the vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia, making her the first woman to hold the charge.

She is a gold medallist from Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) and completed her PhD (Education) from Kurukshetra University.

She held posts of faculty and Controller of Examinations and Admissions and Director, Academic Programmes at AMU.

53. Who has won the Pulitzer Prize 2019 for fiction?
- A. T J Stiles  
B. Lin-Manuel Miranda  
C. Viet Thanh Nguyen  
D. Peter Balakian  
E. Richard Powers

Ans. E

Sol. The Overstory by Richard Powers, a sprawling epic about the wonderful life and alarming death of trees, has won 2019 Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

The winners of the 2019 Pulitzer Prizes has announced from the World Room at Columbia University's School of Journalism by Administrator Dana Canedy.

54. Which of the following companies has launched a unique proposition through its campaign #BijliOnEMI?

- A. Bajaj Finserv
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. HDFC Bank
- D. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- E. Bharti Airtel

Ans. A

Sol. Bajaj Finserv (lending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd.) has launched a unique proposition through its campaign #BijliOnEMI wherein customers buying air-conditioners on EMI can avail an Insta Credit loan in their Bajaj Finserv Wallet which they can use to pay their electricity bills on EMI.

55. What is the theme of 2019 World Allergy Week?

- A. Poison and Food Allergy
- B. The global problem of food allergy
- C. The global crisis of Allergy
- D. Allergy and Health
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. The World Allergy Organization is proud to announce that World Allergy Week 2019 will be on the topic of "The Global Problem of Food Allergy" and will take place globally the week of 7-13 April 2019.

56. Which of the following Indian shuttler has won the 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title at Wateringen, Netherlands?

- A. H S Prannoy
- B. Srikanth Kidambi
- C. Dharmendra Dani
- D. Harsheel Dani
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. India's shuttler Harsheel Dani (22-year) has won the 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title at Wateringen, Netherlands.

The Dutch International is the second largest badminton event in The Netherlands with a total prize money of USD 10,000.

57. Who has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman-2018?

- A. Vijay Tendulkar
- B. K Aiyappa Panickar
- C. K Siva Reddy
- D. Veerappa Moily
- E. Manoj Kumar

Ans. C

Sol. Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been selected for the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 for his collection of poetry titled Pakkaki Ottigilite.

The award, instituted by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991, is given annually for an outstanding literary work written in any Indian language and published during the last 10 years.

58. Which Indian Company has won the prestigious 'AIMA Managing India Award 2019 for outstanding PSU of the year?

- A. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- B. National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)
- C. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- D. Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- E. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Ans. A

Sol. Indian Company Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) has bagged the prestigious 'AIMA Managing India Award 2019 for outstanding PSU of the year.'

The AIMA awards, declared under 11 categories, were headed by Sanjiv Goenka, chairman, RP-Sanjiv Goenka Group, and shortlisted 11 eminent enterprises and personalities of the country for their contribution to nation-building.

59. As per Forbes World's Best Bank survey, which of the following banks has been identified as number one bank by customers in India?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. State Bank of India
- D. Punjab National Bank
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. HDFC Bank has been identified as number 1 bank by customers in India, as per Forbes World's Best Bank survey.

HDFC Bank emerged as India's No 1 bank. ICICI Bank was at number 2 and SBI was surprisingly ranked 11th in the list.

60. Who has won the 2019 Masters Tournament for Golf?

- A. Rory McIlroy
- B. Phil Mickelson
- C. Tiger Woods
- D. Justin Thomas
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. American professional golfer Tiger Woods (43-years) clinched his fifth Masters and an overall 15th major title, after winning 2019 Masters Tournament held at Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta Georgia.

61. Who has been named the goodwill ambassador of 'Team India' at the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC)?

- A. Mithali Raj
- B. Jhulan Goswami
- C. Harmanpreet Kaur
- D. Smriti Mandhana
- E. Ekta Bisht

Ans. A

Sol. Indian women's cricket team captain Mithali Raj has been named the goodwill ambassador of 'Team India' at the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC).

The Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC) 2019 is the first cricket world cup for street-connected children.

The tournament is being organised by UK based organisation Street Child United (SCU).

62. Which team has won the 'Santosh Trophy', 2019?

- A. Goa
- B. West Bengal
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Services
- E. Kerala

Ans. D

Sol. 'Services' has won the 73rd edition of premier domestic football tournament 'Santosh Trophy' by defeating Punjab 1-0 in the final at Ludhiana, Punjab.

The trophy is named after the late Maharaja Sir Manmatha Nath Roy Chowdhary of Santosh (now in Bangladesh).

63. Which of the following countries hosted the Asian Weightlifting Championships 2019?

- A. China
- B. South Korea
- C. India
- D. Iran
- E. Japan

Ans. A

Sol. The Asian Weightlifting Championships 2019 has begun in Ningbo, China.

The Asian Weightlifting Championships is a weightlifting championship organised by the Asian Weightlifting Federation for competitors from the Asian countries.

64. Who won the men's singles title of Monte Carlo Masters Tennis tournament 2019?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Roger Federer
- C. Fabio Fognini
- D. Andy Murray
- E. Stan Wawrinka

Ans. C

Sol. Italian Tennis Player Fabio Fognini has won the Monte-Carlo Masters Tennis tournament 2019.

The 2019 Monte-Carlo Masters (113th edition) is an annual tennis tournament (outdoor clay courts) for male professional players held in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin, France.

65. Volodymyr Zelensky has won the Presidential election of which country?

- A. Mongolia
- B. Indonesia
- C. Palestine
- D. Ukraine
- E. Slovakia

Ans. D

Sol. Political newcomer, Comedian 'Volodymyr Zelensky' (41-year) has won the 2019 Presidential election of Ukraine.

Ukraine (more than 40 million people) is a large country in Eastern

Europe known for its Orthodox churches, Black Sea coastline and forested mountains.

66. Which of the following banks has successfully rolled out major new functionality to support EMV card acquiring across its ATM network and Aadhaar Authentication?
- Indian Overseas Bank
  - Bank of Baroda
  - Union Bank of India
  - Canara Bank
  - Central Bank of India

Ans. D

Sol. Canara Bank is the first public sector bank to shift to EMV chip and PIN for card present transactions across the country's vast ATM network. ACI Worldwide announced that Canara Bank has successfully rolled out major new functionality to support EMV card acquiring across its ATM network and Aadhaar Authentication.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had mandated all banks to migrate the magnetic strip based ATM/Debit cards to EMV chip-and-PIN payment cards by 31st December 2018.

67. NASA's first female Astronaut candidate Jerrie Cobb passes away. She belonged to which of the following countries?
- China
  - USA
  - Singapore
  - Japan
  - Germany

Ans. B

Sol. America's first female astronaut candidate pilot Jerrie Cobb(88-years) passed away in Florida following a brief illness.

In 1961, Cobb became the first woman to pass astronaut testing.

68. Who among the following is the author of the book 'Quichotte'?
- Chetan Bhagat
  - Anand Neelakanthan
  - Salman Rushdie
  - Ruskin Bond
  - Arundhati Roy

Ans. C

Sol. The book 'Quichotte' has been authored by the British Indian Novelist Salman Rushdie.

It is the story of an ageing travelling salesman who falls in love with a TV star and sets off to drive across America on a quest to prove himself worthy of her hand.

This book "Quichotte", acquired by Penguin Random House India, will be published in India under the Hamish Hamilton imprint in August.

69. Who among the following is the author of the 100-year-old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre 'Khooni'?
- Nanak Singh
  - Chetan Bhagat
  - Sukhdev Singh
  - Rajesh Kumar
  - None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Nanak Singh (Jallianwala Bagh survivor) wrote 'Khooni' after witnessing first-hand the events of April 13, 1919.

On this ill-fated day, British troops fired upon crowds of protesters peacefully demonstrating against the Rowlatt Act of the British Raj, leading to the loss of well over a thousand lives.

70. Which of the following cities hosted the 7th China International Technology Fair (CSITF)?
- Shanghai
  - Guangzhou
  - Chongqing
  - Beijing
  - Hangzhou

Ans. A

Sol. The 7th China International Technology Fair (CSITF) opened in Shanghai, China.

Nearly 1,000 companies and organizations are attending the fair, including more than 20 companies and organizations from the British city of Liverpool.

71. Who has resigned as the Finance Minister of Pakistan?
- Shaukat Tarin
  - Syed Babar Ali
  - Shahid Javed Burki
  - Asad Umar abruptly
  - Saleem Mandviwalla

Ans. D

Sol. Pakistan's Finance Minister Asad Umar abruptly quit the Cabinet



before securing a multi-billion-dollar International Monetary Fund bailout package for the cash-strapped country.

The Ministry of Finance is a ministry of the Government of Pakistan tasked to ensure a strong Pakistani economy by developing policies of sound economic management and providing expert advice to the government.

72. S Muthiah passed away due to age-related ailments. He belonged to which state?
- A. Tamil Nadu    B. Punjab  
C. Bihar            D. Madhya Pradesh  
E. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. A

Sol. S Muthiah who kept the history and heritage of Madras alive as a chronicler passed away due to age-related ailments.

Muthiah authored several books, including "A Madras Miscellany" and "Madras Rediscovered."

He was awarded the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire in 2002 for his accomplishments.

73. Who has won the Gold medal in 65kg men's freestyle in Asian Wrestling C'ship 2019?
- A. Sayatbek Okassov  
B. Kojiro Shiga  
C. Parveen Rana  
D. Bajrang Punia  
E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. India's Bajrang Punia has won the Gold medal in 65kg men's freestyle at Asian Wrestling C'ship 2019.

He defeated Kazakhstan's Sayatbek Okassov 12-7 in a nail-biting final.

74. Who has been nominated as "Guest of Honour" country at the 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF)?
- A. Japan            B. China  
C. Australia       D. India  
E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. India has been nominated as the "Guest of Honour" country at the 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF).

Books on the life and struggle of Mahatma Gandhi will be on display as part of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations.

A special presentation will be made by the Publications Division on the 100-volume series of the Collected Works of Mahatma Gandhi in a bid to reach out to the international audience.

75. What is the theme of the World Malaria Day 2019?
- A. Ready to beat malaria  
B. End Malaria For Good  
C. Zero malaria starts with me  
D. Invest in the future: defeat malaria  
E. Achieving Progress and Impact

Ans. C

Sol. This year's global theme for World Malaria Day 2019 is "Zero malaria starts with me".

The 'World Malaria Day' being observed every year across the world on 25th April to create awareness among the people about this vector-borne disease.

76. Who has been appointed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Deutsche Bank for India?
- A. D P Agrawal  
B. Sandeep Bakhshi  
C. P C Hota  
D. Kaushik Shaparia  
E. Rajni Razdan

Ans. D

Sol. Germany-based lender Deutsche Bank has appointed Kaushik Shaparia as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for India. Deutsche Bank AG is a German multinational investment bank and financial services company headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany.

The bank is operational in 58 countries with a large presence in Europe, the Americas and Asia.

77. Cricket all-rounder Con de Lange passed away after a lengthy battle with a brain tumour. He belonged to which of the following countries?

- A. China                      B. Scotland  
C. Australia                D. New Zealand  
E. Thailand

Ans. B

Sol. Scotland all-rounder Con de Lange (38-years) passed away after a lengthy battle with a brain tumour. The left-arm orthodox spinner achieved his career-best figure of 5/60 against Zimbabwe which handed Scotland its first ever ODI win over a Full Member.

78. Who has been appointed Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank?  
A. Ashok Vajpeyi  
B. Balan Nambiar  
C. Karnam Sekar  
D. Uttam Pacharne  
E. Sudha Balakrishnan

Ans. C

Sol. Karnam Sekar has been appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and CEO of Indian Overseas Bank. Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) is a major public sector bank based in Chennai, India. IOB has a network of about 3,300 ATMs all over India.

79. Which of the following Malayalam films has won the best cinematography award at the 2019 Beijing International Film Festival?  
A. Madhura Raja  
B. Bhayanakam  
C. Madhaveeyam

- D. Mikhael  
E. Panthu

Ans. B

Sol. Malayalam film "Bhayanakam" (English: Fear) has won the best cinematography award at the 2019 Beijing International Film Festival in China.

The cinematography was done by Nikihil S Praveen and directed by Jayaraj.

The film portrays the visits of first World War veteran to a small village in the backwaters of Kerala's Kuttanad as a postman during the World War-II.

80. Which of the following countries has released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of 'Ramayana'?  
A. Japan                      B. Sri Lanka  
C. Pakistan                D. None of these  
E. Indonesia

Ans. E

Sol. Indonesia has released a special commemorative stamp on the theme of Ramayana to mark the 70th anniversary of the establishment of its diplomatic ties with India.

The stamp designed by renowned Indonesian sculptor Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuarta, featured a scene from Ramayana in which Jatayu valiantly fought to save Sita.

A specially signed version of the stamp will be on display at the Philately Museum in Jakarta.

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