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1. Who has won the 2019 Tagore Literary Prize ?

- A. Rana Dasgupta
- B. Vinita Agrawal
- C. Tishani Doshi
- D. Amitav Ghosh
- E. Jhumpa Lahiri

Ans. A

Sol. The Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 (2nd edition) has been awarded to author Rana Dasgupta for his 2010 novel 'Solo', a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence.

Tagore Prize is founded and launched with a strong vision to be a platform and a vehicle for improving and inspiring World Peace, Literature, Art and Education.

2. What is the theme of 2019 World Day for Safety and Health at Work?

- A. Safety and Health and the Future of Work
- B. The prevention of occupational diseases
- C. Occupational safety health vulnerability of young workers
- D. Safety and health in the use of chemicals at work
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The theme for 2019 World Day for Safety and Health at Work is "Safety and Health and the Future of Work".

The World Day for Safety and Health at Work to promote the prevention of occupational accidents and diseases globally observed on 28th April every year.

3. Which of the following inter-governmental organization has signed a joint framework with European Union to strengthening partnership in counter-terrorism efforts?

- A. International Labour Organization (ILO)
- B. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- C. United Nations (UN)
- D. International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The United Nations (UN) and the European Union (EU) have signed a joint framework aimed at strengthening partnership in counter-terrorism efforts. The UN-EU initiative will focus on terrorism and violent extremism prevention in Africa, the Middle East, and Asia, as well as support victims and promote the reintegration of terrorism offenders.

4. Which of the following cities hosted the Madhya Dakshini Festival 2019?

- A. Darjeeling
- B. Kolkata
- C. Gangtok
- D. Guwahati
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. South Central Zone Cultural Centre (SCZCC) of Ministry of Culture, Government of India has organized a Madhya Dakshini Festival 2019 in four venues of Guwahati, Assam.

Around 100 folk artists from Central India, states from Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh has performed vibrant and colourful folk dances showing the rich cultural heritage of India.

The Cultural Festival was organized at Shilpgram of NEZCC at Panjabari, Guwahati.

5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced to launch a new 'Greenish Yellow' coloured banknote for which of the following denominations?

- A. Rs 100
- B. Rs 500
- C. Rs 50
- D. Rs. 20
- E. Rs 10

Ans. D

Sol. The base colour of the new Rs 20 denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series will greenish yellow and bear the signature of Shaktikanta Das (RBI Governor).

The new denomination Rs 20 (dimension: 63 mm x 129 mm) has the motif of the Ellora Caves on the reverse.

All the banknotes in the denomination of Rs 20 issued by the RBI in the earlier series will continue to be legal tender.

6. Which of the following heritage sites is the motif of Rs 20 denomination banknotes?

- A. Sanchi Stupa
- B. Sun Temple of Konark
- C. Hampi with Chariot
- D. Red Fort
- E. Ellora Caves

Ans. E

Sol. The new denomination Rs 20 (dimension: 63 mm x 129 mm) has the motif of the Ellora Caves on the reverse. The Reserve Bank of India will introduce 20 rupees denomination banknotes in the Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series. The base colour of the note is greenish yellow.

7. Who has reduced the minimum required level for clearing corporations operating in International financial services centre (IFSC)?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has reduced the minimum required level for clearing corporations operating in international financial services centre (IFSC).

They should have at least Rs 100 crore net worth from three years of commencing operations.

This net worth requirement in the form of liquid assets has been brought down from the earlier Rs 300 crore.

8. Film & sound editor 'Terry Rawlings' passed away. He belonged to which country?

- A. USA
- B. Britain
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh
- E. New Zealand

Ans. B

Sol.

British film & sound editor 'Terry Rawlings' (85-years) passed away. He was an Oscar nominee for his work on Best Picture winner "Chariots of Fire".

Mr. Rawlings was the founding member of the Guild of British Film and Television Editors.

Rawlings was also elected to membership in the American Cinema Editors and received the organization's 2006 Career Achievement Award.

9. Who has won the men's singles Gold at Asia Games Badminton Championship 2019 in Shanghai?

- A. Kento Momota
- B. Shi Yuqi
- C. Nguyen Tien Minh
- D. Chou Tien-chen
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Japanese player Kento Momota (World number one) retained his Badminton Asia Championships title in Shanghai.

He defeated Shi Yuqi (China) 21-12, 11-11, 21-18.

The 2019 Badminton Asia Championships was the 39th edition of the Badminton Asia Championships held at Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium in China.

10. Who has won the Gold medal in the 10-metre Air Pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup in China?

- A. Abhishek Verma
- B. Akhil Sheoran
- C. Artem Chernousov
- D. Ravi Kumar
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

India's Abhishek Verma bagged a Gold medal in the 10-metre Air Pistol event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup at Beijing in China.

He clinched the top honours with a total score of 242.7 points.

11. Who has won the women's singles Gold at Asia Games Badminton Championship 2019 in Shanghai?

- A. Tai Tzu Ying
- B. Saina Nehwal
- C. PV Sindhu
- D. Sung Ji-hyun
- E. Akane Yamaguchi

Ans. E

Sol.

Akane Yamaguchi won the women's crown with an emphatic victory over home player He Bingjiao 21-19, 21-9 at Asia Games Badminton Championship 2019 in Shanghai.

The 2019 Badminton Asia Championships was the 39th edition of the Badminton Asia Championships held at Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium in China.

This tournament is hosted by the Chinese Badminton Association, with the sanctioned from the Badminton Asia.

12. Who has been felicitated by the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award for his contributions to Asian Golf?

- A. D P Agrawal
- B. Dr Vishwas Patel
- C. Rajni Razdan
- D. Alka Sirohi
- E. Dr Pawan Munjal

Ans. E

Sol. Dr. Pawan Munjal, Chairman, Hero MotoCorp, the world's largest manufacturer of motorcycles and scooters, was felicitated by the Asian Tour with a Special Achievement Award for his contributions to Asian Golf.

13. Who has become the first female umpire to stand in a men's one-day international (ODI)?

- A. Amy Satterthwaite
- B. Claire Polosak
- C. Stafanie Taylor
- D. Mithali Raj
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Australia's Claire Polosak has become the first female umpire to stand in a men's one-day international (ODI).

Polosak has already stood in 15 women's ODIs, the first one in November 2016 between Australia and South Africa.

14. Who has won the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title 2019?

- A. Pankaj Advani
- B. Sourav Kohari
- C. Ehsan Heydari Nezhad
- D. Yasin Merchant
- E. Aditya Mehta

Ans. A

Sol. India's Pankaj Advani defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran 6-4 to claim the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title.

Advani had earlier won the second leg of the Tour in China.

15. Which of the following countries will conduct the biggest-ever military exercise named 'Exercise - Western Shield'?

- A. Indonesia
- B. India
- C. Japan
- D. Nepal
- E. Sri Lanka

Ans. E

Sol. The Army of Sri Lanka has informed that it will conduct "Exercise - Western Shield" starting from July 01, 2019 with the participation of over 5,000 soldiers.

16. Which of the following Indian Cricketer has been awarded the 'Best Sportsman' award by the Calcutta Sports Journalists' Club?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Jhulan Goswami
- C. Smriti Mandana
- D. Amita Sharma
- E. Mithali Raj

Ans. B

Sol. Former captain of India national women's cricket team 'Jhulan Goswami' has been awarded the "Sportsman of the Year" at the Calcutta Sports Journalists' club (CSJC) in Kolkata, West Bengal.

17. Who among the following has won the International Press Institute's 2019 World Press Freedom Hero award?

- A. Cyril Almeida
- B. Khadija Ismayilova
- C. Mazen Darwish
- D. Ahmad Zeidabadi
- E. Malini Subramaniam

Ans. A

Sol.

Pakistan's journalist Cyril Almeida (Dawn editor and columnist in Pakistan) has won the 2019 IPI's World Press Freedom Hero award.

The institute lauded Almeida for his 'tenacious coverage of the Pakistani state's patronage of militant groups'.

The World Press Freedom Hero award honours journalists who have made significant contributions to the promotion of press freedom.

The awards will be presented in a ceremony in Geneva, Switzerland on 5th June 2019.

18. Who has been honoured with the Lifetime Achievement of Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award 2019?

- A. Saira Banu
- B. Dilip Kumar
- C. Salim Khan
- D. Jeetendra
- E. Shatrughan Sinha

Ans. C

Sol. Salim Khan (the father of superstar Salman Khan) was honoured with Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Lifetime Award 2019.

The event was organized by Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan charitable trust, Pune.

19. Who has become the first major airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board?

- A. Air Arabia Airlines
- B. Etihad Airways
- C. Flydubai Airways
- D. Royal Jordanian
- E. Emirates

Ans. B

Sol.

UAE based flag carrier 'Etihad Airways' has become the first major airline in the Gulf region to operate a flight without any single-use plastics on board.

The first flight named 'EY484' (without use of plastics) landed in Brisbane, Australia.

Etihad Airways has pledged to reduce single-use plastic usage by 80% across the entire organization by the end of 2022.

20. Which of the following countries has successfully tested the world's first floating nuclear power plant (NPP), Akademik Lomonosova?

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

Ans. B

Sol. Russia has successfully tested the world's first floating nuclear power plant (NPP), Akademik Lomonosov.

The nuclear plant is operated by Rosatom, state-run atomic energy corporation in Russia.

21. Which of the following years have been dedicated by the Indian Army to be commemorated as the 'Year of Next of Kin'?

- A. 2021
- B. 2020
- C. 2019
- D. 2025
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The Indian Army has announced to commemorate the year 2019 as the 'Year of Next of Kin'.

22. Which of the following Australian flight carrier has operated the world's first zero-waste commercial flight from Sydney to Adelaide?

- A. Qantas
- B. Alliance Airlines
- C. Maroomba Airlines
- D. Skytrans
- E. Pel-Air

Ans. A

Sol. The Australian flight carrier 'Qantas' has operated the world's first zero-waste commercial flight from Sydney to Adelaide.

'Qantas' disposed of all waste through compost, reuse or recycle.

The Australian airline Qantas has planned to eliminate 100 million single-use plastics by the end of 2020 and reduce 75% of airline's waste by the end of 2021.

23. Noted Novelist, Sahitya Akademi awardee Thoppil Mohamed Meeran passed away. He belonged to which of the following states?

- A. Kerala
C. Punjab
E. West Bengal
Ans. B

Sol. Noted novelist and Sahitya Akademi awardee Thoppil Mohamed Meeran (74-years) passed away at his residence at Veerabahu Nagar in Pettai. Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
He received 8 awards including the Sahitya Akademi Award (1997) and Tamil Nadu Kalai Ilakkiya Perumantram Award (1992).

24. Which of the following Indian companies will be the principal sponsor of the Afghanistan cricket team for the World Cup 2019?
A. Indian Oil Corporation Ltd
B. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd
C. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd
D. Tata Motors Ltd.
E. Anand Milk Union Limited

Ans. E
Sol. Indian giant 'Amul' (Anand Milk Union Limited) has been announced as the principal sponsor of the Afghanistan cricket team for the 2019 World Cup in England and Wales.
The logo of brand Amul will appear on the leading arm of the Afghanistan team playing jerseys as well as on the training kits throughout the showpiece event.
Anand Milk Union Limited (Amul) is an Indian dairy company (formed in 1948), based at Anand in the state of Gujarat.

25. The first global Mega-Science Exhibition 'Vigyan Samagam' was held in _____.
A. Bhopal
C. Pune
E. New Delhi
B. Hyderabad
D. Mumbai
Ans. D

Sol. India's first global, Mega-Science Exhibition 'Vigyan Samagam' was held in Mumbai at the Nehru Science Centre, Worli.

Dr Vijay Kumar Saraswat, India's renowned defence scientist and Member, NITI Aayog inaugurated the first edition of Vigyan Samagam.

In the span of 11 months, the exhibition will also be held in Bengaluru, Kolkata and New Delhi.

26. The Veteran film and TV actor Mrinal Mukherjee passed away due to cancer and liver problems. He belonged to which of the following states?
A. Kerala
C. Punjab
E. Odisha
B. Tamil Nadu
D. West Bengal
Ans. D

Sol. The Veteran film and TV actor of Bengali Cinema, Mrinal Mukherjee (74-years) passed away due to cancer and liver problems.
Mukherjee had worked for over five decades in the Bengali film industry as well as Bengali TV serials and theatres.

27. Which of the following states Police has inducted women commandos in the District Reserve Guard in its frontline anti-Naxal force?
A. Chhattisgarh
C. Jharkhand
E. None of these
B. Bihar
D. Odisha
Ans. A

Sol. The Chhattisgarh police for the first time has inducted women commandos in the District Reserve Guard in its frontline anti-Naxal force.
These women commandos were part of the security forces' "short action teams" that eliminated three Naxal "commanders" in the past one month.

28. Which of the following years has been observed as the 158th birth anniversary of Asia's first Nobel laureate, Rabindranath Tagore?
A. 2019
C. 2017
E. None of these
B. 2018
D. 2016
Ans. A

Sol. The 158th birth anniversary of Asia's first Nobel laureate, Rabindranath Tagore, was celebrated across the country on 7th May 2019.

29. What is the theme of the fifth United Nations (UN) Global Road Safety Week 2019?

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- A. Leadership for road safety
- B. Together for Humanity
- C. Leadership in Safety and Health enhances business sustainability
- D. Reinforce positive behaviour at the workplace to achieve safety and health goals
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The theme of 2019 UN Global Road Safety Week is Leadership for Road Safety.

The 5th edition of the United Nations Global Road Safety Week has been organised from 6-12 May 2019.

30. Which of the following countries has signed a protocol with India for the export of Indian chilli meal?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. China
- D. Nepal
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. India and China have signed a protocol for export of Indian chilli meal from India to China.

The two countries have also agreed to resolve market access issues expeditiously in order to promote a more balanced trade.

31. What is the theme of the 2019 World Thalassaemia Day (WTD)?

- A. Economic Recession: Observe – Joint Forces – Safeguard Health
 - B. Enhancing partnership towards patient-centred health systems
 - C. Thalassaemia past, present and future: Documenting progress and patients’ needs worldwide
 - D. Access to Safe & Effective Drugs in Thalassaemia
 - E. Universal access to quality thalassaemia healthcare services: Building bridges with and for patients
- Ans. E

Sol. The theme for International Thalassaemia Day 2019 is “Universal access to quality thalassaemia healthcare services: Building bridges with and for patients.”

The International Thalassaemia Day, celebrated on May 8 every year is a

commemoration day in honour of all patients with thalassaemia and their wards who never gave up despite all odds.

32. Who has won Panama's Presidential election 2019?

- A. Juan Lopez
- B. Demetrio H Brid
- C. Laurentino Cortizo
- D. Tomas Arias
- E. Romulo Roux

Ans. C

Sol. Businessman & politician Laurentino Cortizo (66-year) has won Panama's presidential election with 33.27% of the vote in support.

Rómulo Roux lost a close race, polling just around 31% of the vote.

As the presidential election in Panama does not have run-off criteria, so the candidate with the maximum number of votes wins the election even he does not have 50% of the vote.

33. Which of the following Indian firm is the most valued firm in terms of market capitalization in India?

- A. Patanjali Ayurved
- B. Reliance Industries
- C. TCS
- D. Infosys
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. India's IT conglomerate Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) has become India's most valued firm in terms of market capitalization (market-cap) by displacing Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) to number two position. TCS (market-cap of Rs 8.13 lakh crore) followed by RIL (Rs 7.95 lakh crore), HDFC Bank (Rs 6,24,362.11 crore), Hindustan Unilever (Rs 3,67,880.69 crore) and ITC (Rs 3,67,513.78 crore).

34. Former player, coach and administrator Derek Sippy passed away. He was associated with which sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Hockey
- C. Football
- D. Badminton
- E. Billiards

Ans. E

Sol. Former billiards player, coach and administrator Derek Sippy passed away in Mumbai.

He was the Indian team's coach at recently concluded Asian Under-21 Boys Snooker and Asian Women Snooker tournament in Chandigarh.

35. Which insurance company has announced to dedicate the 6th day of every month as Protection Day?

- A. Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
 - B. Birla Sun Life Insurance
 - C. HDFC Life Insurance
 - D. Aegon Life Insurance Company
 - E. Max Life Insurance Company Limited
- Ans. E

Sol. Max Life Insurance Company Limited has announced that it will observe 6th day of every calendar month as 'Protection Day' to spread awareness about the concept of financial protection.

36. In May 2019, the legendary Cricket player Seymour Nurse passed away. He belonged to which country?

- A. West Indies
 - B. South Africa
 - C. New Zealand
 - D. Australia
 - E. England
- Ans. A

Sol. Former West Indies batsman Seymour Nurse (85-years) passed away following a prolonged illness.

He played 29 Tests between 1960 and 1969 and scored 2523 runs at an average of 47.60.

He was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1967.

37. The book 'Game Changer' is the autobiography of which of the following cricketers?

- A. Shoaib Malik
 - B. Shahid Afridi
 - C. Sourav Ganguly
 - D. Wasim Akram
 - E. Sachin Tendulkar
- Ans. B

Sol. Pakistan's all-rounder & former captain Shahid Afridi (popularly known as 'Boom Boom') released his controversial autobiography, titled 'Game Changer'.

The book is co-authored by Afridi & journalist Wajahat S Khan and published by HarperCollins India imprint Harper Sport.

Afridi played 27 Tests, 398 ODIs and 99 T20Is and retired from international cricket in 2017.

38. Which of the following e-commerce platform has appointed celebrity couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first brand ambassadors?

- A. Myntra
 - B. IndiaMART
 - C. eBay
 - D. Amazon
 - E. None of these
- Ans. A

Sol. Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform 'Myntra' announced that it had appointed celebrity couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first brand ambassadors.

Myntra has launched 'Go Myntra-la-la', a brand campaign that brings alive the joyful experience of shopping for fashion on the brand's platform.

39. The 'World Red Cross Day' is observed annually on 8th May. What is the theme for the year 2019?

- A. Memorable smiles from around the world
 - B. Live Together and Help Everyone
 - C. Together for Humanity
 - D. love
 - E. Everywhere for everyone
- Ans. D

Sol. The theme of the 2019 World Red Cross Day is "#love" or simply "love".

The 'World Red Cross Day' is observed on 8th May every year.

The day is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of 'Henry Dunant', the founder of the Red Cross as well as the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

40. Who has won the 2019 Macedonian presidential elections?

- A. Stevo Pendarovski
 - B. Branko Crvenkovski
 - C. Boris Trajkovski
 - D. Kiro Gligorov
 - E. None of these
- Ans. A

Sol. Stevo Pendarovski (56 years) has won the 2019 Macedonian presidential elections with 51.66% vote to become the President-elect of North Macedonia. The President of the Republic of North Macedonia is the head of state of North Macedonia.

41. Who has been elected as the new Chairman of Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)?

- A. Sakal Dev Singh
- B. Pawan Awasthi
- C. Balvinder Singh Nakai
- D. Prem Chandra Mishra
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Cooperative major IFFCO has elected Balvinder Singh Nakai as its Chairman and Dileep Sanghani as Vice Chairman. Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) is a Multi-state cooperative society engaged in the business of manufacturing and marketing of fertilisers headquartered in New Delhi, India.

42. Which of the following cities hosted the meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO)?

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

Ans. A

Sol. Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) organised a meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) in Kochi.

The meeting takes stock of the progress being made in carrying forward the programmes and initiatives of WCO. This meeting is being chaired by Mr Pranab Kumar Das, Chairman, CBIC.

43. Which of the following Cricket team has won the 'Fair Play Award' in IPL (Indian Premier League) 2019?

- A. Mumbai Indians
- B. Royal Challengers Bangalore

- C. Kings XI Punjab
- D. Sunrises Hyderabad
- E. Kolkata Knight Riders

Ans. D

Sol. Sunrises Hyderabad has won the fair play award in Indian Premier League 2019. The 2019 season of the Indian Premier League (IPL 12) was the 12th-edition of the IPL, a professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the BCCI in 2007.

44. Who has become the highest wicket-taking spin bowler in women's One-day International (ODI) history?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Holly Colvin
- C. Sana Mir
- D. Javeria Khan
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Pakistan's off-spinner Sana Mir has become the highest wicket-taking spinner in women's One-day International (ODI) history.

She claimed her 147th ODI wicket in her 118th appearance.

Currently, Mir is placed on the third position in the ICC's ODI bowling ranking, which is topped by Indian pacer Jhulan Goswami (218).

45. Who has won the inaugural round of FIA Formula 3 Championship 2019?

- A. Jehan Daruvala
- B. Robert Shwartzman
- C. Pedro Piquet
- D. Alex Peroni
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Indian racer Jehan Daruvala (20-years) has won the inaugural round of the FIA Formula 3 Championship, one of the support events to Formula One in Barcelona.

The all-new FIA F3 Championship was created by merging the erstwhile GP3 Championship and FIA F3 European Championship, resulting in an ultra-competitive 30 car grid.

46. What is the theme of the 2019 International Nurses Day (IND)?

- A. Live Together and Help Everyone
- B. Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All
- C. Less Known Red Cross Stories
- D. Together for Humanity
- E. Nurses A Voice to Lead – Health is a Human right

Ans. B

Sol. The theme of International Nurses Day (IND) 2019 is "Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All."

International Nurses Day (IND) is an international day celebrated around the world on 12th of May every year to mark the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale.

Florence Nightingale (the foundational philosopher of the modern nursing) was born on 12th of May in 1820.

47. Who has won the 2019 Indian Premier League (IPL) title?

- A. Sunrisers Hyderabad
- B. Royal Challengers Bangalore
- C. Mumbai Indians
- D. Chennai Super Kings
- E. Delhi Capitals

Ans. C

Sol.

Mumbai Indians (MI) became IPL champions (2019) for the fourth time after defeating Chennai Super Kings (CSK) by one run in a thrilling final in Hyderabad.

The 2019 season of the Indian Premier League (IPL 12) was the 12th-edition of the IPL, a professional Twenty20 cricket league established by the BCCI in 2007.

48. Which of the following cities hosted the World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial meeting of developing countries?

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

Ans. C

Sol. The World Trade Organisation (WTO) ministerial meeting of developing countries held in New Delhi.

The Two-day meeting will provide an opportunity for the Ministers to discuss various issues and the way forward.

The meeting is an effort to bring together the developing and the Least Developed Countries on one platform to share common concerns on various issues affecting the WTO and work together to address the issues.

49. Who among the following tennis player has won the 2019 Madrid Open title at Madrid, Spain?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Dominic Thiem
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol. Novak Djokovic of Serbia has won the 2019 Madrid Open title at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain.

He defeated Tsitsipas (Greece) 6–3, 6–4 in the final.

The 2019 Madrid Open is a professional tennis tournament (sponsored by Mutua) played on outdoor clay courts at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain.

50. Who among the following has been awarded as the Most Valuable Player of the season in Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019?

- A. Andre Russell
- B. Glenn Maxwell
- C. David Warner
- D. Ben Stokes
- E. Virat Kohli

Ans. A

Sol. Andre Russell (KKR) has been awarded with the most Valuable Player of the season award in Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019.

51. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced to approve the first vaccine for dengue_____.

- A. Dengvaxia
- B. Vaxchora
- C. MenB
- D. Adenovirus
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has announced to approve the first vaccine for dengue, 'Dengvaxia'.

Dengvaxia is produced by the French pharmaceutical firm Sanofi Pasteur.

FDA has also placed significant restrictions on its use because the vaccine has been shown to put some people at heightened risk.

52. Who has been elected as new President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

- A. Mirsoslav Lajcak
- B. Tijjani Mohammad Bande
- C. Mogens Lykketoft
- D. Edward Ssekandi
- E. Antonio Gutters

Ans. B

Sol. Nigerian Professor Tijjani Mohammad Bande has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

He was the Vice-Chancellor of Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, between 2004 and 2009.

53. Which of the following Indian actress has been appointed as Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) advocate by UN?

- A. Sonam Kapoor
- B. Alia Bhatt
- C. Shraddha Kapoor
- D. Dia Mirza
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Indian actress Dia Mirza (38-years) has been named as one of the 17 advocates for the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by United Nations.

The new group of 'SDG Advocates' appointed by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

It will be committed to raising awareness, inspiring greater ambition and pushing for faster action on the SDGs, which were adopted by world leaders on September 25, 2015.

54. Who has been appointed Ambassador of India to the northeast African country Eritrea?

- A. Subhash Chand
- B. Sudarshan Sen
- C. Arnav Gotham
- D. Rajan Tiwari
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Shri Subhash Chand has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the northeast African country Eritrea.

Currently, Mr. Subhash Chand is the Deputy High Commissioner in the High Commission of India, Abuja.

Ambassador an important official who works in a foreign country representing his or her own country there, and who is officially accepted in this position by that country.

55. Who has been awarded the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Rating International Award 2019?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rashid Khan
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Aaron Finch
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Indian captain Virat Kohli bagged the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year award during the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International awards 2019

56. The world's first exclusive women's Cricket magazine was released with Indian team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana featuring as the cover story. What is the name of Cricket magazine?

- A. Criczone
- B. CricBuzz
- C. Dream11
- D. CricCity
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The world's first exclusive women's cricket magazine 'Criczone' was released with Indian team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana featuring as the cover story. It is a one-stop solution, exclusively dedicated to providing updates, articles, news, interviews, etc. from the world of women's cricket.

Publisher of the magazine 'Criczone' is Yash Lahoti.

57. Who has won the Premier League title (football) 2019?

- A. Leicester City
- B. Manchester City
- C. Chelsea
- D. Manchester United
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. On 12 May 2019, Manchester City won their final league game of the season 4-1 away at Brighton to retain the Premier League title.

58. Which of the following Youth Scientist Programme has been inaugurated by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in Bengaluru?

- A. National Viral Hepatitis Control programme
- B. Aspirational Districts Programme
- C. Yuvika2019
- D. Jai Hind
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The Young Scientist Programme 'Yuvika2019' was inaugurated by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman Dr K Sivan, through video mode in Bengaluru.

The two-week residential summer vacation programme spread over four ISRO centres in Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Ahmedabad and Shillong are attended by 110 students.

The participants will be visiting the spaceport of India, Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota during this programme.

59. Which of the following countries hosted the 72nd edition of Cannes Film Festival?

- A. France
- B. USA
- C. Germany
- D. China
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The international event of the world of cinema Cannes Film Festival (72nd edition) has begun in France (14 to 25 May 2019).

American film director Jim Jarmusch's ensemble zombie comedy film The Dead Don't Die serve as the opening film of the festival.

60. Who has been appointed the chairman of ITC Ltd.?

- A. Mahender Singh
- B. Sanjiv Puri
- C. Pranab Kumar Das
- D. Rajendra Sharma
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. ITC Ltd. has appointed Managing Director (MD) Sanjiv Puri (56-years) as the Chairman of the company with immediate effect.

ITC Limited is an Indian multinational conglomerate company headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.

It employs over 30,000 people at more than 60 locations across India and is part of the Forbes 2000 list.

61. Who has won the Italian Open men's tennis tournament 2019?

- A. Dominic Thiem
- B. Kevin Anderson
- C. Rafael Nadal
- D. Novak Djokovic
- E. Alexander Zverev

Ans. C

Sol. Spain's Rafael Nadal has clinched the Italian Open 2019 Tennis title after beating Serbian Novak Djokovic 6-0, 4-6, 6-1 in the final in Rome.

Nadal also broke a tie with Djokovic by claiming a record 34th ATP Masters 1000 crown.

The 2019 Italian Open (76th edition) was a professional tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Foro Italico in Rome, Italy.

62. Which city is hosting 2nd edition of India Open International Boxing Tournament?

- A. Guwahati
- B. Bhopal
- C. Chennai
- D. Ranchi
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The India Open International Boxing Tournament (2nd edition) has begun at Sarusajai stadium in Guwahati, Assam (20-24th May 2019).

India will field a strong contingent of 38 men and 37 women in the tournament including Mary Kom in 51-kilogram category.

The gold medallist will get 2500 US dollar and Silver medallist will earn 1000 US dollar.

63. Which country has recently blocked all language editions of Wikipedia?

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Pakistan
- D. Iran
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. China started blocking all language editions of Wikipedia. Previously, most editions of Wikipedia — besides the Chinese language version, which was reportedly blocked in 2015 — were available, OONI said in their report. AFP could not open any of Wikipedia's versions in China.

64. The world body governing Badminton (BFA) has launched two new formats of the game 'AirBadminton' and 'Triples' with new dimensions of the court and an innovative shuttlecock called _____.

- A. Bigshuttle
- B. Shootshuttle
- C. Goshuttle
- D. Airshuttle
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. The world body governing Badminton (BFA) has launched two new formats of the game 'AirBadminton' and 'Triples' with new dimensions of the court and an innovative shuttlecock called 'Airshuttle'. Infrastructure won't be a hindrance for people interested in Airbadminton as it can be played in different environments like grass in parks, on sands in beaches and the streets and bylanes.

65. Veteran actor Rallapalli Venkata Narasimha Rao passed away. He belonged to _____.

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Kerala
- C. Odisha
- D. Punjab
- E. Andhra Pradesh

Ans. E

Sol. Veteran Telugu actor Rallapalli Venkata Narasimha Rao (74-years) passed away in Hyderabad.

Ralapalli acted in more than 800 films and was popular as a comedian and character artiste.

He was a five-time winner of the prestigious Nandi award in undivided Andhra Pradesh.

66. The World Bee Day being observed on _____.

- A. May 18
- B. May 19
- C. May 20
- D. May 21
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. World Bee Day is celebrated every year on 20th May to acknowledge the role of bees and other pollinators for the ecosystem.

67. Indian and Singapore Navies are participating in the annual maritime bilateral exercise in the South China Sea. What is the name of the bilateral exercise?

- A. INDSING-19
- B. SING-2019
- C. SIMBEX-19
- D. Indo-Singa2019
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The Navies of India and Singapore are participating in the annual maritime bilateral exercise 'SIMBEX-19' in the South China Sea.

Naval ships INS Kolkata and INS Shakti taking part in the bilateral naval exercise, along with long-range maritime patrol aircraft Poseidon-8I.

The Singapore side is being represented by RSN ships Steadfast and Valiant, maritime patrol aircraft Fokker-50 and F-16 fighter aircraft.

68. Who among the following elected as the Prime Minister of Australia?

- A. Kevin Rudd
- B. Malcolm Turnbull
- C. Peter Cosgrove
- D. Julia Gillard
- E. Scott Morrison

Ans. E

Sol. In Australia, Prime Minister Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition has won the 2019 Australian federal election. Mr Morrison became Leader of the Liberal Party and Prime Minister in August 2018, winning the party's leadership vote following Malcolm Turnbull's resignation.

69. Who has won the Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction?

- A. Ashok Vajpeyi
- B. Uttam Pacharne
- C. Pramod Kumar Mishra
- D. Balan Nambiar
- E. Sudha Balakrishnan

Ans. C

Sol. United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) conferred Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Dr Pramod Kumar Mishra (Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India).

The United Nations Sasakawa Award is the most prestigious international award in the area of Disaster Risk Management.

70. Who among the following Indian Judges has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji as a judge of its non-resident panel?

- A. Shiva Kirti Singh
- B. Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- C. Amitava Roy
- D. Madan B Lokur
- E. Adarsh Kumar Goel

Ans. D

Sol. Justice Madan B Lokur (Retired Indian Judge) has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji as a judge of its non-resident panel.

He will join the office from August 15, 2019 and has been appointed for a term of 3 years.

He was appointed as judge of Supreme Court of India on 4 June 2012 and retired as Supreme Court judge on 31 December 2018.

71. What is the theme of 2019 World Telecommunication and Information Society Day?

- A. ICT: Drivers of innovation
- B. ICT: Entrepreneurship for social impact
- C. ICTs and improving road safety
- D. Women and Girls in ICT
- E. Bridging the standardization gap

Ans. E

Sol. The World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is observed every year on 17th May to mark the anniversary of the signing of the first International Telegraph Convention (ITC) and the creation of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU).

The WTISD raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

The 2019 theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) is "Bridging the standardization gap".

72. Who will be the brand ambassador for Merchant service and UPI payments app 'BharatPe'?

- A. Salman Khan
- B. M S Dhoni
- C. Akshay Kumar
- D. Virat Kohli
- E. Hrithik Roshan

Ans. A

Sol. Merchant service and UPI payments app 'BharatPe' has roped in Bollywood actor Salman Khan as its brand ambassador.

Mr. Khan will be focused towards educating merchants and users about UPI payments along with driving adoption of BharatPe app for all their business needs. BharatPe offers merchants a single interface for all UPI apps like Paytm, PhonePe, Google Pay, BHIM, Mobikwik, Freecharge and others.

73. Who among the following Bollywood personality has been felicitated by the Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) in India for promoting Children Rights?

- A. Hrithik Roshan
- B. Akshay Kumar
- C. Salman Khan
- D. Anil Kapoor
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Bollywood Actor Anil Kapoor has been felicitated by the Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) in India for promoting Children Rights

The actor honoured for his decade-long support to promoting the cause of children's rights and his collaboration with the EU and Plan India in their girls' rights endeavours.

74. Which of the following Indian IT services firm has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with French digital content publishing firm 'Rakuten Aquafadas' to collaborate on building enhanced Customer Experience?

- A. Wipro
- B. Tata Consultancy Services
- C. Tech Mahindra
- D. Infosys
- E. HCL Technologies

Ans. C

Sol. IT services firm Tech Mahindra and Rakuten Aquafadas (French digital content publishing firm) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate on building enhanced customer experience.

Rakuten Aquafadas and Tech Mahindra aim to build a Customer Experience Offering leveraging the suite of software that Rakuten Aquafadas provides for digital publishing.

75. Which of the following cities will host the second edition of the United Nations Ocean Conference in 2020?

- A. New Delhi, India
- B. Buenos Aires, Argentina
- C. Lisbon, Portugal
- D. Kyoto, Japan
- E. Johannesburg, South Africa

Ans. C

Sol. The second edition of the United Nations Ocean Conference will be held in Lisbon, Portugal in early June 2020.

The theme of the 2020 conference will be- Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.

The first edition was held in the United States in 2017.

76. Which of the following Asian Countries has legalize same-sex marriage?

- A. Japan
- B. South Kores
- C. Taiwan
- D. Iran
- E. India

Ans. C

Sol. Taiwan has approved a bill legalizing same-sex marriage, a landmark decision that makes the self-ruled island the first place in Asia to pass gay marriage legislation.

The successful bill includes limited adoption rights for same-sex couples.

77. MB Balakrishnan passed away in road accident in Chennai. He was associated with which sports?

- A. Tennis
- B. Hockey
- C. Football
- D. Badminton
- E. Swimming

Ans. E

Sol. Former Swimming Champion MB Balakrishnan (29-years) passed away in road accident in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

He won the 100m and 200m backstroke events at the South Asian Games.

78. Which of the following countries will host a part of an International Army Games, 2019?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Pakistan
- C. Japan
- D. Nepal
- E. India

Ans. E

Sol. India will host a part of an international military sports event in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer over nine days in August.

The 2019 event will be held in 32 disciplines and hosted by 10 countries including Russia, India, China, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Iran, Mongolia, Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan.

It is also for the first time that an Indian team will participate in this competition.

The event will witness the participation of the Mechanised Infantry Scout Teams of eight countries including Russia who is the founding member of this format of International Army Games.

79. Who will be the focused country in Jerusalem Film Festival, 2020?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. India
- D. South Korea
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Israel proposes India to be the focus country in Jerusalem Film Festival, 2020 at Cannes Film Festival.

Israel also proposed the idea of making concept-based films in India, with a focus on regional and small budget films.

India has been positioned prominently on the Pocket Guide of Marche Du Film, Cannes Film Market, which celebrates Indian cinema as the world's largest film industry.

80. The Anti -Terrorism Day is observed every year on _____.

- A. 21 May
- B. 20 July
- C. 15 April
- D. 28 May
- E. 10 June

Ans. A

Sol. The Anti -Terrorism Day is observed on 21 May every year in our country to make the people aware of an anti-social act of terrorism and its impact on human suffering and lives.

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