

75+ Current Affairs Q/A PDF for June Month





- 1. Who sworn-in as the new Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh?
- A. Dorjee Khandu
- B. Jarbom Gamlin
- C. Nabam Tuki
- D. Pema Khandu
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Prema Khandu (39-years) sworn-in as the new Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh.

BJP won an impressive 41 seats [JD(U) - 7, (NPP- 5), (IND-2), (INC-4), (PPA-1)] in the 60-seat house in the Assembly elections.

The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh is the chief executive of the Indian state of Arunachal Pradesh.

2. What is the theme of 2019 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers?

A. Green and Healthy World

- B. Peacekeeping is a global partnership C. UN Peacekeeping: Past, Present, and Future
- D. Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace E. Honouring our Heroes

Ans. D

Sol.

The theme for the 2019 International Day of UN Peacekeepers is "Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace."

The 'International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers' is being observed on 29th May to pay tribute those who served in the United Nations (UN) peacekeeping operations.

International days are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems and to celebrate and reinforce achievements of humanity.

3. Who sworn-in as the new Chief Minister of Odisha?

- A. Hemananda Biswal
- B. Giridhar Gamang
- C. Naveen Patnaik
- D. Janaki Ballabh Patnaik

E. Biju Patnaik

Ans. C

Sol.

Biju Janata Dal (BJD) supremo Naveen Patnaik (73-years) sworn in as the chief minister of Odisha for the fifth time in a row (since 2000).

Odisha Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal administrated the oath of office and secrecy to Mr. Patnail and his cabinet colleagues at the IDCO exhibition ground in Bhubaneswar.

The Biju Janata Dal secured 112 seats [BJP-23, INC-9, CPI(M)-1] in the 147-member Odisha Assembly in the recently concluded elections.

- 4. Who among the following has won the 2019 Monaco Grand Prix at Monaco?
- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Daniel Ricciardo
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Kimi Raikkonen
- E. Lewis Hamilton

Ans. E

Sol.

Lewis Hamilton has won the Monaco Grand Prix 2019 to extend his championship lead over Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas.

Hamilton struggled with grip in the latter stages and was under constant pressure from Red Bull's Max Verstappen.

The Monaco Grand Prix (Run since 1929) is a Formula One motor race held each year on the Circuit de Monaco.

- 5. Which of the following countries has launched the nuclear-powered ice breaker name 'Ural'?
- A. Russia
- B. United States
- C. Australia
- D. China
- E. Japan

Ans. A

Sol. Russia's nuclear energy agency, Rosatom has come up with the nuclearpowered ice breaker name as Ural, at the Baltic Shipyard in St. Petersburg. Ural is the third of the new LK-60Ya class of nuclear-powered ice breaker.

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The first two are Arktika and Sibir. Arktika is expected to enter operation in 2020, Sibir in 2021 and Ural in 2022.

6. Who sworn-in as the new Prime Minister of Australia?

- A. Malcolm Turnbull
- B. Scott Morrison
- C. Tony Abbott
- D. Kevin Rudd
- E. John Howard

Ans. B

Sol.

Scott Morrison has been sworn in as Australia's Prime Minister.

He was sworn in by Queen Elizabeth's official representative in Australia, Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, at a ceremony in the capital, Canberra. Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack was also sworn in. The Prime Minister of Australia is the head of government of Australia.

- 7. Which of the following cities hosted the second part of the Indo-French joint naval exercise, 'Varuna 19.2'?
- A. Hyderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Djibouti
- D. Visakhapatnam
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The second part of the Indo-French naval exercise christened as 'Varuna 19.2' was held in Djibouti.

The first part of the exercise 'Varuna 19.1' was held off the Goa coast from 1st to 10th May 19.

- 8. Nobel laureate and Physicist Murray Gell-Mann passed away. He belonged to which country?
- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. UK
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

Nobel laureate and American physicist, Murray Gell-Mann (89-years) passed away at his home.

Gell-Mann transformed physics by devising a method for sorting subatomic particles into simple groups of eight based on an electric charge, spin and other characteristics.

He called his method the "eightfold way" after the Buddhist Eightfold Path to enlightenment.

Mr. Mann received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1969 for his work on the theory of elementary particles.

9. Veeru Devgan passes away in Mumbai. He was associated with

A. Journalism

- B. Politics
- C. Science
- D. Film
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Bollywood's most famous stunt and action choreographer, Veeru Devgn (77years) passes away in Mumbai.

Mr. Devgan was behind the fight and action scenes for over 80 Hindi films including 'Phool Aur Kaante' (1991), 'Mr. India' (1987), and 'Himmatwala' (1983) among various others.

He was married to Veena, and had four children with her, including actor Ajay Devgan and director Anil Devgan.

- 10. Who has been re-elected as the President of Badminton Asia?
- A. Himanta Biswa Sarma
- B. Anton Aditya Subowo
- C. Moosa Nashid
- D. Rajendra Kumar
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Indonesia's Anton Aditva Subowo was re-elected as the President of Badminton Asia for another four years. There were seven other people who were selected as the vice-presidents of Badminton Asia.

The Badminton Association of India's president Himanta Biswa Sarma has also been elected as the vice-president.

11. Who has won the 10 m Air Pistol gold in ISSF shooting world cup in Munich, Germany?

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- A. Abhishek Verma
- B. Shivam Shukla
- C. Anish Bhanwala
- D. Saurabh Chaudhary
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. India's Saurabh Chaudhary (17-year) has won 10m Air Pistol Gold beating his own World Record in ISSF shooting World Cup, in Munich, Germany.

Mr. Chaudhary scored 246.3 bettering his previous best of 245 points that were set in New Delhi World Cup Shooting in February 2019.

12. The International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed every year on .

- A. May 27
- B. May 26
- C. May 15
- D. May 28
- E. May 20

Ans. D

Sol. The International Day of Action for Women's Health is observed every year on May 28 (since 1987) to raise awareness on the issues related to women's health Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR).

- 13. Which of the following banks has launched 'Bank of Wheels' service?
- A. Union Bank of India
- B. Canara Bank
- C. Indian Overseas Bank
- D. State Bank of India
- E. Punjab National Bank

Ans. C

Sol. The Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched a new service named 'Bank on Wheels' in its 16 lead districts in the state of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

14. The heritage town of Orchha has been included in the tentative list of UNESCO world heritage site. The heritage town of 'Orchha' located in

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Odisha
- C. Rajasthan

D. Assam

E. Bihar

Ans. A

Sol. The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh have been included in UNESCO's tentative list of world heritage sites following a proposal sent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to the U.N. body. Orchha is situated on the banks of the

Orchha is situated on the banks of the Betwa river, located around 80 km away from Tikamgarh district in Madhya Pradesh.

Orchha was built by king Rudra Pratap Singh of Bundela dynasty in the 16th century.

- 15. Who is the current Chief Minister of Sikkim?
- A. Pawan Kumar Chamling
- B. Sanchaman Limboo
- C. B B Gurung
- D. Prem Singh Tamang
- E. Kazi Lhendup Dorjee

Ans. D

Sol.

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) President Prem Singh Tamang (51years) was sworn-in as the new Chief Minister of Sikkim.

He succeeds outgoing Chief Minister Pawan Chaling to become the 6th CM of the state.

Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (founded in 2013) won a slender majority in the 32-member legislative assembly by bagging 17 seats against 15 won by Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF).

Prem Singh Tamang is better known as **P. S. Golay**.

- Pawan Kumar Chamling of the Sikkim Democratic Front was the longest serving Chief Minister of Sikkim from 1994-2019.
- 16.Veteran leader P.P.C. Joshi passed away after a prolonged illness. He was associated with which political party?
- A. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- B. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- C. Communist Party of India (CPI)
- D. Samajwadi Party (SP)
- E. Indian National Congress (INC) Ans. C

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Sol.

Veteran communist leader P.P.C. Joshi (80-years) passed away at his house in Puppalaguda after a prolonged illness. His penchant for publishing led him to start Prachee Publications, subsequently handed over to Nava Telangana Publications, which published several books.

- 17. Who has become the first foreign leader to meet Japan's Emperor Naruhito?
- A. Xi Jinping
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Moon Jae-in
- E. Emmanuel Macron

Ans. C

Sol.

US President Donald Trump has become the first foreign leader to meet Japan's Emperor Naruhito.

Emperor Naruhito ascended to the throne on May 1, opening what is called the era of "Reiwa," or "beautiful harmony."

Trump will go to the Japanese state guest house later for meetings and joint news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

- 18. Who has won the Palme d'Or at the 72nd Cannes Film Festival in France?
- A. David Grossman
- B. Han Kang
- C. Philip Roth
- D. Olga Tokarczuk
- E. Bong Joon Ho

Ans. E

Sol.

South Korean director Bong Joon Ho's "Parasite" bagged the Palme d'Or at the closing ceremony of 72nd Cannes Film Festival in France.

- 19. Who has won the badminton world mixed-team championship, Sudirman Cup 2019?
- A. Japan
- B. India
- C. China
- D. Indonesia

E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

China has won the badminton world mixed-team championship, Sudirman Cup 2019 (16th edition) in Nanning, China.

They beat Japan in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for an 11th time. In the latest Men' singles match Shi Yuqi stunned world champion Kento Momota

The 2019 Sudirman Cup is the biennial international badminton championship contested by the mixed national teams of the member associations of Badminton World Federation (BWF), since its inception in 1989.

- 20. Who has won the Sekisui Open squash in Kriens, Switzerland?
- A. Jansher Khan

15-21, 21-5,21-11.

- B. Nick Matthew
- C. Bernat Jaume
- D. Ramy Ashour
- E. Mahesh Mangaonkar

Ans. E

Sol.

India's Mahesh Mangaonkar triumphed for the second time in the Sekisui Open squash, in Kriens, Switzerland.

Top-seeded Mahesh beat third seed Bernat Jaume (Spain) in four games 11-9, 3-11, 11-5, 11-5 to win his 8th PSA title.

Sekisui Open is a Challenger tour event of the Professional Squash Association (PSA), the world body which governs the sports.

- 21. Harish Kumar was popular as a folk dancer of which state?
- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Haryana
- D. Rajasthan
- E. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. D

Sol.

World fame dancer of Rajasthan Queen Harish passed away in a road accident near Kaparda village Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

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Harish gave a new identity to Jaisalmer with his different dance style
Harish Kumar was popularly known as
Queen Harish and his shows comprising
of various folk-dance forms like
Ghoomar, Kalbelia, Chang, Bhawai,
Chari among others were very popular.

- 22. Who has been elected Secretary General of the General Insurance Council (GIC)?
- A. M N Sarma
- B. Rajesh Panday
- C. Mayank Bathwal
- D. M K Narayan
- E. Ankur Nijhawan

Ans. A

Sol.

Mr.N Sarma has been elected as the new Secretary General of the General Insurance Council (GIC).

He will take over the charge in August 2019

Mr. Sarma is the former Chairman & Managing Director (MD) of United India Insurance.

- 23. Who among the following is the current speaker of Puducherry Legislative Assembly?
- A. V P Sivakozhunthu
- B. N Rangaswamy
- C. M N R Balan
- D. B Kobiga
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

V P Sivakozhunthu has been unanimously elected as the Speaker of the Puducherry Assembly.

Mr. Sivakozhunthu was the only candidate who filed nomination paper on behalf of the Congress-DMK alliance. Congress member MNR Balan (Oulgret constituency) has been appointed as the Deputy Speaker.

The Speaker's election was necessitated as speaker V Vaithilingam resigned and contested the April 18 Lok Sabha election and won it.

24. What is the theme of the World Environment Day (WED), 2019?

- A. Say No to vehicles
- B. Beat Air Pollution
- C. Avoid liquor drinking
- D. Beat plastic pollution
- E. Together for Humanity

Ans. B

Sol.

The theme for World Environment Day 2019 is " Beat Air Pollution ".

The World Environment Day (WED) observed every year across the world on 5th June to encourage awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

China is the global host nation for the 44th edition of this event.

- 25.In June 2019, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) conducted Financial Literacy Week. What is the theme of the Financial Literacy Week?
- A. Know Your Customer
- B. Customer Protection
- C. Farmers and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system
- D. Know Your Bank
- E. Safe Banking

Ans. C

Sol.

The theme this year Financial Literacy Week is - 'Farmers and how they benefit by being a part of the formal banking system'.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) observed 'Financial Literacy Week' across the country from 3rd to 9th of June.

Financial Literacy Week is an initiative of RBI to promote awareness on key topics every year through a focused campaign.

- 26. Who has been elected as external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO)?
- A. Ashok Vajpeyi
- B. Balan Nambiar
- C. Uttam Pacharne
- D. Rajiv Mehrishi
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Comptroller and Auditor General of India Mr. Rajiv Mehrishi (IAS- 1978 batch-

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Rajasthan cadre) has been elected as external auditor of the World Health Organization (WHO) for a term of four years (from 2020 to 2023).

In March 2019, he was elected for the post of External Auditor of Food and Agriculture Organization in Rome. Mehrishi is currently also on the Board of Auditors of the United Nations and Vice-Chair of the UN Panel of External Auditors.

- 27. Which of the following ministries has launched mobile app "Yoga Locator"?
- A. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C. Ministry of Communications
- D. Ministry of AYUSH
- E. Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers Ans. D

Sol.

The Ministry of AYUSH has launched a map-based location application named "Yoga Locator" to help people in locating yoga events, centres as well as certified yoga instructors within the preferred radius of their vicinity.

- 28. Which of the following Indian women has been felicitated with the Mexico's highest civilian award 'Order of the Aztec Eagle' in 2019?
- A. Sonia Gandhi
- B. Sumitra Mahajan
- C. Pratibha Patil
- D. Mira Kumar
- E. Najma Heptullah

Ans. C

Sol.

Former President of India, Pratibha Patil has been felicitated with the Mexico's highest civilian award 'Order of the Aztec Eagle' in 2019.

The award was accoladed by Mexico's Ambassador to India, Melba Pria, at a special ceremony held in the MCCIA Bhavan, Pune.

She is the first Indian female and only the second Indian (first late President S Radhakrishna) to get the Mexico's civilian award.

29. World Bicycle Day (WBD) is observed every year on _____.

- A. June 3
- B. June 5
- C. June 1
- D. June 2
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

The World Bicycle Day (WBD) is observed on 3rd June every year to raise awareness about the multiple societal benefits of using the bicycle for transport and leisure.

The WBD was approved on 12th April 2018 as an official United Nations day of awareness about the multiple societal benefits of using the bicycle for transport and leisure.

30.Which of the following teams has won the 2019 UEFA Champions League

Trophy?

- A. Liverpool
- B. Barcelona
- C. Bayern Munich
- D. Manchester City
- E. Real Madrid

Ans. A

Sol.

Liverpool outclassed Tottenham Hotspur 2-0 to win the 2019 UEFA Champions League title for the sixth time. Earlier they achieved the victory in 1977, 1978, 1981, 1984, and 2005.

The European Cup is a trophy awarded annually by UEFA to the football club that wins the UEFA Champions League.

- 31. Who has become the first Indian woman fighter pilot to fly by day on Hawk advanced jet aircraft?
- A. Manshi Anand
- B. Avani Chaturvedi
- C. Bhawana Kanth
- D. Mohana Singh
- E. Rupa Thakur

Ans. D

Sol.

Flight Lieutenant Mohana Singh has become the first woman fighter pilot to fly by day a Hawk advanced jet aircraft

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She landed after a gruelling 4 aircraft combat sortie at Air Force station Kalaikunda, West Bengal.

Singh has over 500 hours of incidentfree flying, of which 380 hours are on the Hawk Mk 132 jet.

32. Which of the following states government has hiked the parental income limit to waive admission fees for students taking admission up to Post Graduate level?

A. Assam

B. Punjab

C. Bihar

D. Odisha

E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Assam government has hiked the parental income limit to waive admission fees for students taking admission up to Post Graduate level.

Student's whose parental income is less than 2 lakh rupees per year can avail the benefits.

All provincialized government colleges and 5 universities are incorporated under the scheme.

33. Who has been appointed as the National Security Adviser (NSA)?

A. Shivshankar Menon

B. J N Dixit

C. M. K. Narayanan

D. Brajesh Mishra

E. Ajit Doval

Ans. E

Sol.

PM Narendra Modi has reappointed IPS (Retd) (Kerala cadre-1968) Ajit Doval as National Security Advisor (NSA) for five-year term.

Brajesh Mishra (Indian Foreign Service office) was appointed the first National Security Adviser of India (in November 1998).

The National Security Adviser (NSA) is the senior official on the National Security Council (NSC) of India, and the chief adviser to the Prime Minister of India on national and international security policy. 34. What is the theme of World Milk Day 2019 in India?

A. Milk is the First Food for Human

B. Milk for Health and Prosperity of Southeast Asian region

C. Drink Milk: Today & Everyday

D. Drink Fresh Milk, Body Fit, Smart

E. World Milk Day: Raise a Glass

Ans. C Sol.

The theme for World Milk Day 2019 in India is 'Drink Milk: Today & Everyday'. World Milk Day is celebrated every year on 1st June to educate people about the importance of milk in our diet (science 2001).

World Milk Day is a day established by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) to recognize the importance of milk as a global food.

35. Which of the following countries will host 2020 Asia Cup cricket tournament?

A. India

B. Bangladesh

C. Pakistan

D. UAE

E. Sri Lanka

Ans. C

Sol.

Pakistan will host the 2020 Asia Cup cricket tournament (15th edition) in September 2020.

The matches will be played as Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is) in the quadrennial event.

The 2018 Asia Cup (14th - edition) was a One-Day International (ODI) cricket tournament that was held in the United Arab Emirates in September 2018.

36. What is the theme of the Global Day of Parents 2019?

A. Honor Your Parents

B. Parents are Hero

C. Save Parents

D. Paisa and Parents

E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

This year the theme for the 2019 Global day of parents is "Honor Your Parents"

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The Global Day of Parents is observed on the June 1 annually every year to appreciate all parents in all parts of the world for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship.

37. Which committee has been constituted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans?

A. AK Bhuchar Committee

B. B Venkatappaiah Committee

C. Goiporia Committee

D. L K Jha Committee

E. TN Manoharan committee

Ans. E

Sol.

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a six-member committee headed by TN Manoharan (Chairman, Canara Bank) on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans to come up with recommendations to increase the efficiencies of the debt market and aid in the resolution of stressed assets.

The committee will make recommendations on required policy/regulatory interventions for facilitating the development of the secondary market in corporate loans, including loan transaction platform for stressed assets.

38. Who is the Chief of the Naval staff of India?

A. Shekhar Sinha

B. Karambir Singh

C. Sunil Lanba

D. Shekhar Sinha

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

Admiral Karambir Singh took over as the Chief of Naval Staff of India.

He took over from Admiral Sunil Lanba, who retired on 31 May 2019 after four decades of service from the Indian Navy. The Chief of the Naval Staff is the commander and the highest-ranking officer in the Indian Navy.

39. Who is the newly created 'Jal Shakti' Minister?

A. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi

B. Arjun Munda

C. Kiren Rijiju

D. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

E. Shripad Yesso Naik

Ans. D

Sol.

Mr. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat is the Jal Shakti Minister.

This ministry has been formed by reorganising the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, along with Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. Prime minister Narendra Modi has come up with a new ministry called the "Jal Shakti".

40. Who among the following is the Home-Minister in the Union Cabinet of India?

A. Rajnath Singh

B. Sushma Swaraj

C. Narendra Modi

D. Amit Shah

E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Amit Anilchandra Shah is an Indian politician belonging to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) who currently serves as the Home Minister of India. Amit Shah has been President of the Bharatiya Janata Party since 2014.

41. Who is the author of the book "Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge"?

A. Viv Richards

B. Ashis Rav

C. Sunil Gavaskar

D. Sanjay Manjrekar

E. Shahid Afridi

Ans. B

Sol.

Veteran cricket broadcaster and writer Ashis Ray has come out with a new book titled "Cricket World Cup: The Indian Challenge" which is based on the history of the tournament from an Indian perspective

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- 42. What is the theme of 2019 World Oceans Day?
- A. Our oceans, our responsibility
- B. Youth: the Next Wave for Change
- C. Healthy Oceans, Healthy Planet
- D. Gender and Oceans
- E. Together we have the power to protect the ocean

Ans. D

Sol.

The theme of World Oceans Day- 2019 is 'Gender and Oceans'.

The World Oceans Day is observed every year on June 8 to raise awareness of the challenge humanity faces to protect the world's oceans.

- 43. Which of the following countries hosted the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting?
- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. India
- D. Australia
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Japan hosted the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank governors' Meeting. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the two-day meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank governors in Japan.

The deliberations at the meeting would be followed by the G-20 Leaders' Summit scheduled on June 28-29 at Osaka.

Saudi Arabia will host the G20 summit in November 2020.

- 44. Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel has been appointed as Chief Justice of which High Court?
- A. Madras High Court
- B. Calcutta High Court
- C. Karnataka High Court
- D. Meghalaya High Court
- E. Delhi High Court

Ans. E

Sol.

Justice Dhirubhai Naranbhai Patel (59years) was sworn in as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court. Earlier, Justice Patel was posted at the Jharkhand High Court (from 24th of May 2019 to 6th June, 2019).

With an approved strength of 60, the Delhi High Court has a shortage of around 24 judges.

The High Court of Delhi was established on 31 October 1966.

- 45. Who has become the youngest Member of Parliament (MP) to the 17th Lok Sabha?
- A. Tejasvi Surya
- B. Chandrani Murmu
- C. Mimi Chakraborty
- D. Nusrat Jahan
- E. None of These

Ans. B

Sol.

Odisha's Chandrani Murmu (25 years and 11 months) has become the youngest Member of Parliament (MP) to the 17th Lok Sabha.

Chandrani Murmu was elected as Biju Janata Dal (BJD) candidate from the tribal-dominated Keonjhar seat. Indian National Lok Dal's Dushyant Chautala (26-years) from the Hisar Lok Sabha was the youngest MP in the 16th Lok Sabha (2014).

- 46. The union Culture Minister Prahalad Singh Patel has inaugurated the exhibition titled 'Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art' in/at _____.
- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Bhopal
- D. Ranchi
- E. Chandigarh

Ans. A

Sol.

Culture Minister Prahalad Singh Patel has inaugurated the exhibition titled Unknown Masterpieces of Himachal Folk Art at National Museum in New Delhi. The aim of the exhibition is to highlight the Folk-art tradition of Himachal Pradesh.

47. Which of the following countries hosted the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup?

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- A. France
- B. Germany
- C. USA
- D. India
- E. China

Ans. A

Sol.

The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup (8th edition) started in France from 7th June 2019 and it will be held till 7th July 2019.

The quadrennial international football championship contested by the twenty-four women's national teams. (from 6 confederations).

48. Who won the Cantor Fitzgerald women's U-21 International 4-Nations title at Dublin, Ireland?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. Germany
- D. Ireland
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

The Indian junior women's hockey team clinched the Cantor Fitzgerald U21 International 4-Nations title after beating Ireland 1-0 in the final at Dublin, Ireland.

Indian Jr. women's hockey team clinch Cantor Fitzgerald U21.

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

Ans. C

Sol.

British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) beat Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) to win Canadian Grand Prix 2019.

During the race, both Vettel and Hamilton were engaged in a head-to-head battle when the former ran across the grass accidentally, in the process squeezing the British driver when he rejoined the track.

50. Who among the following has won the 2019 Men's singles French Open tennis tournament?

- A. Rafael Nadal
- B. Novak Djokovi
- C. Roger Federer
- D. Dominic Thiem
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Spain's Rafael Nadal (33-year) has lifted his 12th French Open Men's Singles title. He defeated fourth seed Austrian Dominic Thiem 6-3, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1 for the third straight year The French Open officially called 'Roland-Garros' is a major tennis tournament held at the Stade Roland-Garros in Paris, France.

51.Noted actor, dramatist and Jnanpith awardee Girish Karnad passed away due to multi-organ failure. He belonged to which of the following states?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

Girish Raghunath Karnad was an Indian actor, film director, Kannada writer, playwright and a Rhodes Scholar, who predominantly worked in South Indian cinema and Bollywood.

Besides the Jnanpith award, Karnad was also conferred the Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan.

- 52. Which of the following insurance companies has launched the proprietary tool 'MyPQ'?
- A. Life Insurance Corporation of India
- B. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- C. Tata AIA Life
- D. Max Life Insurance Company
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Max Life Insurance Company has launched a unique proprietary tool, 'My Protection Quotient' (MyPQ) to gauge

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the level of an individual's financial protection.

53. Which of the following ministries has instituted the 'Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman'?

A. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

B. Ministry of Human Resource Development

C. Ministry of Food Processing Industries

D. Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

E. Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship

Ans. A

Sol.

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has instituted the first edition of Antarashtriya Yoga Diwas Media Samman (AYDMS), from 2019 to mark the contribution of media in spreading the message of Yoga. Total 33 awards will be conferred grouped into 3 categories namely Newspaper (11), Television (11) and Radio (11).

54.In June 2019, the G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy was held in which country?

A. Japan

B. Germany

C. Italy

D. USA

E. France

Ans. A

Sol.

The two-day G20 Ministerial meeting on Trade and Digital Economy was held at Tsukuba city, Japan in June 2019. The G-20 Trade Ministers deliberations will form part of the G-20 Summit Leaders agenda in the formal discussions and will also be a part of the Summit Declaration.

55. Who has been honoured with the "Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen", Maldives' highest honour?

A. Shinzō Abe

B. Narendra Modi

C. Donald Trump

D. A S Kiran Kumar

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the Maldives' highest honour "Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen" during his two-day state visit to the country.

The Most Honourable Order of the Distinguished Rule of Nishan Izzuddeen" is the Maldives' highest honour accorded to foreign dignitaries.

56. Which of the following Indian Automobile companies has won the Gold Award in South Africa?

A. Mahindra

B. TATA Motors

C. Hindustan Motors Limited

D. Chinkara Motors

E. Eicher Motors

Ans. A

Sol.

India's Automobile major 'Mahindra' has won the Gold Award in South Africa for fairing on various indicators, including level of satisfaction among its network of dealers and the manner of allocation of vehicles to them.

Mahindra has received the award from the country's National Automobile Dealers' Association (NADA) which tests dealers' satisfaction with the way a brand supports and communicates with them.

The automobile giant, which has more than 60 dealers in South Africa (for the past 16 years), secured the top position out of the 29 vehicle brands surveyed for the awards.

57. Which of the following cities hosted the biggest ever International Yoga Day event in 2019?

A. Patna

B. Ahmedabad

C. Kolkata

D. Ranchi

E. Mumbai

Ans. D

Sol.

The main event of International Day of Yoga 2019 celebrations was held at

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Prabhat Tara in Ranchi (Jharkhand) on 21st June 2019.

This year International Yoga Day of 21st June of Ranchi would be eco-friendly and hence Khadi Yoga Mat would be used, in place of the usual rubber mat.

On 11th December in 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared June 21st as the International Day of Yoga.

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58. Who has been elected Thailand's new Prime Minister?

- A. Prayuth Chan-ocha
- B. Yingluck Shinawatra
- C. Abhisit Vejjajiva
- D. Somchai Wongsawat
- E. Surayud Chulanont

Ans. A

Sol.

Thailand's new parliament has elected military government chief Prayuth Chanocha (65-years) as the country's Prime Minister.

Prayut is a former Commander in Chief of the Royal Thai Army (from October 2010 - October 2014)

The Prime Minister of Thailand is the head of government of Thailand. The post has existed since the Revolution of 1932, when the country became a constitutional monarchy.

59.R V Janakiraman passed away recently. He was the former Chief Minister of which states/UT?

- A. Odisha
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Goa
- D. Puducherry
- E. Meghalaya

Ans. D

Sol.

Former Puducherry chief minister and DMK leader R V Janakiraman (78-years) passed away in a private hospital in Puducherry.

Mr. Janakiraman had served as Puducherry chief minister between 1996 and 2000.

He had been elected from Nellithope constituency for five consecutive terms (1985, 1990, 1991, 1996 and 2001).

60. Who won the 2019 French Open Women's Single Title in Paris, France?

- A. Simona Halep
- B. Ashleigh Barty
- C. Caroline Wozniacki
- D. Victoria Azarenka
- E. Marketa Vondrousova

Ans. B

Sol.

Australian Ashleigh Barty (23-years) has beaten Marketa Vondrousova in the 2019 French Open final to win her first Grand Slam singles title.

Ashleigh Barty won 6-1 6-3 against Czech teenager Vondrousova on the Paris clay.

61. Which of the following cities hosted the biggest ever International Yoga Day event in 2019?

- A. Patna
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Kolkata
- D. Ranchi
- E. Mumbai

Ans. D

Sol.

The main event of International Day of Yoga 2019 celebrations was held at Prabhat Tara in Ranchi (Jharkhand) on 21st June 2019.

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2019 Theme: Yoga for Climate Action

62. The United Nations' World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is observed on which of the following date?

- A. June 16
- B. June 11
- C. June 15
- D. June 13
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The United Nations' **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** is observed every year on **June 15** to focus global attention on the problem of physical, emotional, and financial abuse of elders

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and to create awareness on the need of taking care of elders.

63.What is India's rank in Global Peace Index 2019?

A. 101

B. 92

C. 141

D. 137

E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

India has ranked 141st out of 163 countries on Global Peace Index 2019. Iceland remains the most peaceful country (since 2008) and Afghanistan the least peaceful nation (replacing Syria) in the world.

Global Peace Index reports published by the Australian think tank Institute of Economics and Peace.

64.MLA Rathamani passed away in Puducherry. He was associated with which political party?

A. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)

B. Indian National Congress (INC)

C. Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)

D. All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK)

E. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)

Ans. C

Sol.

DMK (Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam) MLA Rathamani (69-years) passed away at Jipmer hospital in Puducherry. He was suffering from cancer and recently got admitted into the Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education JIPMER, Puducherry. He represented the Vikkiravandi (विक्कीरवांडी) Assembly Constituency.

65. Which of the following companies will acquire ethnic wear brands Jaypore and TG Apparel & Decor Pvt Ltd to strengthen its position in the branded fashion space?

A. Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd

B. Levi Strauss & Co

C. Canberg Global Sourcing Pvt Ltd.

D. Kimaya Fashions Pvt Ltd

E. NSL Fashion Pvt Ltd Ans. A

Sol.

Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail Ltd (ABFRL) will acquire ethnic wear brands Jaypore and TG Apparel & Decor Pvt Ltd to strengthen its position in the branded fashion space.

Jaypore E-Commerce Pvt. Ltd sell ethnic fashion merchandise under its own brand 'Jaypore' for Rs. 110 crores.

66. Which of the following countries will ban single-use plastics from 2021?

A. Canada

B. Japan

C. USA

D. India

E. UK

ns. A

Sol.

According to Prime Minister of Canada Justin Trudeau, single-use plastics will be banned in the country from 2021. He declared it a global challenge to phase out the plastic bags, straws and cutlery clogging the world's oceans. Single-use items represent some 70% of the plastic waste littering the marine environment.

67. Who has become the Karnataka's first solar-powered Gram Panchayat?

A. Amasebailu

B. Chelur

C. Kalasa

D. Alanda

E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Amasebailu in Kundapura Taluk of Udupi district has become Karnataka's first solar-powered Gram Panchayat. Over 1800 houses were provided solar lamps at a total cost of 2.13 crore rupees.

The project was funded by Centre and State Government in the ratio of 30:20 and the rest was paid by the Panchayat and charitable organizations.

According to Amasebailu Charitable Trust President A G Kodgi, the solar lamps have a guarantee of five years

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and any faulty lamps will be replaced by the supplier within the guarantee period.

68. Which of the following countries has approved to invest around Rs 13,000 crore for the development of North Eastern Region of India?

A. France

B. Germany

C. China

D. Japan

E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Japan Government has announced that it will invest an amount of 205.784 billion Yen (Rs.13,000 crore approx), in various ongoing and also new projects in different states of the North- Eastern region of India.

69. Who has been re-elected as the President of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)?

A. Harshit Jawanda

- B. Harinder Pal Singh Sandhu
- C. Debendranath Sarangi
- D. Dipika Karthik
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

Debendranath Sarangi has been reelected as president of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI).

The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) is the Indian governmental apex body for the game of squash.

It conducts the National Squash Championship and promotes the game through the different state level squash bodies and provides training facilities and selects the squad for the Indian team.

70. The Government of India has reduced
the rate of contribution under the
Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Act
from 6.5% to
A CO/

A. 6%

B. 5%

C. 4%

D. 3%

E. 2%

Ans. C

Sol.

The Government of India has reduced the rate of contribution under the ESI Act from 6.5% to 4% (employers' contribution being reduced from 4.75% to 3.25% and employees' contribution being reduced from 1.75% to 0.75%). Reduced rates will be effective from 01 July 2019.

71. Who has won 'Miss India World 2019 title' in the ceremony held in Mumbai?

A. Meenakshi Chaudhary

B. Suman Rao

C. Shrey Rao Kamvarapu

D. Shivani Jadhav

E. Shreya Shanker

Ans. B

Sol.

Rajasthan's Suman Rao (20-year) has been crowned 'Miss India 2019' (56th edition) in an extravagant ceremony at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium, Mumbai.

72. Which of the following NGO's (Non-Governmental Organisation) has won the BBC World Service Global Champion Award?

A. Akshaya Patra

B. Goonj

C. Etasha Society

D. Mahila Dakshata Samiti

E. Bhumi

Ans. A

Sol.

Bengaluru-based NGO 'Akshaya Patra' has been awarded the BBC World Service Global Champion Award for the programme.

NGO 'Akshaya Patra' runs one of the world's largest school meals project in India.

The Award, presented at the BBC Food and Farming Awards in Bristol this week, recognises a person or project who is changing the way the world produces, processes, consumes or thinks about food for the better.

73. What is the theme of the World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought 2019?

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- A. Combating land degradation for sustainable agriculture
- B. Land has true value invest in
- C. Desertification and Climate Change One Global Challenge
- D. The Beauty of Deserts The Challenge of Desertification
- E. Let's Grow the Future Together Ans. E

Sol. The theme of 2019 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is "Let's Grow the Future Together". The World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought observed across the world on 17th June every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.

- 74. Who has become the first female President of Slovakia?
- A. Zuzana Caputova
- B. Andrej Kiska
- C. Ivan Gašparovic
- D. Rudolf Schuster
- E. Michal Kovac

Ans. A

Sol. Anti-corruption campaigner Zuzana Caputova (45-years) was sworn in as Slovakia's first female president. Caputova scored a convincing victory against Smer-SD candidate Maros Sefcovic.

The President of the Slovak Republic is the head of state of Slovakia and the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces.

75.The World Day to Combat
Desertification and Drought 2018 is
celebrated on .

- A. June 17
- B. June 11
- C. June 12
- D. June 5
- E. June 7

Ans. A

Sol. The World Day to Combat Desertification (WDCD) is being celebrated worldwide on 17th June. World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought is observed every year to promote public awareness of international efforts to combat desertification.

76. Who has been appointed as the Minister of State (I/C) of Culture & Tourism?

- A. Babul Supriyo
- B. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
- C. Prahlad Singh Patel
- D. R K Singh
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Prahlad Singh Patel has been appointed as the Minister of State (I/C) of Culture & Tourism.

Recently the government has established the National Mission on Libraries India under this ministry.

77. Who has been appointed as the new Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- A. Irina Bokova
- B. Maros Sefcovic
- C. Inger Andersen
- D. Boyko Borisov
- E. Lilyana Pavlova

Ans. C

Sol. Danish economist and environmentalist 'Inger Andersen' has sworn in as the Executive Director of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) for a period of a four-year term. The United Nations Environment Programme coordinates the

Programme coordinates the organization's environmental activities and assists developing countries in implementing environmentally sound policies and practices.

78. Which of the following financial institution has approved USD 235 million loan for Tripura Infrastructure development project?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. SoftBank Group Corp
- C. New Development Bank
- D. Bank of China
- E. World Bank

Ans. A

Sol. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a project worth USD 235 million (Rs 1,650 crore) to develop infrastructure in 7 districts of Tripura.

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79. The world's highest weather station has been installed at which area across the Mount Everest?

- A. Everest Base Camp
- B. Annapurna Base Camp
- C. Manaslu Base Camp
- D. Balcony Area Camp
- E. Kanchenjunga Base Camp

Ans. D

Sol. A team led by the National Geographic Society and Nepal's Tribhuvan University has successfully installed the world's highest operating weather stations on Mount Everest. The highest one has been installed at Balcony area (8,430 m) and South Col (7,945 m).

The weather station will record data on temperature, relative humidity, barometric pressure, wind speed, and wind direction.

80. 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.

81. Which of the following banks has partnered with the Thiruvananthapuram Police to launch the campaign 'Traffic Paathshala'?

- A. Union Bank of India
- B. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. ICICI Bank
- E. HDFC Bank

Ans. E

Sol.

HDFC Bank in partnership with the Thiruvananthapuram Police has launched a campaign 'Traffic Paathshala' to make roads safer by spreading awareness about the do's and don'ts of road safety.

82. The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar announced that central Government has decided to use digital technology in rural India to double farmers' income by the year 2022. For this, the Government has set up how many Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country for dissemination of technologies among the farming community?

A. 713

B. 950

C. 230

D. 450

E. None of these

Ans. A Sol.

- The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Narendra Singh Tomar announced that central Government has decided to use digital technology in rural India to double farmers' income by the year 2022.
- For this, the Government has set up 713 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) and 684 Agricultural Technology Management Agencies (ATMA) at the district level in the country for dissemination of technologies among the farming community.
- An inter-ministerial committee for the purpose has recommended the use of digital technology to transform and modernize agricultural activities.
- The technologies include Artificial Intelligence, Big Data Analytics and Block Chair Technology.

83. Who has signed an agreement with the National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC Ltd) to set up Power Distribution Company 'National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL)'?

- A. Simpa Energy India Pvt. Ltd.
- B. NHPC Limited India
- C. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
- D. Tata Power India

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E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

The National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC Ltd) and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) have signed an agreement to set up National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL).

As per the agreement National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL) will be a joint venture of NTPC and PGCIL on 50:50 equity basis. The National Electricity Distribution Company Limited (NEDCL) will undertake the business for distribution of electricity in distribution circles in various states/ Union Territories (UTs) and other related activities.

84.Former Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar passed away. He belonged to which country?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Malaysia
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Pakistan's former Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar passed away.

Mr. Sattar served as the Foreign minister under then-president Pervez Musharraf government (from 1999 to 2002). Sattar also served as the foreign secretary from 1986-88.

85. Who has resigned as Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

A. Mahesh Kumar Jain

B. B P Kanungo

C. N S Vishwanathan

D. Viral V Acharya

E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

RBI Deputy Governor Viral V Acharya has resigned from his post, six months before the scheduled end of his term. Mr. Acharya joined the Reserve Bank in January 2017 and was RBI's youngest

deputy governor, post-economic liberalisation.

Acharya will be returning to New York University as CV Starr Professor of Economics.

86. Who has won Mauritania's presidential election?

- A. Biram Dah Abeid
- B. Moktar Ould Daddah
- C. Sidi Ould Cheikh Abdallahi
- D. Mohamed Ould Ghazouani
- E. Ely Ould Mohamed Vall

Ans. D

Sol.

Mohamed Ould Ghazouani (62-years) has won Mauritania's presidential election with an absolute majority (52%-votes).

His nearest rival, anti-slavery campaigner Biram Dah Abeid, came second with 18.58%.

Mohamed Ghazouani is the former general director of the national security and army's former chief of staff (2008–2018).

87. Who has won the women's FIH Series Finals Hockey Tournament in Japan?

- A. Ireland
- B. Scotland
- C. South Africa
- D. Japan
- E. India

Ans. E

Sol.

India Hockey team clinched the women's FIH Series Finals Hockey Tournament by beating Japan 3-1 in the summit clash at the Hiroshima Hockey Stadium in Japan. Women's FIH Series is the 2nd stage of 2018–19 editions of Hockey Series participation of 24 teams (from 5 confederations).

The top two teams from each event qualified for 2019 FIH Olympic Qualifiers.

88. Who has won the 2019 French Grand Prix?

- A. Valtteri Bottas
- B. Sebastian Vettel
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Lewis Hamilton

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E. None of these Ans. D Sol.

Defending World Drivers' Champion, Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes) continued his run of form as he won the 2019 French Grand Prix at Circuit Paul Ricard. British racing driver Hamilton defeated his teammate Valtteri Bottas. The 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship is an ongoing motor

The 2019 FIA Formula One World Championship is an ongoing motor racing championship for Formula One cars which marks the 70th running of the Formula One World Championship.

89. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog?

A. Sindhu Shri Khullar

B. Arvind Panagariya

C. Narendra Modi

D. Amitabh Kant

E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Senior IAS officer Amitabh Kant (1980 batch) is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog

Mr Kant has been a key driver of the 'Make in India', Startup India and 'Incredible India' initiatives.

The NITI Aayog is a policy think tank of the GoI, established (in 2015) with the aim to achieve Sustainable Development Goals and to enhance cooperative federalism by fostering the involvement of State Governments of India in the economic policy-making process using a bottom-up approach.

The Prime Minister is the Ex-officio chairman.

90. Which of the following Health insurance provider firm has partners with Mobikwik for health insurance?
A. Apollo Munich Health Insurance Company Limited

B. SBI Health Insurance Company Limited

C. Star Health & Allied Insurance Company Limited

D. Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited

E. Religare Health Insurance Company

Limited.

Ans. D

Sol.

Health insurance provider firm 'Max Bupa' announced a partnership with fintech platform MobiKwik to promote bite sized group health insurance products for MobiKwik's 107 million customers across the country. Bite-sized insurance offerings are over the counter health insurance products, primarily targeted towards working professionals and millennials.

91. Who has won the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' 2019?

A. Rachna Khaira

B. Muhammad Yunus

C. N K Singh

D. Jacques Dubochet

E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Rachna Khaira (former journalist - The Tribune) has bagged the prestigious RedInk Award for 'Journalist of the Year' 2019 for her far-reaching expose in 2018 on the functioning of the Unique Identification Authority of Indian (UIDAI) and its Aadhaar data cache.

The RedInk Awards for Excellence in Journalism has been instituted by Mumbai Press Club to encourage good quality reporting and analysis, fair play and high ethical standards in Indian journalism.

92. Who among the following has written novel 'The New Delhi Conspiracy'?

A. Chetan Bhagat

B. Ganesh Devy

C. Meenakshi Lekhi

D. Arundhati Roy

E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

BJP MP & Supreme Court lawyer Meenakshi Lekhi has written her debut novel titled 'The New Delhi Conspiracy'. The book has been co-authored by Krishna Kumar who works with her and is published by Harper Collins India, is slated for release on 8th July.

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93. Who has been appointed Managing Director (MD) of the National Housing Bank (NHB)?

- A. Sarada Kumar Hota
- B. Siddh Nath Singh
- C. Israr Ahmed
- D. Biswa Sarma
- E. T Latha

Ans. A

Sol.

Sarada Kumar Hota has been appointed as the Managing Director of the National Housing Bank (NHB).

Earlier, Mr. Hota has served as the managing director of Can Fin Homes (subsidiary of Canara Bank).

94. Who is the author of the comic book "Adventures of the GST Man" to demystify GST rules?

- A. Srinivas Kotni
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Ganesh Devy
- D. Ruskin Bond
- E. Arundhati Roy

Ans. A

Sol.

Author Srinivas Kotni has written a comic book titled "Adventures of the GST Man".

Author Srinivas Kotni uses a fictional superhero to answer questions that one may have on this indirect tax levied by the government on all goods and services.

95. Which of the following banks has launched the 'Click OD' for its MSME customers?

A. ICICI Bank

- B. State Bank of India
- C. Union Bank of India
- D. Yes Bank
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Yes Bank has announced the launch of "Click OD" (over draft) facility for the Bank's existing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) customers. This facility will help MSMEs avail unsecured overdraft (OD) up to Rs 10 lakh digitally without any documentation.

This unique proposition will be offered to selected customers based on their account conduct and credit history.

96. Which of the following cities hosted the 32nd Congress of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Ranchi
- C. Patna
- D. Chandigarh
- E. Bhopal

Ans. A

Sol.

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Kailash Choudhary formally inaugurated the 32nd Congress of the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) in Hyderabad. Over 600 delegates including seed experts, officials, policy makers and representatives of national and international companies from nearly 70 countries like the UK, South Africa, Argentina, New Zealand, Canada, Austria are taking part in the Congress. The deliberations will be mainly focusing on various technologies for increasing quality seed production and seed exportimport policies.

97.Eminent Social Activist Jharna Dhara Chowdhury passed away. She was renowned .

- A. Scientist
- B. Actress
- C. Social Activist
- D. Journalist
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

Eminent Social Activist Jharna Dhara Chowdhury passed away in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

She was deeply influenced by the Gandhian principles of non-violence and communal harmony.

In recognition of her work, Jharna Dhara Chowdhury was honoured with Padma Shri (in 2013) and Jamnalal Bajaj award (in 1998).

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98. Veteran actor-filmmaker Vijaya Nirmala passed away. She belonged to which of the following states?

A. Andhra Pradesh

B. Kerala

C. Karnataka

D. Tamil Nadu

E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Veteran actor-filmmaker Vijaya Nirmala (75-years) passed away due to a heart attack.

Vijaya Nirmala was born in Tamil Nadu into a film producing Nidudavolu family. She acted in more than 200 films in Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. In 2008, she received the Raghupathi Venkaiah Award for her contributions to Telugu cinema.

99. Who has become the fastest cricketer to score 20,000 international runs?

A. KL Rahul

B. Aaron Finch

C. Rohit Sharma

D. Virat Kohli

E. Corey Anderson

Ans. D Sol. India captain Virat Kohli (417- innings) has become the fastest batsman to reach 20,000 international runs. Virat Kohli (131 in Tests, 223 in ODIs and 62T20I) broke Sachin Tendulkar (453 innings) and Brian Lara's (453 innings) record to become the fastest to 20,000 international runs.

100. Which engineering institution has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with Ministry of Shipping for setting up the Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology?

A. IIT Kharagpur

B. IIT Patna

C. IT Guwahati

D. IIT Madras

E. IIT Kanpur

Ans. A

Sol.

Ministry of Shipping and IIT Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for setting up the Centre for Inland and Coastal Maritime Technology. The Centre will focus on indigenisation of ship designing, building and testing. Currently, only Germany, the Netherlands, Russia and Belgium have model testing facilities for ships.

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