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1. Who has been appointed new Governor of Uttar Pradesh?

- A. Fagu Chauhan
- B. Ganga Prasad
- C. Satya Pal Malik
- D. Anandiben Patel
- E. Lalji Tandon

Ans. D  
Sol.

Senior BJP leader Anandiben Patel (84-years) took oath as Governor of Uttar Pradesh at a function in Raj Bhawan, Lucknow.

Ms Patel will be the second woman Governor of the state after Sarojini Naidu.

The governors (exist in the states) and lieutenant-governors/administrators (union territories and in the NCT of Delhi) of the states and union territories of India have similar powers and functions at the state level as that of the President of India at Union level.

The governor acts as the nominal head whereas the real power lies with the Chief ministers of the states and his/her councils of ministers.

2. Who among the following Indian women Boxer has won the Gold medal in 51kg category at President's Cup?

- A. Simranjit Kaur
- B. Pinki Rani
- C. Mary Kom
- D. Laishram Sarita Devi
- E. None of these

Ans. C  
Sol.

Indian Boxer, Mary Kom defeated Australian April Franks 5-0 to win the Gold Medal at the 23rd President's Cup.

3. Former Union Minister S Jaipal Reddy passed away recently. He was associated with which political party?

- A. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)
- B. Indian National Congress (INC)
- C. Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)
- D. Communist Party of India (CPI)
- E. Telugu Desam Party (TDP)

Ans. B  
Sol.

Senior Congress leader and former Union Minister S Jaipal Reddy (77-years) passed away in a hospital in Hyderabad. He was a four-term MLA, member of Lok Sabha for five terms and member of Rajya Sabha for two terms.

4. Which of the following years the first ICC World Test Championship Finals will be held?

- A. 2019
- B. 2020
- C. 2021
- D. 2022
- E. 2023

Ans. C  
Sol.

International Cricket Council (ICC) has officially launched the inaugural World Test Championship (WTC).

For this 71-Test matches will be played across 27 series. After this, the two top teams will play the finals for World Test Championship (WTC) in June 2021 in the UK.

The World Test Championship will be held with top 9 test teams playing against each other over the next 2 years starting from August 01, 2019.

5. Which of the following Cricket team has received affiliation from the Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) in India?

- A. Chandigarh
- B. Patna
- C. Ahmadabad
- D. Kota
- E. None of these

Ans. A  
Sol.

Chandigarh has finally received affiliation from the Board of Control for Cricket (BCCI) in India, thus providing an opportunity for the city cricketers to play in BCCI tournament.

Earlier, The BCCI had told Chandigarh Cricket Association (Punjab) and Chandigarh Cricket Association (Haryana) to merge into the UTCA and form a unified body to represent Chandigarh.

Now, Chandigarh has its own team in the Ranji Trophy and other domestic tournaments organised by the BCCI.

6. Who has won the People's Choice Prize at Boston International Sand Art Championship in the US?

- A. Nitish Bharti
- B. Rahul Arya
- C. Padmashri Sudarsan Pattnaik
- D. Manas Kumar Sahoo
- E. Sahil Ghosh

Ans. C  
Sol.

Renowned Indian sand artist Padmashri Sudarsan Pattnaik has won People's Choice Prize at Boston International Sand Art Championship in the US. Mr. Pattnaik (Representing India at the festival) bagged the award for his sand art on plastic pollution with the message 'Stop Plastic Pollution, Save Our Ocean'. Mr. Pattnaik was among the 15 top sand artists selected from across the world to participate in the 2019 Revere Beach International Sand Sculpting Festival in Boston.

7. Which of the following states police has launched the Automated Multi-modal Biometric Identification System (AMBIS) project for Crime detection?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Assam
- C. Punjab
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Bihar

Ans. D  
Sol.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has launched the Automated Multi-modal Biometric Identification System (AMBIS) which is a special digitized policing system to identify and track down criminals.

8. Which of the following cities hosted the 'India-Nepal Logistics Summit'?

- A. Birgunj
- B. New Delhi
- C. Kathmandu
- D. Mumbai
- E. None of these

Ans. C  
Sol.

Prime Minister of Nepal KP Sharma Oli has inaugurated 'India-Nepal Logistics Summit' in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The theme of the summit was "Transforming Logistics Landscape". Nepal and India have a significant volume of trade, investment, tourism and people-to-people movement for which smooth and quality logistics including easy transit facilities is very essential.

9. Who won the 'German Grand Prix' 2019?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Max Verstappen
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Kimi Raikkonen
- E. Daniel Ricciardo

Ans. B  
Sol.

Red Bull's driver Max Verstappen (21-years) clinched the rain-hit German Grand Prix 2019 at Hockenheim in Germany.

Now, Verstappen has the second title of the Formula One season.

Four-time former champion Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel claimed the second spot after starting from the rear of the grind.

The 2019 German Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race which was held on 28 July 2019 at the Hockenheimring in Germany.

The race was the eleventh race of the 2019 Formula One World Championship.

10. Who is the author of the book 'New-Age Technology and Industrial Revolution 4.0'?

- A. Narendra Jadhav
- B. M Venkaiah Naidu
- C. Nripendra Mishra
- D. Ranjan Singh
- E. Atul Verma

Ans. A  
Sol.

Vice President Venkaiah Naidu has released a book titled 'New-Age Technology and Industrial Revolution 4.0'.

The book is authored by Rajya Sabha Member, Narendra Jadhav.

11. Who has been appointed the new Governor of Bihar?

- A. Lalji Tandon
- B. Phagu Chauhan
- C. Anandiben Patel
- D. R S Gavai
- E. Satya Pal Malik

Ans. B

Sol.

Phagu Chauhan is an Indian politician serving as the 29th and current Governor of Bihar.

He is a former member of 17th Legislative Assembly of Uttar Pradesh from Ghosi, a seat he won from a record six times.

Mr. Chauhan, a six-time MLA from Ghosi Assembly constituency in Uttar Pradesh's Mau district, had resigned from the UP Assembly on Friday.

After having won the Assembly election for the first time in 1985 on a Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Party (DMKP) symbol, he returned as an MLA again in 1991 on a Janata Dal ticket.

He won the seat in 1996 and 2002 on the BJP symbol.

Mr. Chauhan again won Ghosi in May 2007 on a Bahujan Samaj Party ticket but later returned to the saffron party and won the Assembly election for the sixth time in March 2017.

12. Who has been appointed as the Director-General (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF)?

- A. Aswini Kumar
- B. Sharawan Tondon
- C. V K Johri
- D. Birbal Nath
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

IPS officer VK Johri (1984-batch - Madhya Pradesh cadre) has been appointed as the next Director-General (DG) of Border Security Force (BSF). The BSF is the country's largest border guarding force (present strength of about 2.5 lakh personnel) and is tasked to secure two of India's most important

and sensitive fronts with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

The two other border guarding forces are ITBP (China) and SSB (Nepal and Bhutan).

13. What is the theme of 2019 World Hepatitis Day (WHD)?

- A. More must be done to stop this silent killer
- B. Hepatitis: Think Again
- C. Test. Treat. Hepatitis
- D. Invest in eliminating Hepatitis
- E. Know Hepatitis-Act now

Ans. D

Sol.

The theme of World Hepatitis Day 2019 is "Invest in eliminating Hepatitis".

World Hepatitis Day is being observed on 28th July worldwide to raise global awareness of Hepatitis and encourage prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

The theme focuses on the hepatitis elimination goals by 2030, in the context of universal health coverage.

The date of 28 July was chosen because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered the hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.

14. Which of the following ministries will conduct the 7th Economic Census in India?

- A. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- B. Ministry of Women and Child Development
- C. Ministry of External Affairs
- D. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- E. Ministry of Home Affairs

Ans. D

Sol.

The Union government has kicked off the 7th Economic Census from the north-eastern state of Tripura.

The census conducted by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) will be held this year after a gap of five years.

It will be launched in other states and union territories in August and September.

The data will be collected through the door to door survey of each household and commercial establishment under the provisions of the Collection of Statistics Act 2008.

As per the last Economic Census conducted in 2013, there were 58.5 million establishments employing around 131 million workers.

15. Who among the following Indian women Boxer has won the Gold medal in 60kg category at President's Cup?

- A. Pinki Rani
- B. Ankushita Boro
- C. Laishram Sarita Devi
- D. Simranjit Kaur
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Indian Boxer Simranjit Kaur defeated Indonesia's Asian Games bronze medallist Hasanah Huswatun 5-0 in 60kg category at 23rd President's Cup Boxing Tournament in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia.

16. Who is the current Chief Minister of Karnataka?

- A. B S Yeddyurappa
- B. Jagadish Shettar
- C. D V Sadananda Gowda
- D. Siddaramaiah
- E. Dharam Singh

Ans. A

Sol. BJP leader B.S. Yeddyurappa (76-years) sworn in as the Chief Minister of Karnataka at a ceremony held in Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru. On 23rd July 2019, the vote of confidence happened, and BJP defeats the trust of the vote as BJP got 105 votes while the coalition (Government of H. D. Kumaraswamy) got 99 votes. B S Yeddyurappa is popularly known as "Raithara Bandhu" for his pro-farmer policies, initiatives like separate agriculture budget in Karnataka Government during his chief ministership.

17. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC)?

- A. Mallikarjun Kharge
- B. Rahul Gandhi
- C. Sonia Gandhi
- D. Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- E. Ghulam Nabi Azad

Ans. D

Sol. The leader of the Congress party in Lok Sabha, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury has been appointed as the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC). The PAC has 15 members from Lok Sabha and seven from Rajya Sabha. The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) is a committee of selected members of parliament, constituted by the Parliament of India, for the purpose of auditing the revenue and the expenditure of the Government of India. It serves as a check on the government especially with respect to its expenditure bill.

18. Who has been appointed as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) of USA?

- A. Mark Milley
- B. Joseph Dunford
- C. Martin Dempsey
- D. Michael Mullen
- E. Peter Pace

Ans. A

Sol. The US Senate has overwhelmingly confirmed four-star Army General Mark Milley (61-years) as the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). He will replace General Joseph Dunford. The Chairman is nominated by the President for the appointment and must be confirmed via majority vote by the Senate. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) is, the highest-ranking and senior-most military officer in the United States Armed Forces

19. India's first dragon blood-oozing tree has been discovered in which states?

- A. Odisha
- B. Assam
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu
- E. West Bengal

Ans. B

Sol. Three-member team of researchers led by Jatindra Sarma (Assam forest officer) has discovered India's first dragon blood-oozing tree in Assam. The tree is named *Dracaena cambodiana*.

20. Who is the head of Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC)?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. V V S Laxman
- C. Sourav Ganguly
- D. Kapil Dev
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. A Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC) that is headed by former captain Kapil Dev will select the new coach of Indian Cricket Men's Team.

21. As per Reserve Bank of India's Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) reduced by 35 basis to \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

- A. 5.75
- B. 5.40
- C. 5.65
- D. 4.75
- E. 6.00

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced its third Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in Mumbai.

\* The RBI reduced the policy repo rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 35 basis points (bps) from 5.75 per cent to 5.40 per cent with immediate effect.

\* Repo rate is the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India lends money to commercial banks in event of any shortfall of funds. Repo rate is used by the RBI in order to control the inflation in the economy.

22. As per Reserve Bank of India's Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy the Reverse Repo Rate is reduced to \_\_\_\_\_ percent.

- A. 5.00
- B. 5.25
- C. 5.15
- D. 4.75

E. 4.50

Ans. C

Sol.

\* Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced its third Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in Mumbai.

\* The MPC revised the Reverse Repo Rate under the LAF to 5.15 per cent.

\* Reverse Repo Rate is the rate at which the Reserve Bank of India borrow money from the commercial banks within the country. It is a monetary policy instrument to control the money supply in the economy.

23. Consider the following statements regarding the monetary policy of the Reserve Bank of India:

1) The RBI is authorized to made monetary policy under the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934.

2) The Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Department (MPD) determines the policy rates required to achieve the inflation target.

3) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI assists the Monetary Policy Department (MPD) in forming the monetary policy.

A. Only 1 and 2 is correct

B. Only 1 and 3 is correct

C. Only 2 and 3 is correct

D. Only 1 is correct

E. All 1, 2 and 3 is correct

Ans. D

Sol.

\* Monetary policy refers to the policy of the **Reserve Bank of India** with regard to the use of monetary instruments under its control to achieve the goals of **GDP growth** and lower inflation rate.

\* The RBI is authorized to made monetary policy under the **Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934**.

\* The Reserve Bank's **Monetary Policy Department (MPD)** assists the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in forming the monetary policy.

\* The **Monetary Policy Committee determines** the policy rates required to achieve the inflation target.

24. Which of the following statement regarding Sushma Swaraj is not correct?

- A. She was the First full-time women External Affairs Minister of India
- B. She was the first Women Chief Minister of Delhi
- C. She also serve as chief Minister of Haryana
- D. Sushma Swaraj has been elected Member of Parliament (LS& RS) 7 times
- E. Sushma Swaraj was awarded the Best Parliamentarian award two times in 2008 & 2010.

Ans. C

Sol.

- \* Veteran BJP leader and former External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj (67-years) passed away in New Delhi after suffering a massive cardiac arrest.
- \* Sushma Swaraj has been elected Member of Parliament (LS& RS) 7 times and Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) for 3 times.
- \* In 2014 when Narendra Modi lead NDA won the General Election, she became the first full-time women External Affairs Minister.
- \* She was also the 1st woman Chief Minister of Delhi (5th) from 13th October to 3rd December 1998.
- \* Sushma Swaraj was awarded the Best Parliamentarian award two times in 2008 & 2010.
- \* Swaraj was called India's "best-loved politician" by the US daily Wall Street Journal.
- \* She never served as **Chief Minister of Haryana**, though she was appointed as **youngest cabinet minister** in Haryana in 1977.

25. Nobel Prize-winning author and novelist 'Toni Morrison' passed away recently, she held from which country?

- A. USA
- B. South Africa
- C. Ghana
- D. Maxico
- E. Canada

Ans. A

Sol.

- \* Nobel laureate Toni Morrison (88 years) passed away following a short illness.

\* Morrison was one of the most iconic writers of her time, excelling as a novelist, essayist, editor, and short story writer.

\* Her most celebrated works are 'Beloved', 'Song of Solomon' and The Bluest Eye.

\* She was the 1st African American woman to win the Nobel in literature (in 1993).

\* For her acclaimed book 'Beloved' she also awarded with the Pulitzer Prize in 1988.

\* Her book Song of Solomon has received the National Book Critics Circle Award in 1977.

26. The National Handloom Day was observed on 7th August to honour the handloom weavers in the country and highlight India's handloom industry. This year's handloom day is \_\_\_\_\_ National Handloom Day.

- A. 5<sup>th</sup>
- B. 6<sup>th</sup>
- C. 7<sup>th</sup>
- D. 8<sup>th</sup>
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

\* The National Handloom Day (5th) is being observed annually on 7th August to honour the handloom weavers in the country and highlight India's handloom industry.

\* In this occasion Union Textile and Women & Child Development Minister, Smriti Jubin Irani, presided over a function at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

\* To honour the handloom weavers in India every year on this date in a day is being celebrated.

\* National Handloom Day seeks to focus on the contribution of handloom to the socio-economic development of the country and increase the income of weavers.

27. Which of the following state has passed a bill on Honour Killing?

- A. Haryana
- B. Uttar Pradesh'
- C. Punjab
- D. Rajasthan

E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

\* Rajasthan state assembly has passed a bill on honour killing which is named as 'The Rajasthan Prohibition of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances in the Name of Honour and Tradition Bill, 2019'.

\* This bill makes the honour killing a punishable offense which may award death penalty or life imprisonment.

\* This bill was brought by the state government in order to curb the incidents of honour killing in the state.

28. India contributed USD 5 million to the UN Palestine refugee agency and the amount is handed over to UNRWA. What is the expanded form of UNRWA?

A. United Nations Rehabilitation and Works Agency

B. United Nations Relief and Works Agency

C. United Nations Rehabilitation and Welfare Agency

D. United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

\* India contributed USD 5 million to the UN Palestine refugee agency and called for ensuring sustained fiscal support for the organisation's work.

\* The cheque for the amount was handed over to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) for Palestinian Refugees by Representative of India (ROI) in Palestine, Sunil Kumar, at the Agency's headquarters in Jerusalem.

\* The UNRWA has been providing health, education, relief and social services, as well as emergency humanitarian assistance, across its five areas of operations in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, West Bank, and the Gaza Strip since 1950.

29. The traffic police of which of the following cities has launched the 3-D Smart Traffic Signal system based on Artificial Intelligence?

A. Chandigarh

B. Delhi

C. Amritsar

D. Mohali

E. Jaipur

Ans. D

Sol.

\* Mohali traffic police has launched the 3-D Smart Traffic Signal system based on Artificial Intelligence.

\* This 3-D technique is first of its kind in the country.

\* The new system called 'Intelights' will have sensors which would automatically switch on the green and red signals depending upon the number of vehicles coming from that particular side.

\* It will regulate with a smart bird's eye view wireless sensor system.

30. In the latest ICC Test Ranking which of the following country's cricket team is at the top position?

A. New Zealand

B. Australia

C. South Africa

D. England

E. India

Ans. E

Sol.

\* India topped the latest ICC Test team rankings while New Zealand is placed 2nd and South Africa is in 3rd position.

\* India skipper Virat Kohli retains his number one position in the latest ICC Test batsmen's rankings.

\* Australian batsman Steve Smith overtook India's Cheteshwar Pujara to grab the No.3 spot.

\* Australian speedster Pat Cummins retains his top position in Test bowling, with a seven-wicket match haul.

31. To create awareness among the parents about breastfeeding the Women and Child Development Ministry observed 'World Breastfeeding Week (WBW)' from \_\_\_\_\_.

A. 1st to 7th August 2019

B. 3rd to 9th August 2019

C. 5th to 11th August 2019

D. 6th to 12th August 2019

E. None of these



Ans. A  
Sol.

- World Breastfeeding Week (WBW) is being observed from 1st to 7th August 2019.
- The focus this year is on protection, promotion, and support of breastfeeding.
- Annually, WABA coordinates and organises the World Breastfeeding Week (WBW).
- World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) is a global network of individuals and organisations dedicated to the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding worldwide based on the Innocenti Declarations, the Ten Links for Nurturing the Future and the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding.

32. Recently, Union Government has approved a river interlinking project worth rupees 4,900 crore for which rivers in Bihar?

- A. Ganaga-Son
- B. Gandak-Koshi
- C. Kosi-Mechi
- D. Ken-Betwa
- E. Gahghra-Kosi

Ans. C  
Sol.

- The Union Government has approved a project worth Rs. 4,900-crore Kosi-Mechi river interlinking project in Bihar.
- The project will prevent recurring floods in north Bihar and also irrigate over 2.14 lakh hectares of cultivable land in Bihar.
- The central government has approved construction of 76.20 km canals on the eastern bank of Kosi for irrigation purpose,
- The project is aimed at alleviating hardships of the people resulting from the floods and has the potential to usher in a green revolution in the Seemanchal region.
- This is the second major river interlinking project in the country to be approved after the Ken-Betwa project in Madhya Pradesh.

33. The Lalit Kala Academy has celebrated 65th Foundation Day in New

Delhi, its works under which of the following Ministry?

- A. Human Resource and Development Ministry
- B. Women and Child Development Ministry
- C. Ministry of Culture
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology
- E. None of these

Ans. C  
Sol.

- The Ministry of Culture and Tourism has celebrated the Lalit Kala Akademi's 65th Foundation Day in New Delhi.
- The Minister also inaugurated art camp and artwork & painting exhibition and released a book 'Mithila Ki Lok Chitrakala'.
- Lalit Kala Akademi (or National Academy of Art) was established in New Delhi in 1954 by the government to promote and propagate understanding of Indian art, in and outside the country.
- LKA provides scholarships and a fellow program, and sponsors and organises exhibitions in India and overseas.

34. Recently, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has published an Indian Standard for identification, marking and labelling of Pashmina products to certify its purity. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) works under which ministry?

- A. Ministry of Science and Technology
- B. Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- C. Ministry of Finance
- D. Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- E. Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

Ans. B  
Sol.

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the national Standards Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.

Pashmina is a special breed of goat indigenous to the high altitude regions of Ladakh in Jammu and Kashmir. They are raised for ultra-fine cashmere wool, known as Pashmina once woven. These goats are generally domesticated and reared by nomadic communities

called the Changpa in the Changthang region of Greater Ladakh. It is established by the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986. The Minister in charge of the Ministry or Department having administrative control of the BIS is the ex-officio President of the BIS.

35. The 3rd edition of India's largest education brainstorming event, the ScooNews Global Educators Fest (SGEF) will be held in which city?

- A. Udaipur
- B. Jaipur
- C. New Delhi
- D. Patna
- E. Bhubaneswar

Ans. A  
Sol.

- The 3rd edition of India's largest education brainstorming event, the ScooNews Global Educators Fest (SGEF) will be held in the city of lakes, Udaipur, Rajasthan (9 & 10th August 2019).
- The theme for this year's fest is 'Education for Sustainability: Moving on from conformity to creativity'.
- It will bring together over 500 educators to discuss the way towards establishing India as the next global education powerhouse.

36. The 'Statue of Unity' has been shortlisted for 'The Structural Awards 2019' of the UK-based Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE). In which city it was build?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Vadodara
- D. Surat
- E. Kevadia

Ans. E  
Sol.

- The most prolific creation in recent times, the Statue of Unity, is the World's Tallest Monument. It represents more than a colossal structure facing the Sardar Sarovar Dam on the river Narmada.
- It is an iconic symbol of the 'Iron Man', who played an important role during

India's freedom struggle and thereafter in the unification of the princely states.

- It reminds the world of the towering personality of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the nucleus of India's integration as a united country.
- Statue of Unity (memorial to Sardar Patel) was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gujarat's Kevadia town on 31st October 2018.

37. Japan suffered two nuclear attacks by the United States at the end of World War II, 1st at Hiroshima and the second was at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Yokohama
- B. Osaka
- C. Tokyo
- D. Nagasaki
- E. Kyoto

Ans. D  
Sol.

- Japan suffered two nuclear attacks 1st Hiroshima & 2nd at Nagasaki by the United States at the end of World War II in 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> August, 1945 respectively.
- The bombings claimed 1 Lakh 40 thousand lives in Hiroshima and 74 thousand in Nagasaki.
- Recently Japan marked 74th anniversary (6th August) of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

38. Recently, ISRO has laid the foundation stone for Space Situational Awareness Control Centre at \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Sriharikota
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Chennai
- E. Chandipur

Ans. A  
Sol.

- ISRO Chairman K Sivan laid the foundation stone for Space Situational Awareness Control Centre at Peenya in Bengaluru.
- The control centre would facilitate the intensified activities foreseen for SSAM, in view of increasing debris population and operational space assets.
- The control centre would host a range of activities pertaining to the protection of Indian space assets from inactive

satellites, pieces of orbiting objects, near-earth asteroids and adverse space weather conditions.

39. Which among the following Banks has become the first Indian Bank to link up with China's National Advance Payment System (CNAPS)?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- The State Bank of India's Shanghai branch is now connected to China's National Advance Payment System (CNAPS), becoming the first Indian Bank to operationalise it.
- The CNAPS, launched in 2008 by People's Bank of China (PBOC) provides real-time settlement services for all payments cleared in mainland China, as well as in all clearing banks in offshore yuan centres, such as Hong Kong.
- The CIPS already has participants from multiple countries across the globe.

40. Who among the following cricketers has become the batsman with the most-number of sixes in the T20I format?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Chris Gayle
- C. David Warner
- D. Rohit Sharma
- E. Steve Smith

Ans. D

Sol.

- India's opening batsman Rohit Sharma (32 years) has become the batsman with the most- number of sixes in the T20I format.
- He blasted two sixes to go past West Indies's Chris Gayle at the top spot.
- Now, the right-handed batsman Rohit Sharma has 106 sixes in the format whereas Gayle has 105.
- Kiwi opening batsman Martin Guptill sits on the third position with 103 sixes.
- Currently, Rohit Sharma holds the record for the most number of centuries (four) and highest run-scorer in the T20I format.

41. Which film has been awarded with best film on Social Issue in the 66th National film Awards?

- A. Pad Man
- B. Sarala Virala
- C. Uri: The Surgical Strike
- D. Andhadhun
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

Hindi movie Padman declared Best Film on Social Issues.

Pad Man is a 2018 Indian Hindi-language comedy-drama film directed and written by R. Balki, featuring Akshay Kumar, Sonam Kapoor and Radhika Apte in lead roles.

The film is based on "The Sanitary Man of Sacred Land", a short story from Twinkle Khanna's book, The Legend of Lakshmi Prasad, which is inspired from the life of Arunachalam Muruganantham, a Tamil Nadu-based social activist who revolutionized the concept of menstrual hygiene in rural India by creating a low-cost sanitary napkin machine.

42. Which of the following films was awarded Best Features Film in the 66<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards?

- A. Village Rockstars
- B. Andhadhun
- C. Bhayanakam
- D. Hellaro
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

The National Award for Best Feature Film went to Gujarati movie 'Hellaro', based on women in Kutch.

Vicky Kaushal and Ayushmann Khurrana shared the award for Best Actor for their performances in 'Uri' and 'Andhadhun' respectively, while Keerthy Suresh took home the National Award for Best Actress for the Telugu film 'Mahanati'.

43. Which of the following states government will launch a scheme for restructuring of loans of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMEs)?

- A. Kerala
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttarakhand
- E. Punjab

Ans. B

Sol.

The Andhra Pradesh government will launch a scheme for restructuring of loans of Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMEs) under the Dr YSR Navodayam scheme to support the stressed MSME sector.

44. Which of the following cities hosted India's largest Women Startup Summit 2019?

- A. Ranchi
- B. Kochi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Chandigarh
- E. Pune

Ans. B

Sol.

Seeking to promote women entrepreneurship in a big way, Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) hosted a women startup summit, in association with the Indian women network floated by Confederation of Indian Industries (CII), at the integrated startup complex, Kochi.

45. Recently Diego Forlan announced his retirement. He was related to which sports?

- A. Cricket
- B. Football
- C. Tennis
- D. Badminton
- E. Chess

Ans. B

Sol.

Former Uruguay football player Diego Forlan (40 -years) has announced his retirement, ending a 21-year career in which he played club soccer on three different continents. Forlan was awarded the Golden Ball for best player at the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Forlan also played in the Indian Super League with Mumbai City in 2016.

46. Which of the following cities hosted the International Electric Vehicle (EV) Conclave 2019?

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

Ans. E

Sol.

3rd International Electric Vehicle (EV) Conclave was held in Manesar, Gurugram.

It was organized by the International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) in association with India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA).

47. Which of the following states Government has launched 'Vriksharopan Mahakumbh' campaign?

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Odisha
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

Uttar Pradesh government has achieved its target of planting 22 crore saplings in one day across the state under its 'Vriksharopan Mahakumbh' campaign. Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath, also announced that 25 crore saplings would be planted in 2020.

48. Which of the following has partnered with NITI Aayog for the 2019 Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards?

- A. Google
- B. Facebook
- C. WhatsApp
- D. Amazon
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

WhatsApp has collaborated with NITI Aayog for WTI Awards 2019 and will be providing support amounting to USD 100,000 to award winners. NITI Aayog launched fourth edition of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards. Nominations for the awards will be opened immediately after the launch.

The theme for this year's award is 'Women and Entrepreneurship', in continuation of the theme for WTI Awards 2018.

49. Which of the following ministries has launched e-version of Rozgar Samachar?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
- C. Ministry of Environment
- D. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- E. Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Ans. E

Sol.

The Union Minister of Information & Broadcasting has launched the e-version of Rozgar Samachar.

It has been launched with a view to make aspirants aware of job opportunities in government sector including public sector enterprises. It will also provide information and guidance about admission and career opportunities in various streams through career-oriented articles by experts. It can be accessed by visiting the website [www.employmentnews.gov.in](http://www.employmentnews.gov.in) and clicking on the e-version tab.

50. In the recently passed **Motor Vehicles (Amendment), Act 2019** there is a proposal of a scheme to allow cashless treatment of victims in a road accident during the golden hour. The 'golden hour' is defined as the time period of up to \_\_\_\_\_ following a traumatic injury, during which the likelihood of preventing death through prompt medical care is the highest.

- A. One hour
- B. Two hour
- C. Three hour
- D. Four hour
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

\* President Ram Nath Kovind has given his assent to the Motor Vehicles (Amendment), Act 2019.

\* The Bill proposes a scheme to allow cashless treatment of victims in a road accident during the golden hour.

\* The 'golden hour' is defined as the time period of up to one hour following a traumatic injury, during which the likelihood of preventing death through prompt medical care is the highest.

\* The Bill proposes to increase the minimum compensation for hit and run cases.

\* In case of death, the compensation has been raised from Rs. 25,000 to Rs. 2,00,000, and in case of grievous injury it will be from Rs. 12500 to Rs. 50,000.

51. Who among the following has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission?

- A. MC Mary Com
- B. Nelson Abujam
- C. Valentina Elangbam
- D. Anju Bobby George
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

\* Valentina Elangbam (9-year) has been appointed as the brand ambassador for the Chief Minister's Green Manipur Mission.

\* The young child (from Manipur) was seen weeping profusely in a viral video after two trees that she had planted were cut down.

\* Kakching district's Valentina is a class 5 student of Amutombi Divine Life School in Hiyanglam Wabagai.

\* She had planted two Gulmohar trees when she was in class 1 near the bank of a river in her locality.

\* Valentina was inconsolably upset after the trees she had planted were cut down while the river-bank was being cleaned.

52. On the eve of '73rd Independence Day' thousands of students and members of several social organizations unfurled a 15-km long national flag by forming a human chain in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ahmedabad
- C. Raipur
- D. Bhopal

E. Lucknow

Ans. C

Sol.

\* Thousands of students and members of several social organisations unfurled a 15-km long national flag by forming a human chain in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

\* The event, organized by Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam Foundation, entered the Champions Book of World Records (for the longest tricolour).

\* Thousands of people and students from various schools created a human chain while holding the 15-km long tricolour from Amapara Chowk to Pt Ravishankar Shukla University.

53. Recently, Union Human Resource and Development Ministry has launched Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha drive to promote water conservation activities among school students. Currently who is HRD minister of India?

A. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

B. Smriti Jubin Irani

C. Suresh Prabhu

D. Prakash Javadekar

E. S. Jaishankar

Ans. A

Sol.

\* Currently Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' is the Union Human Resource Development Minister.

\* HRD minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank and Jal Shakti minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat have launched the Samagra Shiksha-Jal Suraksha drive to promote water conservation activities among school students.

\* They have launched the drive at Kendriya Vidyalaya Number 2 at Delhi Cantonment.

\* The Department of School Education and Literacy under the HRD Ministry has started the drive to promote water conservation activities among school students so that they can become competent, conscientious and committed citizens of the nation.

\* The department has prepared a detailed outline to implement the programme in all the schools of the country.

54. Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched 'Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana'. This is a scheme of which of the following state government?

A. Bihar

B. Haryana

C. Punjab

D. Uttar Pradesh

E. Jharkhand

Ans. E

Sol.

\* Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu has launched the Jharkhand government's 'Mukhya Mantri Krishi Ashirwad Yojana'.

\* The objective of the 'Chief Minister Krishi Ashirwad Yojana' is to provide financial assistance to the farmers of Jharkhand and to help the farmers facing problems in agriculture due to loans.

\* The target of providing financial assistance of Rs. 3 thousand crores to 35 lakh farmers of the state are set.

\* In the first phase of this scheme, 15 lakh farmers of the state will be given the benefit of the scheme.

55. Which of the following states/UT will host the 3rd edition of 'Khelo India' in 2020?

A. Maharashtra

B. Assam

C. Delhi

D. Punjab

E. Telangana

Ans. B

Sol. Union Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Kiren Rijiju has announced that the 3rd edition of 'Khelo India' Games will be held in Guwahati, Assam.

It will be conducted in partnership with Indian Olympic Association, School Games Federation of India & Assam as host State.

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

Every year best 1000 kids will be given an annual scholarship of INR 5,00,000 for 8 years to prepare them for the international sporting events.

56. The International Youth Day (IYD) is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 10th August
- B. 11th August
- C. 12th August
- D. 13th August
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

\* The International Youth Day (IYD) is observed every year on 12th August (first in 2000) to draw attention to a given set of cultural and legal issues surrounding youth.

\* The theme for International Youth Day 2019 is "Transforming education".

\* International Youth Day 2019 will examine how Governments, young people and youth-led and youth-focused organizations, as well as other stakeholders, are transforming education and how these efforts are contributing to the achievement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

57. Recently, David Verman has passed away, he was a famous \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Sportsman
- B. Song Writer
- C. Musician
- D. Film Director
- E. Actor

Ans. B

Sol.

\* Singer-songwriter David Berman (52-years) who formed the indie group 'Silver Jews' in the 1990s passed away.

\* Berman had suffered from drug addiction for years and had survived several overdoses and one suicide attempt.

\* The 'Silver Jews' that recorded six studio albums between 1994 and 2008 rarely performed live.

\* Berman also authored two books of poetry, 'Actual Air,' and 'The Portable February.

58. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has agreed to come under the ambit of the NADA. What is the expanded form of NADA?

- A. National Anti-Drug Agency
- B. National Anti-Doping Agency
- C. National Association of Drug Agency
- D. National Association of Doping Agency
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

\* The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has agreed to come under the ambit of the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

\* This landmark decision makes Indian Cricket's governing body a sports federation as per government norms despite being financially autonomous.

\* As a result, all cricketers will now be tested by NADA.

\* The National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) is the national organisation responsible for promoting, coordinating, and monitoring the doping control program in sports in all its forms in India.

59. Recently India's Bajrang Punia has won the gold medal at Tbilisi Grand Prix in Tbilisi, Georgia. He is related with which sports?

- A. Badminton
- B. Shooting
- C. Wrestling
- D. Sprinter
- E. Swimming

Ans. C

Sol.

\* India's top wrestler Bajrang Punia has won the gold medal at Tbilisi Grand Prix in Tbilisi, Georgia.

\* He defeated Iran's Peiman Bibyani by 2-0 in the 65 kg final of the men's freestyle competition.

\* It is fourth gold of the season for Bajrang after standing atop the podium at Dan Kolov, Asian Championship and Ali Aliev tournament.

\* Tbilisi Grand Prix of V. Balavadze and G. Kartoziya is organised by the Georgian Wrestling Federation at the New Sports Palace, Georgia.

60. Every year 'World Elephant Day' is celebrated all over the world on

\_\_\_\_\_ to raise awareness about the Elephant.

- A. 9<sup>th</sup> August
- B. 10<sup>th</sup> August
- C. 11<sup>th</sup> August
- D. 12<sup>th</sup> August
- E. 13<sup>th</sup> August

Ans. D

Sol.

\* The World Elephant Day (WED) is celebrated on 12th August every year to raise awareness about the Elephant.

\* The goal of International Elephant Day is to create awareness of the urgent plight of African and Asian elephants and to share knowledge and management of captive & wild elephants.

\* On 12 August 2012, the first international Elephant Day was celebrated.

61. How many Indian origin youth participated in 54th edition of 'Know India (KIP) Programme'?

- A. 45
- B. 50
- C. 40
- D. 30
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

• 40 Indian Origin youth have participated part in 54th edition of 'Know India (KIP) Programme'. This edition was scheduled from 1st August to 25th August, 2019.

• These 40 participants are from 9 countries, namely Fiji (7), Trinidad & Tobago (7), Mauritius (7), Guyana (6), Suriname (5), Myanmar (3), South Africa, Israel (2) and Reunion Island (1).

62. Who has been appointed as head coach of Indian men's cricket team?

- A. Sourabh Ganguly
- B. Sunil Gavaskar
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Ravi Shastri
- E. None of the above

Ans. D

Sol.

• Ravi Shastri has been re-appointed head coach of Indian men's cricket team

till 2021 by Kapil Dev-led Cricket Advisory Committee (CAC).

• Ravi Shastri is reappointment for a 2-year period. His tenure will end with T20 World Cup 2021 in India.

63. Which of the following drugs has been recently approved by United States (US) Food and Drug Administration, for treating drug-resistant strain of Tuberculosis (TB)?

- A. Pretomanid
- B. Isoniazid
- C. Pyrazinamide
- D. Ethambutol
- E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

• United States (US) Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved new drug-Pretomanid for treating drug-resistant strain of Tuberculosis (TB).

• Pretomanid is novel compound developed by New York-based non-profit organisation TB Alliance.

• It is used alongside two other antibiotics (bedaquiline and linezolid) to treat extremely drug-resistant strain of tuberculosis.

64. National Tribal Festival organized at which place?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Ranchi
- C. Leh Ladakh
- D. Cuttack
- E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

• Aadi Mahotsav or National Tribal Festival is being organised at Polo Ground, Leh-Ladakh.

• It is a 9 day festival that was celebrated from 17 August to 25 August 2019. The event will be inaugurated by Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Satya Pal Malik.

65. Which of the following recently received GI tag?

- A. Tirur betel leaf
- B. Rasgulla of Bihar
- C. Samba rice of Madhya Pradesh
- D. Aditya wheat of Uttar Pradesh



E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- Geographical Indications Registry under Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has accorded Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Tirur betel leaf from Kerala.
- It is mainly cultivated in Tirur, Tanur, Tirurangadi, Kuttippuram, Malappuram and Vengara block panchayaths of Malappuram District of Kerala.
- It is valued both for its mild stimulant action and medicinal properties.

66. Which district of Tamil Nadu will be divided into three districts?

A. Coimbatore

B. Vellore

C. Salem

D. Tiruchirapalli

E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

- Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu Edappadi K Palaniswami announced that Vellore district of state would be trifurcated into Vellore, Ranipet and Tirupattur districts
- Vellore will be headquarters of these 2 new districts. With creation of two more districts the total number of districts in state would become 37.

67. Who received 2019 Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman in Sanskrit?

A. SujataTripathi

B. Anoma Shriram Sakhare

C. Santhosh Thottingal

D. Chand KiranSaluja

E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- President of India Ramnath Kovind awarded Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman to various scholars of Sanskrit, Persian, Arabic, Pali, Prakrit, Classical Kannada, Classical Telugu, Classical Malayalam and Classical Odiya for year 2019.
- Prof. SujataTripathi received the award for his contribution in Sanskrit.

68. Which state launched the flagship program 'Village Volunteers System' aimed at providing government services at doorsteps of people?

A. Tamil Nadu

B. Kerala

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Karnataka

E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

- Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh YS Jagan Mohan Reddy launched his government's flagship programme called 'Village Volunteers System' aimed at providing government services at doorsteps of people.
- The scheme would be officially launched on 2 October 2019, which also marks 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

69. Who has been honored with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award in August 2019?

A. A S Kiran Kumar

B. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan

C. Shri G.Madhavan Nair

D. Kailasavadivoo Sivan

E. None of the above

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) Chairman Kailasavadivoo Sivan, was awarded Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award by Tamil Nadu government.
- He was awarded in recognition of his stellar work in promotion of science and technology.

70. What is the theme of World Humanitarian Day 2019?

A. NotATarget

B. Women Humanitarians

C. We are Humanitarian Workers

D. People Helping People

E. I Was Here

Ans. B

Sol.

- The theme of world humanitarian day 2019 was 'Women Humanitarians'. The day is observed annually to pay tribute to the humanitarian aid workers who endanger their lives for humanitarian service as well as to rally

support for the people affected by crisis across the world.

71. Which of the following Hydropower plants has been inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Bhutan?

- A. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project
- B. Chukha Hydropower Project
- C. Tala Hydropower Project
- D. Kurichhu Hydroelectric Project
- E. Basochhu Hydropower Project

Ans. A

Sol.

Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was formally inaugurated by the Indian & Bhutanese Prime Ministers from the capital city Thimpu, under the aegis of Bhutan-India Friendship Project.

Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was successfully commissioned by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).

It is one of the major projects under Bhutan's initiative to generate 10,000 MW hydropower by 2020 with the support of the Government of India (GOI).

72. President Ramnath Kovind has inaugurated the Bunker Museum in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Maharashtra Raj Bhavan
- B. Bihar Raj Bhavan
- C. Odisha Raj Bhavan
- D. West Bengal Raj Bhawan
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 15,000 square feet long underground 'Bunker Museum' at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai.

'Bunker Museum' has virtual reality booths to give insight to visitors about the 19th century when the bunker was created to fire cannons at approaching enemy ships.

On the occasion, President Kovind also laid the foundation stone of reconstruction of Maharashtra Governor's Office-cum-Residence known as Jal Bhushan.

73. Which of the following states has launched 'School Fagadaba' (Make

education better) to improve the infrastructure of government schools?

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Odisha
- D. Manipur
- E. Assam

Ans. D

Sol.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched a scheme named 'School Fagadaba' (Make education better) to improve the infrastructure of government schools in the state.

The objective of the "School Fagadaba" Scheme is to ensure better infrastructure, quality education and overall improvement of government schools to make them model schools. Biometric devices would be installed in schools in ensuring regular attendance of teachers.

74. Former Chief Minister of Bihar Dr Jagannath Mishra passed away recently. 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. E

Sol.

Veteran Congress leader and three-time Bihar Chief Minister Dr Jagannath Mishra (82-years) passed away at a hospital in Delhi.

Dr Mishra became Chief Minister in 1975, 1980 and 1989.

Before joining politics, Mishra was an economics professor at Bihar University.

75. Digital Payment Company, Paytm has elevated its CFO and senior vice-president Madhur Deora as president, who is the current ECO of Paytm?

- A. Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- B. Saurabh Jain
- C. Renu Satti
- D. Bipin Preet
- E. Sandeep Bakhshi

Ans. A

Sol.

- Paytm has elevated its CFO and senior vice-president Madhur Deora as president in a newly created role.
- Paytm was founded in August 2010 with an initial investment of USD 2 million by its founder Vijay Shekhar Sharma.
- Paytm have grown over 20x in the last 3 years by creating a payments-led lifestyle and financial services app in our country.
- Recently, Paytm has announced that within a year of the launch of its "Loan EMI, Credit Card Bill, and Insurance premium" payment use-case, it has captured 70% market share among all mobile payment apps for BFSI payments.

76. Which of the following states has announced to establish 'Lemru Elephant Reserve'?

- A. Manipur
- B. Odisha
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Haryana
- E. Punjab

Ans. C

Sol.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced to set up 'Lemru Elephant Reserve' to provide permanent habitat for the wild elephants in the state.

77. Which of the following cities hosted the international conference on teacher education?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ranchi
- C. Patna
- D. Pune
- E. Bhopal

Ans. A

Sol.

Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has inaugurated an international conference on teacher education in New Delhi. The two-day event is being organized by the National Council of Teacher Education as part of silver jubilee celebration of its establishment in 1995.

78. The World Photography Day (WPD) is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 20th August
- B. 19th August
- C. 11th August
- D. 15th August
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. World Photography Day is observed every year on 19<sup>th</sup> August to inspire photographers across the planet to share a single photo with the world. On this day, camera persons take stock of the different kind of photography that has come to the fore.

79. To boost the chemical industry India's first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (CICET) will be set up in which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Karnataka
- C. Gujarat
- D. Delhi
- E. Haryana

Ans. C

Sol.

• According to Union Minister of State for Chemical & Fertilizers Mansukh Mandaviya, India's first Central Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (CICET) will be set up in Gujarat to give boost to the chemical industry.

• The CICET will come up either at Ahmedabad or Surat.

• The Minister of State for Chemical and Fertilisers also announced setting up of another campus of the Central Institute of Plastic Engineering & Technology (CIPET) in Valsad at the cost of Rs 54 crore for the benefit of tribal students and the plastic industry.

• The Central government is also planning to set up a Plastic Waste Management Centre in Ahmedabad to find out solutions to systematic segregation and recycling of plastic waste.

80. Who among the following has been appointed as the National Coach of Bangladesh Cricket Team?

- A. Jacques Kallis
- B. Russel Domingo

- C. Shaun Pollock
- D. Gary Kirsten
- E. None of the Above

Ans. B

Sol.

- According to Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) President Nazmul Hasan, Former South African Coach Russel Domingo has been appointed as the Head Coach for the national cricket team for two years.
- He succeeds Steve Rhodes whose tenure was cut short after Bangladesh finished at the 8th position in the 10-nation World Cup this year.
- Russel Domingo has served as the Head Coach for South Africa's T20 side in 2012.
- He later replaced Gary Kirsten as South Africa Coach in the Tests and ODIs in 2013.

81. The Union Government has notified new sets of health warnings for all tobacco products by making an amendment in the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2008. The new warnings will come into effect from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 1st September, 2019
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2019
- C. 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2019
- D. 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2019
- E. 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Union Government has notified new sets of health warnings for all tobacco products by making an amendment in the Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products (Packaging and Labeling) Rules, 2008.
- The new warnings will come into effect from 1st September 2019.
- The text messages that will be printed on the packs are "tobacco causes painful death".
- A national toll-free number - 1800-11-2356 will also be printed on packs to assist the users to quit.
- This helps in creating awareness among tobacco users and gives them access to counselling services to effect behaviour change.

82. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has approved a proposal to declare ocean energy as Renewable Energy. Currently, who is Minister of New and Renewable Energy?

- A. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- B. Thawar Chand Gehlot
- C. Dharmendra Pradhan
- D. R K Singh
- E. Hardeep Singh Puri

Ans. D

Sol.

Currently,

- Subrahmanyam Jaishankar -minister of external affairs
- Thawar Chand Gehlot- Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
- Dharmendra Pradhan - Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas & Minister of Steel
- R K Singh- Minister of New and Renewable Energy
- Hardeep Singh Puri- Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Housing and Urban Affairs, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of Civil Aviation, Minister of State of Commerce and Industry

83. Biennial Multilateral Naval Exercise 'MILAN' will be organized at which place in March 2020?

- A. Malabar coast
- B. Andaman Nicobar
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Chennai
- E. Lakshadweep

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Navy will organise the multilateral naval exercise 'MILAN' at Visakhapatnam in March 2020.
- Launched in 1995, the MILAN series of biennial exercises were organised at Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) till 2018.
- However, because of the increased scope and complexity of the exercise, it is being conducted for the first time on the mainland at ENC.

84. Which of the following country has launched an unmanned rocket carrying a

life-size humanoid robot named Fedor to International Space Station in August, 2019?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Russia has launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named Fedor, (Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research) with identification number Skybot F850.
- It will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.
- Fedor blasted off in a Soyuz MS-14 spacecraft from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
- Fedor is described as potentially useful on Earth for working in high radiation environments, de-mining and tricky rescue missions.

85. Tirur betel vine which recently (August, 2019) has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag is betel leaf of which state?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Karnataka
- D. Meghalaya
- E. West Bengal

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tawlhlohpuan & Mizo Puanchei (from Mizoram), and Tirur betel vine (from Kerala) has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- GI is an indication used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
- The Geographical Indication comes under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- Tirur betel vine is valued both for its mild stimulant action and medicinal properties. It has many industrial and cultural usages and is considered as a remedy for bad breath and digestive disorders.

86. Who among the following has been conferred with the Pushkin Medal 2019 for her contribution to Russian studies abroad?

- A. Meeta Narain
- B. Suneeta Narain
- C. Jayati Ghosh
- D. Romila Thapar
- E. Zoya Hasan

Ans. A

Sol.

- Professor Meeta Narain of Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) has been conferred with the Pushkin Medal 2019 for her contribution to Russian studies abroad.
- Pushkin Medal is the highest International Award given to a scholar of Russian language and literature for outstanding contribution to Russian studies abroad.
- Narain has contributed towards re-writing of Russian studies textbooks for graduate students after the dissolution of the Soviet Union.
- Pushkin Medal is named after the famous Russian author and poet Alexander S. Pushkin.

87. Which of the following company has retained the title sponsorship rights of Indian cricket team for five years?

- A. Mobikwik
- B. PhonePe
- C. Paytm
- D. Vodafone
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

- According to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), mobile payments and e-commerce company "Paytm" has retained the title sponsorship rights for five years.
- Paytm has retained the title sponsorship rights for all cricket matches, domestic and international, played in India for 5 years.
- Earlier, In July 2019 Byju (owned by Think and Learn Private Limited) has replaced Oppo India as the official Team India sponsor.
- The deal period will begin from 5th September 2019 until 31st March 2022.

88. Who among the following has topped the Forbes' list 2019 of highest paid female actors in the world?

- A. Sofia Vergara
- B. Nicole Kidman
- C. Jennifer Aniston
- D. Scarlett Johansson
- E. Kaley Cuoco

Ans. D

Sol.

- For the second consecutive year, Hollywood star **Scarlett Johansson** has topped the Forbes' list of highest-paid female actors in the world.
- Spurred by the success of her summer Marvel film Avengers: Endgame, the 34-year-old actor's earning reached **USD 56 million**.

89. Recently, Deepa Malik declared as the winner of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award 2019. She belongs to which sports?

- A. Archery
- B. Shooting
- C. Wrestling
- D. Paralympic Games
- E. Badminton

Ans. D

Sol.

- The selection committee for the National Sports Awards has recommended Deepa Malik and wrestler Bajrang Punia jointly for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Puraskar 2019.
- Deepa Malik will be the first female para-athlete to win the prestigious sports award of India.
- Indian athlete Deepa Malik (48-years) is the first Indian woman to win a medal in Paralympic Games and won a Silver medal at the 2016 Summer Paralympics in the shot put.
- She has also won gold in F-53/54 Javelin event at the para athletic Grand Prix held in Dubai in 2018.
- Currently, she is the world number one in the F-53 category.
- Malik is the wife of Colonel Bikram Singh and daughter of Colonel BK Nagpal.

90. Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launched RuPay card in which of

the following Arabian country to initiate the Indian indigenous system of electronic payment?

- A. Saudi Arabia
- B. Yamen
- C. UAE
- D. Qatar
- E. Kuwait

Ans. C

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the RuPay card in UAE making it the first country in West Asia to initiate the Indian indigenous system of electronic payment.
- RuPay card scheme was launched in 2012 to fulfil the Reserve Bank of India's vision to have a domestic, open and multilateral system of payments.
- RuPay facilitates electronic payment at all Indian banks and financial institutions.
- India has already launched the RuPay card in Singapore and Bhutan.

91. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France to participate in G-7 summit. What is the theme of this year summit?

- A. Fighting terrorism
- B. Fighting Inequality
- C. Digital transformation
- D. Fostering Brotherhood
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited France to participate in the G7 summit (24–26th August 2019).
- The countries which are part of the G7 include the UK, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the US as well as the European Union (EU).
- The theme of this year summit is '**Fighting Inequality**'.

92. Recently (In August, 2019), India's Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa participated in Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence Conference. The conference was held in which of the following cities?

- A. Bangkok
- B. Kuala Lumpur
- C. Manila
- D. Jakarta

E. Singapore

Ans. A

Sol.

- Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa visited Thailand. During his visit, he attended the Indo Pacific Chiefs of Defence Conference in Bangkok.
- The theme for the conference is "Collaboration in a free and Open Indo - Pacific".
- The Chiefs of Defence of over 33 countries attended the Conference.

93. Bandhan Bank in association with which of the following bank has launched a co-branded credit card?

- A. ABN Amro Bank
- B. HSBC Bank
- C. Standard Chartered Bank
- D. Federal Bank
- E. Deutsche Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bandhan Bank has launched a co-branded credit card in association with Standard Chartered bank to offer a complete suite of services to its existing customers.
- The credit card would be offered to 40 lakh savings bank account holders across the 1,000 branches of Bandhan Bank.
- As part of the tie-up, Bandhan Bank will be responsible for identifying and issuing cards to its customers.
- While Standard Chartered bank will take the credit risk.

94. The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) headed by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Samant Goel
- B. T M Bhasin
- C. Anil Dhasmana
- D. Sanjay Kumar Mishra
- E. Alok Verma

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has constituted Advisory Board for Banking Frauds (ABBF) headed by former Vigilance Commissioner T M

Bhasin to examine bank fraud of over 50 crore rupees and recommend action.

- The panel in its previous avatar called the Advisory Board on Bank, Commercial and Financial Frauds.
- It will function as the first level of examination of all large fraud cases before recommendations or references are made to the investigative agencies by the respective Public Sector Banks.

95. Which of the following country conferred PM Modi with "The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance award"?

- A. UAE
- B. Kuwait
- C. Bahrain
- D. Saudi Arabia
- E. Yamen

Ans. C

Sol.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bahrain recently during which he held talks with King of Bahrain Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa in Manama on various bilateral and regional issues.
- The two countries signed four Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) in the field of culture, space, solar energy, and on the roll-out of the 'RuPay card'.
- During the visit Prime Minister Modi was honoured with 'The King Hamad Order of the Renaissance' by Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa (King of Bahrain) for his effort to strengthen the bilateral ties with the Gulf nation.

96. In football, Gokulam Kerala FC won the Durand Cup 2019 by defeating which of the following team?

- A. Mohun Bagan
- B. East Bengal
- C. Mohammedan
- D. Chennai city FC
- E. FC Goa

Ans. A

Sol.

- **Gokulam Kerala FC** won the Durand Cup 2019 defeating heavyweights **Mohun Bagan** 2-1 at the Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata.
- With this win, **Gokulam Kerala** became the first club from **the**

**state in 22 years** to clinch the tournament.

- Gokulam Kerala Football Club is an Indian professional football club based in Kozhikode, Kerala.
- A total of 16 teams (Indian Super League-5, I-League- 6, 2nd division club - 1 and armed forces teams- 4) participated in this year's competition.

97. Recently (August 2019), Komalika Bari won gold medal in a World Championships, she belongs to which sports?

- A. Wrestling                      B. Shooting  
C. Carrom                          D. Archery  
E. Badminton

Ans. D

Sol.

- India's Komalika Bari (17-years) has become recurve cadet world champion at the World Archery Youth Championships in Madrid, Spain.
- She defeated higher-ranked Sonoda Waka of Japan 7-3 in the final and earn India's second gold on the final day of the Championships.
- Now Komalika is India's second recurve cadet world champion (under-18) after Deepika Kumari who won the title in 2009.

98. PV Sindhu became the first Indian to win badminton World Championships gold. She defeated \_\_\_\_ in the final.

- A. Tai Tzu-ying  
B. Chen Yufei  
C. Nozomi Okuhara  
D. Ratchanok Intanon  
E. Mia Blichfeldt

Ans. C

Sol.

- Badminton star PV Sindhu (24-years) defeated Nozomi Okuhara of Japan 21-7, 21-7 in the women's singles final to become the first Indian to win Gold at the BWF World Championships.
- With the win, Sindhu has a full set of medals at World Championships - two bronze medals, two silver medals and a gold medal.

99. Recently, (August, 2019) B. Sai Praneeth won a bronze medal in a world championship, he belongs to which sports?

- A. Archery                              B. Shooting  
C. Sprinter                              D. Badminton  
E. Wrestling

Ans. D

Sol.

- B. Sai Praneeth (27-years) has become the second Indian male shuttler (first Prakash Padukone- 1983) to win a bronze medal in the BWF World Championships in 2019.
- Sai Praneeth was outclassed by defending champion Kento Momota (World No. 1) by 13-21, 8-21.

100. In recently held (August 2019) BWF World Championship India's PV Sindhu won gold medal in women's category, in men's category who won the gold medal?

- A. Kento Momota  
B. Anders Antonsen  
C. Chou Tien-chen  
D. Jonatan Christie  
E. Kantaphon Wangcharoen

Ans. A

Sol.

- Japanese Kento Momota has won the Gold medal of 2019 Badminton World Championship.
- Sai Praneeth was outclassed by defending champion Kento Momota (World No. 1) by 13-21, 8-21.
- In the final Kento Momota defeated Danish player Anders Antonsen

101. Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his two-day visit launched the \$4.2 million redevelopment project of the 200-year-old Sri Krishna temple in Bahrain. What is the capital of Bahrain?

- A. Dubai                                      B. Sana  
C. Manama                                      D. Riyadh  
E. Tbilisi

Ans. C

Sol.

- \* Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his two-day visit launched the \$4.2 million redevelopment project of the 200-year-old Sri Krishna temple in the Bahraini capital, Manama.



\* Mr. Modi, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the key Gulf nation, offered prayers at the Shreenathji Temple in Manama.  
\* The heritage and the 200-year-old legacy of the temple will be highlighted in the redevelopment and the new iconic complex will house the sanctum sanctorum and prayer halls.

102. The seventh "Community Radio Sammelan" was held in which of the following place?

- A. Mumbai                      B. Patna  
C. Ranchi                        D. Dehradun  
E. New Delhi

Ans. E  
Sol.

\* The seventh "Community Radio Sammelan" was held at Ambedkar Bhawan, New Delhi from 27th to 29th August, 2019.

\* It is being organized by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the theme of this year's Sammelan is 'Community Radio for SDGs'.

\* The 'Sammelán' witnessed participation of all operational community radio stations across the country.

103. Who among the following was India's second woman IPS officer?

- A. Kiran Bedi  
B. G. Thilakavathi  
C. Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya  
D. Neelum Sharma  
E. Niki Lauda

Ans. C  
Sol.

\* Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya, India's first woman Director General of Police (DGP), passed away following an illness in Mumbai.

\* Bhattacharya, a 1973 batch officer, made history in 2004 when she was appointed as the DGP of Uttarakhand

\* Thus she became the first woman in the country to hold such position.

\* She was also the second woman IPS officer in the country, the first being Kiran Bedi.

104. Which of the following cricket stadium will be renamed after Arun Jaitley, the former Finance Minister of India?

- A. Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru  
B. Eden Gardens, Kolkata  
C. Feroz Shah Kotla, Delhi  
D. Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Kerala  
E. Raipur International Cricket Stadium

Ans. C

Sol.

• Feroz Shah Kotla cricket stadium, Delhi will be renamed after Arun Jaitley, the former Finance Minister of India.

• It was announced by **Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA)**.

• It is to be noted that Arun Jaitley was President of the Delhi & District Cricket Association (DDCA) from 1999 to 2013.

• Feroz Shah Kotla Stadium is a cricket ground located at Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg in New Delhi.

• It is the **second oldest international cricket stadium** (established in 1883) still functional in India, after the **Eden Gardens** in Kolkata.

105. Who among the following will be awarded with UEFA President's Award 2019 for his commitment to helping improve the lives of others?

- A. Diego Maradona    B. Daniel James  
C. Eric Cantona        D. Leonel Messi  
E. Neymar

Ans. C

Sol.

• Former Manchester United forward Eric Cantona (53-year) will be awarded the Uefa President's Award for his commitment to helping improve the lives of others.

• He will receive the award in Monaco during the Champion's League group stage draw.

• Cantona won four Premier League titles in five years with United in the 1990s and scored 64 goals for the Old Trafford club in 143 appearances.

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