

July Month Current Affairs PDF with 75+ Q/A



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

2. The World Social Media Day is observed annually on _____.

- A. 30th June
- B. 20th June
- C. 25th May
- D. 1st July
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The World Social Media Day is observed annually on 30th June to recognize the important role it plays in our society and to celebrate the way it has connected us.

The Day was founded in 2010 by Mashable.

With the launch of Friendster (in 2002) and MySpace (in 2003), social media became mainstream.

3. Which of the following financial institution has signed a loan agreement worth 400 million dollars to help treat and eliminate Tuberculosis (TB) from India?

- A. Asian Development Bank
- B. United Nation
- C. World Health Organisation
- D. World Bank
- E. UNDP

Ans. D

Sol. India has signed a loan agreement worth 400 million dollars with the World Bank to help treat and eliminate Tuberculosis (TB) from the country.

The World Bank supported program will cover nine States and it will support the government's National Strategic Plan to end TB in India by 2025.

The Program will provide financial incentives to private sector care providers for reporting cases of TB and ensuring that their patients complete the treatment regimen.

The Program will also strengthen the detection, treatment and monitoring of Drug-Resistant Tuberculosis and will track progress in the detection of additional drug resistance.

4. Chabra Super Critical Thermal Power Station is located in which state of India?

- A. Punjab
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Jharkhand

Ans. B

Sol. Chabra Super Critical Thermal Power Station is located at Baran district, Rajasthan.

This is the state's First project based on Super Critical Thermal Power Technology and the estimated cost of this project is 9 thousand 550 Crore Rupees.

5. Which of the following space agencies has announced to launch a spacecraft in 2026 to explore the richly organic world of Titan?

- A. European Space Agency (ESA)
- B. China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- C. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- D. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- E. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Ans. D

Sol. The US space agency 'NASA' has announced to launch a spacecraft in 2026

to explore the richly organic world of Titan.

A rotorcraft called 'Dragonfly' will arrive at the Saturn's moon in 2034, looking for prebiotic chemical processes common on both Titan and Earth.

Titan is the second largest moon in the solar system and is an icy world whose surface is completely obscured by a nitrogen-based golden atmosphere four times denser than Earth's.

6. Which of the following countries has signed an agreement with India for acquiring the anti-tank missiles 'Strum Ataka'?

- A. Japan
- B. USA
- C. Russia
- D. Germany
- E. France

Ans. C

Sol. India has signed a deal with Russia for acquiring the 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missiles.

The deal has been signed under the emergency clause as a result of which the missile would be delivered within a time of 3 months of the signing of the contract. The deal would give an added capability to the Mi-35 attack choppers to take out enemy tanks and other armored elements.

7. Which of the following cities will host the first ISA's joint security exercise 'ISALEX19'?

- A. Tokyo
- B. Abu Dhabi
- C. Beirut
- D. Toronto
- E. Chicago

Ans. B

Sol. Representatives of 50 law enforcement agencies of the International Security Alliance are taking part in the first joint security exercise 'ISALEX19' in Abu Dhabi.

Joint Security Exercise will test the readiness of the different teams and to evaluate the tools, strategies and procedures developed jointly between member countries.

Now, the alliance comprises nine countries, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, France, Italy, Spain, Senegal, Singapore, and the Slovak Republic.

8. Who among the following is the author of the book 'A Prime Minister to Remember: Memories of a Military Chief'?

- A. Admiral Anand Neelakanthan
- B. Chetan Bhagat
- C. Admiral Sushil Kumar
- D. Ganesh Devy
- E. Ruskin Bond

Ans. C

Sol. A Book titled 'A Prime Minister to Remember: Memories of a Military Chief' has been written by Admiral Sushil Kumar.

The book is about the huge impact that the late Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee had on the Armed Forces of India.

Former Navy Chief Sushil Kumar served with Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee (from 1998 to 2001) during challenging times of Kargil War, hijacking of IC 814 and Operation Parakram.

9. Who has become the India's first IPS (Indian Police Service) officer to scale the highest peak in North America, Mount Denali?

- A. Archana Ramasundaram
- B. Meera Borwankar
- C. Vimla Mehra
- D. Aparna Kumar
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Aparna Kumar (IPS officer - 2002 batch-UP cadre) has become the first civil servant to scale Mount Denali (in the third attempt), the highest peak in North America.

Ms Kumar posted as DIG, ITBP Northern Frontier at Dehradun.

10. Which among the following IIT institute has conferred honorary doctorate degree to India's chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Indore
- C. IIT Kanpur
- D. IIT Patna
- E. IIT Mumbai

Ans. C

Sol. The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur has conferred honorary doctorate degree to the India's chief national badminton coach Pullela Gopichand.

11. What is the theme of the National Statistics Day (NSD) 2019 in India?

- A. Trees and their calculative lives
- B. Services Sector Statistics
- C. Agri-Food Statistics
- D. Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- E. Sustainable Development Goals

Ans. E

Sol. The theme of Statistics Day, 2019 is "Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)". The "Statistics Day" is being observed every year on 29th June in India to create public awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy formulation.

The day acknowledges the notable contribution of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis in the fields of statistics, statistical system and economic planning.

12. Who is the Chief of India's foreign intelligence service Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW)?

- A. Rajinder Khanna
- B. Vikram Rawat
- C. Sanjoy Ghosh
- D. Samant Goel
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Senior IPS Officer Samant Goel (1984 batch- Punjab Cadre) is the new chief of India's foreign intelligence service Research & Analysis Wing (R&AW). Samant Goel succeeded Anil Dhasmana.

Mr. Goel played a key role in planning the February 2019 Balakot airstrikes and the 2016 surgical strikes.

The Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW) is the foreign intelligence agency of India, established in 1968 following the intelligence failures of the Sino-Indian War.

13. Who is the current Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)?

- A. Sitanshu Ranjan Kar
- B. Akhilesh Das
- C. Arvind Kumar
- D. Shashikant Upadhya
- E. Ashutosh Vohra

Ans. C

Sol. Arvind Kumar (1984 batch-Assam-Meghalaya Cadre) is the new Director of Intelligence Bureau (27th).

He replaced Rajiv Jain.

The Intelligence Bureau (IB) is India's internal intelligence agency.

It was renamed as the Central Intelligence Bureau in 1947 under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

14. Who has been elected as the new Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)?

- A. Daniel Zhang
- B. Ma Huateng
- C. Lei Jun
- D. Qu Dongyu
- E. Kenneth Lin

Ans. D

Sol. China's Qu Dongyu (56-year) has been elected as the Director-General of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) based in Rome, Italy. The Qu will officially take over as new FAO chief from 1st August 2019.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations that leads international efforts to defeat hunger. FAO acts as a neutral forum where all nations meet as equals to negotiate arguments and debate policy.

15. The Union Government has constituted a Working Group for the revision of the current series of Wholesale Price Index (WPI). Who is the chairman of the 18-member committee?

- A. Prof. Aman Mishra
- B. Dr. Ratan Jain
- C. Sarita Singh
- D. Prof. Ramesh Chand
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Prof. Ramesh Chand (Member, Niti Aayog) will be the chairman of the 18-member committee.

The Office of Economic Adviser, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will be the nodal office for the Working Group.

Since 2011-12, significant structural changes have taken place in the economy.

16. Which of the following PSU (public sector undertaking) has been formed by ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) for commercial exploit of the space agency?

- A. British India Corporation
- B. Engineers India Limited
- C. Fresh & Healthy Enterprises
- D. New Space India Limited
- E. None these

Ans. D

Sol. The ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation) has formed a public sector undertaking (PSU) named as the New Space India Limited (NSIL).

It will commercially exploit the research and development work of the space agency, co-produce PSLV and launch satellites through SSLVs.

The new company will also look after the production and marketing of space-based products and services, including launch an application, developed by ISRO Centres.

17. Which of the following states Govt. has announced crop insurance scheme 'Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB)' for the 2019 kharif season?

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. West Bengal government has announced a crop insurance scheme 'Bangla Shashya Bima (BSB)' in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) for the 2019 kharif season.

The scheme 'BSB' is applicable for farmers in 15 districts - Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Purba Bardhaman, Paschim Bardhaman, Purba Medinipur, Malda, Hooghly, Nadia, Murshidabad, Cooch Behar, Birbhum, Purulia, Dakshin Dinajpur, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas.

18. Former cricketer Shyam Sundar Mitra passes away. He belonged to which state?

- A. Tripura
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Former Bengal cricketer Shyam Sundar Mitra (82-years) passes away at a private hospital in Salt Lake, Kolkata. Mitra, who captained Bengal in the Ranji Trophy.

He was awarded the Karthick Bose Lifetime Achievement Award by Cricket Association of Bengal.

19. Which of the following England batsman has announced his retirement from International cricket?

- A. Ben Foakes
- B. Liam Dawson
- C. James Vince
- D. Marcus Trescothick
- E. Mark Wood

Ans. D

Sol. Former England batsman Marcus Trescothick (43-years) has retired from professional cricket.

Trescothick represented England in 76 Test matches and 123 One Day Internationals between 2000 to 2006.

20. Who is the current Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- A. S. Narayan B. Uday Kotak
C. Sanjaya Kotak D. K.V.S. Manian
E. S. Ekambaram

Ans. B

Sol. **Uday Kotak** is the current Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kotak Mahindra Bank. On May 1, 2018, the board of directors of Kotak Mahindra Bank has redesignated Uday Kotak as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

Earlier **Uday Kotak** is an executive Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Kotak Mahindra Bank.

Note:

*Kotak Mahindra Bank is an Indian private sector bank headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra, India.

*In February 2003, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) gave the license to Kotak Mahindra Finance Ltd. to carry on banking business.

21. Who has won the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup?

- A. Norway B. France
C. Germany D. Netherlands
E. United States

Ans. E

Sol. United States women's soccer team successfully claimed 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup, beating the Netherlands, 2-0, in Lyon, France.

The **FIFA Women's World Cup** is an international football competition contested by the senior women's national teams of the members of FIFA, the sport's international governing body.

22. The annual Hindu Festival 'Bonalu' is celebrated in which state of India?

- A. Tamil Nadu B. Bihar
C. Telangana D. West Bengal
E. Punjab

Ans. C

Sol. Bonalu is an annual festival of Telangana celebrated in Twin Cities

Hyderabad, Secunderabad and other parts of Telangana.

It is celebrated every year in a grand manner in the state during the first month of the monsoon season.

Bonalu is celebrated to ward off diseases and usher in good health, peace and prosperity.

Women, attired in colourful robes, carry the 'Bonalu' (decorated pots containing food) on their heads to the temples for offering them to the Goddess.

23. Which country has won the 2019 Copa America football tournament?

- A. Peru B. Argentina
C. Chile D. Brazil
E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Brazil defeated Peru 3-1 to win the Copa America 2019 Title.

The 2019 Copa América (46th edition) was the international men's association football championship organized by South America's football ruling body CONMEBOL. It was held in Brazil (between 14 June to 7 July 2019) at 6 venues across the country.

Argentina took third place by beating Chile 2-1 in the third-place match.

24. Who among the following Indian wrestler has won the Gold Medal in 53 Kg category at the Grand Prix of Spain?

- A. Divya Kakran B. Pooja Dhanda
C. Manju Kumari D. Vinesh Phogat
E. Seema

Ans. D

Sol. India's wrestler Vinesh Phogat (in 53 Kg category) has won Gold Medal at the Grand Prix of Spain.

Vinesh comfortably beat Peru's Justina Benites and Russia's Nina Minknova before getting the better of Dutch rival Jessica Blaszka in the final.

India finished second with 130 points in team championship behind Russia (165-points)

25. Who has won the Gold medal in women's 200 m at the Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland?

- A. Gomathi Marimuthu
- B. Hima Das
- C. Himashree Roy
- D. Sini Jose
- E. Tintu Lukka

Ans. B

Sol. Indian sprinter Hima Das (19-years) won the Gold medal in women's 200m at the Kutno Athletics Meet in Poland.

Hima clocked 23.97 seconds to clinch the gold while V K Vismaya bagged the silver in 24.06 seconds.

Hima is the reigning world junior champion and national record holder in 400m.

26. What is India's position in Henley Passport Index 2019?

- A. 49th
- B. 89th
- C. 86th
- D. 108th
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. India is ranked at the 86th position in the Henley Passport Index 2019 with a mobility score of 58. India shares the position with Mauritania and Sao Tome and Principe.

In 2018, India was ranked at the 79th position.

Note:

Henley Passport Index 2019 has recently published on its website that shows **Japan and Singapore** holds first position collectively as most powerful passports in the world.

27. The World Chocolate Days is observed every year on _____.

- A. 21th July
- B. 20th July
- C. 7th July
- D. 28th July
- E. 10th July

Ans. C

Sol. World Chocolate Days is an annual observance that occurs globally on 7 July.

Some references indicate that this day celebrates the introduction of chocolate to Europe in 1550.

28. The Walled City of Jaipur has been included in the list of UNESCO world heritage site. The Walled City of Jaipur located in _____.

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Punjab
- D. Assam
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. The Walled City of Jaipur (Rajasthan) known for its iconic architectural legacy and vibrant culture, on made its entry into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The announcement was made after the 43rd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee, underway at Baku (Azerbaijan).

With this, India now has 38 World Heritage Sites (30 cultural properties, 7 natural properties and one mixed site).

29. Who has been partnered with National Skill Development Corporation to organise 'World Skills India's International Cloud Computing Challenge 2019'?

- A. Sports Authority of India
- B. Athletics Federation of India
- C. Reserve Bank of India
- D. NASSCOM
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. IT industry's apex body NASSCOM is organising 'WorldSkills India's International Cloud Computing Challenge 2019' to develop a sustainable workforce for disruptive technologies.

Ten countries including India are participating in the competition, along with New Zealand, Belgium, Japan, China, South Korea, Russia, Oman and Ireland. "WorldSkills India" is an NSDC initiative launched in 2011 to provide a platform to the youth, along with industries and educators.

30. The International Day of Cooperatives 2019 is observed on _____.

- A. 11th July
- B. 6th July
- C. 15th April
- D. 28th May
- E. 10 June

Ans. B

Sol. The International Co-operative Day is an annual celebration of the co-operative movement observed on the first Saturday in July (6th July 2019) by the International Co-operative Alliance.

It contains aspects of sustainable development at its core and is based on ethical values and principles.

The theme of 2019 is 'COOPS 4 DECENT WORK'.

31. In July 2019, the legendary batsman Shoaib Malik confirmed his retirement from one-day cricket (ODI). He belonged to which country?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. New Zealand
- E. Afghanistan

Ans. B

Sol. Pakistan batsman Shoaib Malik confirmed his retirement from **one-day cricket (ODI)**.

He had admitted last year that he intended to quit one-day cricket after the 2019 World Cup.

He will continue to play the Twenty20 format, but he admitted it was an emotional moment to call time on his ODI career.

He appeared in 287 one-day internationals and scored 7,534 runs with nine hundred.

32. The World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on _____.

- A. July 4
- B. July 5
- C. July 6
- D. July 7
- E. July 8

Ans. C

Sol. The World Zoonoses Day is observed every year on 6th July.

The day is observed to create awareness on zoonotic diseases, how to prevent

them and what actions to take when exposed.

The day has been observed since 1885 to mark the day Louis Pasteur administered his first rabies vaccine.

33. What is the theme of the 2019 International Day of Cooperatives?

- A. The creation of a new society
- B. Sustainable societies through cooperation
- C. Coops 4 Decent Work
- D. Concept of developed society through cooperation
- E. Concept of a highly educated society

Ans. C

Sol. The International Day of Cooperatives observed every year on the first Saturday of July (since 1923) to increase awareness of cooperatives.

2019 theme: COOPS 4 DECENT WORK

According to a recent estimate, cooperatives around the world employ or are the main source of income for more than 279 million people—almost 10% of humanity's total working population.

34. Which of the following cities will host the first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF)?

- A. Ahmedabad
- B. Lucknow
- C. Patna
- D. New Delhi
- E. Indore

Ans. D

Sol. The first ever India International Cooperatives Trade Fair (IICTF) to be held in New Delhi, India.

It is a unique initiative for taking farmers, artisans & other members of cooperatives directly to the global trade arena which will be held from 11th till 13th October 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

The Trade Fair is aimed at promoting cooperative to cooperative trade within India and abroad leading to enhanced rural and farm prosperity.

35. How many FPOs (Farmer Producer Organisations) has been planned to setup by the Union Government in the next five years?

- A. 10,000
- B. 5,000
- C. 2,000
- D. 1,000
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Union government has plans to form 10,000 farmer producer organisations (FPOs) in the next five years.

This is expected to help small and marginal cultivator team up to get lower rates for inputs and sell produce at higher rates.

The budget proposal to set up 10,000 FPOs is a path-breaking step to ensure economies of scale for farmers.

Currently, 3,500 FPOs have been registered and another 3,000 are under promotion, said Pravesh Sharma, former head of the Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium.

36. Which of the following new scheme has been announced by the Finance Minister in Union Budget 2019-20 to promote processing in the fishery sector?

- A. Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Yojana
- B. Pradhan Mantri Fish Vikas Yojana
- C. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- D. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- E. Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

Ans. D

Sol. The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has announced a new scheme Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) to promote processing in the fishery sector.

The new scheme 'PMMSY' will be established under the Department of Fisheries for a robust fisheries management framework.

The budget allocated for the newly carved out Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying is Rs 3,737 crore.

Of the total budget allocated to the new ministry, Rs 2,932.25 crore is estimated to be spent on various schemes to promote animal husbandry and dairying, while Rs 804.75 crore for the fisheries sector in the current fiscal.

37. Which of the following payment banks has partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer the Bharti AXA Life POS Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana through its extensive network across the country?

- A. Airtel Payments Bank
- B. India Post Payments Bank
- C. Fino Payments Bank
- D. Paytm Payments Bank
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Airtel Payments Bank has partnered with Bharti AXA Life Insurance to offer the Bharti AXA Life POS Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana through its extensive network of banking points across the country.

Saral Jeevan Bima Yojana is a pure life term insurance plan which is aimed at the underinsured and un-insured segments in India.

Any individual between the ages of 18 and 55 can enrol for this product without the need to undergo a medical examination.

38. Elavenil Valarivan related to which sports?

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

Ans. E

Sol. Tamil Nadu based shooter Elavenil Valarivan clinched silver at the 10m Air Rifle Women's event of the Napoli 2019 World University Games (Summer Universiade).

This is the first medal for India in the tournament.

39. Which of the following Indian railways zones has launched India's longest electrified railway tunnel?

- A. Central Railway
- B. South Central Railway
- C. Northern Railway
- D. East Coast Railway
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. The South-Central Railway (SCR) zone of the Indian Railways has commissioned India's longest electrified railway tunnel in Andhra Pradesh.

The tunnel is part of the recently completed Obulavaripalli-Venkatachalam new railway line.

It is situated between Cherlopalli and Rapuru Railway stations in Nellore district, Andhra Pradesh.

The height of the tunnel (rail level to roof) is 6.5 meters and the minimum height of the contact wire is maintained at 5.2 meters.

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

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

Ans. A

Sol. The 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup (8th edition) held in France from the 7 June until 7 July 2019.

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

FIFA Women's World Cup 2019 – The U.S. women's national soccer team defeated the Netherlands 2-0 in the 2019 FIFA Women's World Cup final.

- Host country - **France**
- USA secured its fourth Women's World Cup title (1991, 1999, 2015 and 2019), now winning twice as many Women's World Cup tournaments as any other nation.

USA's Jill Ellis became the first coach to win two FIFA Women's World Cup titles.

41. Who won the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019?

- A. England
- B. India
- C. Australia
- D. New Zealand
- E. West Indies

Ans. A

Sol. England's cricket team has won the 2019 ICC World Cup title at the Lord's cricket stadium in London.

England beat New Zealand in a nerve-wracking final that was decided via a dramatic Super Over.

Batting first after winning the toss, New Zealand put up a modest 241 for eight in 50-overs.

In reply, England ended at the same score leading to the one-over eliminator at the Lord's.

In the Super Over, England batted first made 15-runs, and New Zealand also ended at the same score but for the loss of one wicket, paving the way for an English victory on boundary count.

42. Who has won the men's singles 2019 Wimbledon title?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Kevin Anderson
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Rafael Nadal
- E. Andy Murray

Ans. C

Sol. Serbian Novak Djokovic has won 2019 Wimbledon title after defeating Swiss tennis ace Roger Federer 7-6, 1-6, 7-6, 4-6, 13-12 in the final match.

The match had to be decided in the fifth set, as both Federer and Djokovic won two sets each in the longest ever final to be played so far.

This is Djokovic's 16th Grand Slam and 5th Wimbledon title.

43. Who has created new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category in the Commonwealth Championships in Apia, Samoa?

- A. A K Pandian
- B. Rustam Sarang
- C. Vikas Thakur
- D. Pardeep Singh
- E. Gurdeep Singh

Ans. D

Sol. India's Pardeep Singh has created a new Commonwealth record in the clean and jerk category on the way to a gold medal at the Commonwealth Championships in Apia, Samoa. Pardeep smashed the record in the clean and jerk event by lifting 202 kg. His earlier successful attempt of 148 kg took his total to 350 kg. Two-time Commonwealth Games medallist Vikas Thakur clinched the silver medal in the men's 96 kg event, lifted a total of 338 kg (153kg&185kg).

44. Hussain Muhammad Ershad passed away recently. He was the former President of which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Syria
- D. Indonesia
- E. Singapore

Ans. A

Sol. Bangladesh's former military dictator Hussain Muhammad Ershad (91-years) passed away due to complications from old age at a hospital in Dhaka. Ershad emerged as one of the most powerful political leaders in the 1990s after his Jatiya Party became the country's third biggest political outfit. Hussain Muhammad Ershad served as the President of Bangladesh from 1983 to 1990.

45. Which of the following countries has successfully launched new X-Ray space telescope 'Spektr-RG'?

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. Japan
- D. India
- E. USA

Ans. B

Sol. The Russian space agency, Roscosmos successfully launched into space an all-sky-survey satellite, Spektrum-Röntgen-Gamma also known as Spektr-RG on a Proton-M rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Russia. It is a joint project of Roscosmos with German space agency, DLR, for mapping X-rays across the sky to trace the large-

scale structure of the universe and mark a new stage in X-ray astronomy.

46. Who has won the Formula British Grand Prix 2019?

- A. Sebastian Vettel
- B. Max Verstappen
- C. Lewis Hamilton
- D. Fernando Alonso
- E. Carlos Sainz

Ans. C

Sol. British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (34-years) has won the Formula One 2019 British Grand Prix.

The 2019 British Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Silverstone Circuit in Silverstone, United Kingdom.

The race was the tenth round of the 2019 Formula One World Championship.

47. The well-known Fernando Corbato passed away recently. He was a notable _____.

- A. Pilot
- B. Politician
- C. Astronaut
- D. Computer Scientist
- E. Journalist

Ans. D

Sol. Prominent American computer scientist Fernando "Corby" Corbato credited with inventing the computer password, passed away. He was 93-years old.

48. Who among players has won the Golden Bat award in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019?

- A. Kane Williamson
- B. Ben Stokes
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Shakib Al Hasan
- E. David Warner

Ans. C

Sol. Indian batsman Rohit Sharma has won the Golden Bat award in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019.

He is the highest run scorer (648 runs) in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019 tournament.

49. Who among the following is the most wicket taker in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019?

- A. Lockie Ferguson
- B. Jofra Archer
- C. Mitchel Stark
- D. Jasprit Bumrah
- E. Mustafizur Rahman

Ans. C

Sol. Australia's Mitchell Starc was at the top of the bowling charts, picking up 27 wickets in the ICC Cricket World Cup 2019.

Starc was followed by New Zealand pacer Lockie Ferguson.

50. Who has won the women's singles 2019 Wimbledon title?

- A. Serena Williams
- B. Simona Halep
- C. Naomi Osaka
- D. Angelique Kerber
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Simona Halep (Romania) has won 2019 Wimbledon women's title after defeating Serena Williams 6-2 6-2 in the final match.

The Wimbledon Championships is the oldest tennis tournament in the world held at the All England Club in Wimbledon, London.

51. Who has been appointed as the new Governor of Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Syed Ahmed
- B. Vinod Duggal
- C. K. K. Paul
- D. Kalraj Mishra
- E. Najma Heptullah

Ans. D

Sol. President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Senior BJP leader Kalraj Mishra as the Governor of Himachal Pradesh.

He replaced Acharya Devvrat (60-years) who has been transferred and appointed as Governor of Gujarat.

In 2017, Kalraj Mishra had resigned from the Narendra Modi-led government as Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises after he crossed the age of 75.

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.

52. Which of the following initiative has been launched by the Union Government to improve the quality of care in the labour room and maternity operation theatres?

- A. LaQshya
- B. REPLACE
- C. TarGet
- D. Make in India
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Union Government has launched "LaQshya" (Labour room Quality improvement Initiative) to improve the quality of care in the labour room and maternity operation theatres.

It's a multipronged approach focused on Intrapartum and the immediate postpartum period.

The initiative primarily focuses on reducing preventable maternal and newborn mortality and morbidity due to haemorrhage retained placenta, preterm, preeclampsia and eclampsia, obstructed labour, puerperal sepsis, new-born asphyxia, and newborn sepsis.

53. Which of the following movies of Vikas Bahl has been made tax-free in Bihar?

- A. High Jack
- B. Shaandaar
- C. Hunterr
- D. NH10
- E. Super 30

Ans. E

Sol. Vikas Bahl's 'Super 30' has been made tax-free in Bihar by the state government.

The state's Deputy Chief Minister Sushil Kumar Modi announced no entertainment tax will be levied from the film in Bihar.

'Super 30' is based on the life of Patna-based mathematician and teacher Anand Kumar.

If a movie is declared tax free it means the state has waived off the entertainment tax (similar to VAT or service tax) levied by the state governments.

54. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Chhattisgarh?

- A. Balram Das Tandon
- B. Kalraj Mishra
- C. Anusuiya Uikey
- D. Najma Heptullah
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Senior tribal BJP leader Anusuiya Uikey as Governor of Chhattisgarh.

Anusuiya Uikey has replaced Anandiben Patel, who as Governor of Madhya Pradesh was also holding the charge of Chhattisgarh.

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.

55. Who has been elected first female President of European Commission?

- A. Theresa May
- B. Jane Goodall
- C. Stacey Cunningham
- D. Ursula von der Leyen
- E. Juliette Binoche

Ans. D

Sol. German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen has been elected as the European Commission's first female president.

Leyen's nomination was approved by 383 votes (required 374), at the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France.

The President of the European Commission is the head of the European Commission, the executive branch of the European Union.

56. Who has been resigned as the managing director (MD) of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Christine Lagarde
- B. Gita Gopinath
- C. Rodrigo Rato
- D. Per Jacobsson
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. International Monetary Fund (IMF) managing director Christine Lagarde has resigned ahead of a decision on her nomination to become head of the European Central Bank (ECB).

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) is an international organization, headquartered in Washington, D.C. It consists of 189 countries working to foster global monetary cooperation, secure financial stability, facilitate international trade, promote high employment and sustainable economic growth, and reduce poverty around the world.

57. Who has been appointed as an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court (SICC)?

- A. Justice Majida Rizvi
- B. Justice A K Sikri
- C. Justice Nasira Iqbal
- D. Justice Khalida Rashid Khan
- E. Justice Tahira Safda

Ans. B

Sol. Former Supreme Court Judge Justice A K Sikri has been appointed as an International Judge of the Singapore International Commercial Court.

The SICC is a division of the Singapore High Court, dealing with international commercial disputes. It has 16 international judges in its panel.

Earlier, Justice Sikri was appointed the Chairman of News Broadcasting Standards Authority.

58. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Syed Ahmed
- B. Vinod Duggal
- C. Biswa Bhushan Harichandran
- D. Najma Heptullah
- E. Anusuiya Uikey

Ans. C

Sol. President **Ramnath Kovind** has appointed BJP senior leader **Biswa Bhushan Harichandran** (84-years) as Andhra Pradesh governor.

He replaced **ESL Narasimhan**. Narasimhan was appointed as the governor of united Andhra Pradesh has continued as the governor of both the Telugu states after bifurcation.

59. Who has been appointed the interim coach of the senior USA cricket team?

- A. Kiran More
- B. Shahid Afridi
- C. Adam Gilchrist
- D. Chris Gayle
- E. Steve Waugh

Ans. A

Sol. Former India wicketkeeper-batsman 'Kiran More' (56-years) has been appointed the interim coach of the senior USA cricket team.

He will replace the head coach Pubudu Dassanayake (resigned in July 2019). The USA Cricket has also appointed Sunil Joshi (former India spinner) as spin bowling advisor, and Pravin Amre and Kieran Powell as advisors for the batting department.

60. Which of the following Indian city hosted the 21st edition of Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Cuttack
- C. Ranchi
- D. Pune
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal opened the 21st edition of Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in Cuttack.

The event witnesses the top players from Australia, Bangladesh, Cyprus, England, Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka, Nigeria, Scotland, South Africa, Singapore and Wales.

Ghana, Guyana and Pakistan pulled out of the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.

61. Who has won the 2019 Intercontinental Cup football tournament in Ahmedabad, India?

- A. India
- B. Tajikistan
- C. Syria
- D. North Korea
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. North Korea has won the 2019 Intercontinental Cup football tournament (2nd Edition) beating Tajikistan by a solitary goal in the final in Ahmedabad, India

The champions got richer by USD 50000 while the runners-up received USD 25000. The 2019 Intercontinental Cup was the second edition of Hero Intercontinental Cup held at Trans Stadia Arena in Ahmedabad between the 7th and 19th of July 2019.

62. Who has won the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Women's Championships 2019 title?

- A. England
- B. Singapore
- C. India
- D. Hong Kong
- E. Malaysia

Ans. C

Sol. India women's team clinched their maiden Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships title, beating England 3-0 in the final.

The Indian women team won the gold for the first time in the history in the commonwealth games.

63. Who has become India's 64th Grandmaster in Chess?

- A. S Arun Prasad
- B. Srinath Narayanan
- C. Prithu Gupta
- D. Girish A Koushik
- E. G N Gopal

Ans. C

Sol. Delhi's Prithu Gupta has become India's 64th Grandmaster, crossing the Elo threshold of 2500 points after beating IM Lev Yankelevich in the fifth round of the Portuguese League 2019.

Gupta has achieved the sensational feat at the age of 15 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Gupta received his first GM norm at the Gibraltar Masters last year, before achieving the second norm at the Biel Masters the same year.

Grandmaster (GM) is a title awarded to chess players by the world chess organization FIDE.

64. Who among the following Indian long-distance runner has been suspended for two-years by the IAAF's Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for a doping violation?

- A. Lalita Babar
- B. Kavita Tungar
- C. Sanjivani Yadav
- D. Sunita Rani
- E. P U Chitra

Ans. C

Sol. India's long-distance runner Sanjivani Yadav (23-year) has been handed a two-year suspension by the IAAF's Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) for a doping violation. Sanjivani won the 10,000m bronze at the 2019 Asian Championships and 5000m bronze in the 2017 edition.

Sanjivani Yadav had failed a dope test in November 2018 when her sample taken during the National Inter-State Athletics Championships was found to contain Probenecid, a masking agent.

65. Who has won the British Open title in Ireland?

- A. Shane Lowry
- B. Henrik Stenson
- C. Jordan Spieth
- D. Francesco Molinari
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Irishman Shane Lowry wins British Open to claim his first major golfing title at Royal Portrush.

Lowry became the second player from the Republic of Ireland to win a major after Pádraig Harrington.

The 2019 Open Championship was the 148th Open Championship, played at Royal Portrush Golf Club in County Antrim, Northern Ireland.

66. Tennis champion Peter McNamara passed away recently. He belonged to which country?

- A. Australia
- B. Pakistan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. New Zealand
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Australia's tennis champion Peter McNamara (64-years) passed away after a quiet battle with cancer in Germany.

Peter McNamara won three doubles Grand Slam titles and became a prominent coach after hanging up his racquet.

McNamara won five singles titles and 19 in doubles and teamed up with compatriot Paul McNamee to win the Australian Open doubles in 1979 and Wimbledon twice in 1980 and 1982.

67. Which of the following cities hosted the International Police Expo 2019?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Ranchi
- C. Kolkata
- D. New Delhi
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. The International Police Expo 2019 (5th edition) on theme 'Challenges to strengthen peace and security' has been organised at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The 2019 event saw the participation of Manufacturers and technology players from more than 25 countries.

Over 25 countries are showcasing advanced firearms, combat or armoured vehicles a plethora of disruptive technologies in cybersecurity, drones, homeland security, and safety and rescue at International Police Expo at Pragati Maidan, in New Delhi.

68. Who has won the 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2019?

- A. Ram Niwas
- B. Sunit Jadhav
- C. Ravinder Kumar Malik
- D. Vinay Kumar
- E. Sunil Kumar

Ans. C

Sol. Indian bodybuilder Ravinder Kumar Malik has been adjudged as Mr. South Asia at 12th South Asian Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship 2019 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

69. Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) leader Ram Chandra Paswan passed away recently. Which of the following constituency of Lower House of Parliament did he represent?

- A. Siwan, Bihar
- B. Samastipur, Bihar
- C. Madhubani, Bihar
- D. Rajsamand, Rajasthan
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Lok Janshakti Party MP Ram Chandra Paswan (56-years) passed away at the Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi. In May 2019, he was elected to the Lower House of Parliament from Samastipur in Bihar for the fourth time on LJP ticket. He was the younger brother of Union minister and LJP chief Ram Vilas Paswan.

70. Which of the following Countries will host the ISSF World Cup in 2020?

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

Ans. D

Sol. International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) has approved India's application to host the ISSF World Cup stages from 15 to 26 March 2020. World Cup will be held at the Dr. Karni Singh Range, Tughlakabad in New Delhi. The ISSF World Cup was introduced by the International Shooting Sport Federation in 1986 to provide a homogeneous system for qualification to the Olympic shooting competitions.

71. Who has been unanimously chosen as the General Secretary of CPI (Communist Party of India)?

- A. Sitaram Yechury
- B. D Raja
- C. Pinarayi Vijayan
- D. K. Subbarayan
- E. S. Sudhakar Reddy

Ans. B

Sol. Rajya Sabha MP Mr. D Raja (70-years) has been appointed as the General Secretary of CPI (Communist Party of India).

The Communist Party of India (CPI) (formed - 26th December 1925) is the oldest communist party in India.

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) separated from the CPI in 1964 following an ideological rift between China and the Soviet Union, continues to claim having been founded in 1925.

72. Which country won the 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Men's Championships 2019 title?

- A. England
- B. Singapore
- C. India
- D. Hong Kong
- E. Malaysia

Ans. C

Sol. Indian men defended their crown beating England while the women blanked Singapore for their maiden title at the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships in Cuttack.

England tried to change the script but the Indian men brought in a twist to the tale through birthday boy Harmeet Desai to end the English hopes to lift the Host Association's Cup.

The men beat England 3-2 while Indian women defeated England 3-0 to dethrone the defending champions Singapore who had a stranglehold on the trophy since 1997. After having won the Cup for eight consecutive times, their vice-like grip was snapped when they chose to send a weak team.

73. Who among the following Indian sprinter has won the gold medal in the 400-meter race in the Czech Republic?

- A. Dutee Chand
- B. Hima Das
- C. Saraswati Saha
- D. Preeja Sreedharan
- E. Anuradha Biswal

Ans. B

Sol. Indian sprinter Hima Das has won a gold medal in the 400-meter race with a season-best time of 52.09 seconds at Nove Mesto in the Czech Republic.

It was Hima's fifth gold medal since July 2 when she ran her first competitive race in Europe.

She won her third 200 meters gold at the Kladno Athletics Meet and fourth gold at the Tabor Athletics Meet in the Czech Republic.

74. Who has won the Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament held in Jakarta, Indonesia?

- A. Akane Yamaguchi
- B. Chen Yufei
- C. Nozomi Okuhara
- D. P V Sindhu
- E. Saina Nehwal

Ans. A

Sol. Japan's Akane Yamaguchi has won the Indonesia Open BWF Tour Super 1000 tournament held in Jakarta, Indonesia. She defeated India's P.V. Sindhu in the title clash by 21-15, 21-16.

The 2019 Indonesia Open was the fourteenth tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour and also part of the Indonesia Open championships.

75. Who has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Veteran Pin?

- A. Anju Bobby George
- B. Soma Biswas
- C. Krishna Poonia
- D. Kunjarani Devi
- E. P T Usha

Ans. E

Sol. Former athlete P T Usha (55-years) has been nominated for the International

Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Veteran Pin.

She will receive the pin during the opening ceremony of the 52nd IAAF Congress in Doha, Qatar.

She is often called the "queen of Indian track and field".

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is the international governing body for the sport of athletics.

76. Which of the following states government has signed a pact with National Stock Exchange (NSE) to boost the growth of MSME sector in the state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Haryana
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Bihar
- E. None

Ans. B

Sol. National Stock Exchange (NSE) has signed a pact with the Haryana government to help boost the growth of MSME sector in the state.

As per the memorandum of understanding, NSE will support the Haryana government in enhancing the financing opportunities for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in the state, through listing on NSE's SME exchange platform, NSE Emerge. Haryana government would facilitate the listing of MSMEs on NSE Emerge through financial assistance.

77. Which of the following states government has decided to sign an MoU with the British Council for brushing up the English-Speaking skills of the students studying in Polytechnic Colleges in the state?

- A. Haryana
- B. West Bengal
- C. Bihar
- D. Punjab
- E. Odisha

Ans. B

Sol. The West Bengal government has decided to sign an MoU with the British Council for brushing up the English-Speaking skills of the students studying in Polytechnic Colleges in the state.

The move is aimed to improve English speaking capacity for job seekers students.

According to Technical Education Department sources, an enquiry to assess job readiness of students was conducted recently and communication in English was found as a major hurdle.

At present, there are 148 Polytechnic Colleges across the state.

78.The Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in_____.

- A. Pune
- B. Ranchi
- C. Panaji
- D. Kolkata
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The Golden Jubilee Edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Panaji, Goa (from 20th-28th November 2019).

Around 70 countries business exhibition will showcase the latest technology, film production and distribution and other aspects regarding films.

Russia will be IFFI partner in this edition. India's most prestigious Film Festival and also the first International Film Festival held anywhere in Asia.

79.Which of the following state's Startup Mission will host the Women Startup Summit?

- A. Uttar Pradesh Startup Mission
- B. Kerala Startup Mission
- C. Punjab Startup Mission
- D. West Bengal Startup Mission
- E. None of these Startup Mission

Ans. B

Sol. The Kerala Startup Mission (KSUM) is hosting the Women Startup Summit on August 1.

The summit will be hosted in association with the Indian Women Network floated by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), at the Integrated Startup Complex, Kochi. The theme of this summit is 'Developing an Inclusive Entrepreneurship Ecosystem'. About 20 women startups shortlisted from the "She Loves Tech" national grand challenge will be showcased in the summit.

80.Who has topped the latest list of the Bloomberg Billionaires Index?

- A. Warren Buffett
- B. Bill Gates
- C. Bernard Arnault
- D. Amancio Ortega
- E. Jeff Bezos

Ans. E

Sol. Amazon Founder and CEO Jeff Bezos have topped the index as world's richest person with a total net worth of USD 125 billion.

The other riches people in the list includes:

2. Chairman and Chief Executive of LVMH Moët Hennessy Bernard Arnault with a net worth of \$108 billion

3. Microsoft founder Bill Gates \$107 billion

4. Berkshire Hathaway CEO Warren Buffett \$83.9 billion

5. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg \$79.5 billion,

The richest Indian, **Mukesh Ambani stands on the 13th spot**, with a net worth of \$51.8 billion followed by Azim Premji at the 48th rank with \$20.5 billion. Founder and chairman of HCL, Shiv Nadar secured the 92nd spot followed by billionaire banker Uday Kotak at the 96th spot.

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