

Current Affairs (December)

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1. Who among the following actors won the Best Performance by an Actor Award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards?

- A. Nawazuddin Siddiqui
- B. Manoj Bajpayee
- C. Randeep Hooda
- D. Ranveer Singh
- E. Ayushman Khurana

Ans. B

Sol.

- Manoj Bajpayee has bagged the Best Performance by an Actor Award at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards for his role in 'Bhonsle.'
- The Hindi feature 'Bhonsle' narrates the story of a police constable (Bajpayee), who tries to fight the struggles of migrants and their battles with the local politicians.
- The movie was directed by Devashish Makhija.

2. International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2019 is observed on _____.

- A. 23rd November
- B. 24th November
- C. 25th November
- D. 26th November
- E. 27th November

Ans. C

Sol.

- The **International Day for the Elimination of Violence** against Women is being observed every year on 25th November across the world to prevent & end violence against women.
- The theme for this year is "**Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape**".
- The colour orange in the theme symbolizes a better future without the pervasive human rights violation that affects 1 in 3 women and girls all over the globe.

3. Who among the following has won the Davis Cup title 2019?

- A. Denis Shapovalov
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Dominic Thiem
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Ans. B

Sol.

- Rafael Nadal (world number-one) has clinched 6th Davis Cup title for Spain after beating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in front of a jubilant home crowd in Caja Mágica Madrid, Spain
- Nadal (33-year) defeated Shapovalov 6-3, 7-6 (9-7) to clinch Spain's 2-0 win against Canada.
- Rafael Nadal received the Most Valuable Player (MVP) award for his performance in the tournament after he won 8 of the 8 matches he participated in.
- In 2019, Nadal won the French Open and the US Open, made the Australian Open final and reached the Wimbledon semi-final.

4. Which of the following cities hosted the 8th National Tribal Craft Mela?

- A. Bhubaneswar
- B. Ranchi
- C. Pune
- D. Calicut
- E. Raipur

Ans. A

Sol.

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has inaugurated the 8th National Tribal Craft Mela at State Tribal Museum Complex in Bhubaneswar.
- As a part of Odisha Government's '5Ts' initiative, 45 Supplementary Readers prepared in 21 Tribal languages were released simultaneously by CM Patnaik.
- 5Ts' initiative is aimed at achieving progress through Transparency, Teamwork, Technology, Time and Transformation.

5. Name the city which ranked first in the first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index?

- A. Geneva, Switzerland
- B. Munich, Germany
- C. Zurich, Switzerland
- D. Auckland, New Zealand
- E. Sydney, Australia

Ans. C

Sol.

- The first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index, released in the Basque Country capital of Bilbao in northern Spain.
- The Index is designed to showcase not only the quantity of economic growth of a



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city but also its quality and distribution across populations.

- Zurich (number-1) scores strongly across all measures, particularly on the quality of life, work, housing, leisure, safety, and education - with the Swiss higher education system attaining an especially high score.
- Austrian capital (number- 2) scores close to top marks on healthcare. Copenhagen, Luxembourg and Helsinki complete the top five.

6. Which city finds top position among the Indian cities in the first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index?

- A. Bengaluru B. New Delhi
C. Mumbai D. Indore
E. Jaipur

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7. What is the rank of Bengaluru in the first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index?

- A. 65th B. 75th
C. 79th D. 83rd
E. 95th

Ans. D

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8. What is the theme of the 2019 NuGen Mobility Summit?

- A. Sustainable & Green Mobility
B. Smart & Sustainable Mobility
C. Smart & Green Mobility
D. Mobility for Greener Development
E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

• The 2019 NuGen Mobility Summit was held at Manesar, Haryana from 27-29th November 2019.

• The Theme of 2019 is "Smart & Green Mobility".

• The objective of the summit is to share new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future technologies trends for the faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced Automotive Technologies for a smarter and greener future.

9. Which of the following has been named as the '2019 Word of the Year' by the Oxford Dictionary?

- A. Climate Action B. Climate Denial
C. Eco-anxiety D. Extinction
E. Climate Emergency

Ans. E

Sol.



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- Oxford Dictionaries has named "climate emergency" as its 2019 Word of the Year.
- It also included 'climate action', 'climate denial', 'eco-anxiety', 'extinction' and 'flight shame'.
- The word is selected because it shows the increase in usage since 2018.
- Climate emergency defines as "a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change."

10. The researchers of which University have developed a potential Diarrhea vaccine?

- A. Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA
- B. University of Cambridge, UK
- C. Gothenburg, Sweden
- D. Stanford University, USA
- E. Imperial College London, UK

Ans. C

Sol.

- The researchers of the University of Gothenburg in Sweden have developed a potential Diarrhea vaccine.
- Science journal, The Lancet, reports that it has been proved safe and effective in an early-stage clinical trial in Bangladesh.
- The report said that 80 to 100 per cent of the children aged two to five years and 50 to 80 per cent of infants aged six to eleven months, selected for the study responded to all key immunity generating components of the vaccine.
- There is no vaccine yet for use for children and vaccine development for Diarrhea is a World Health Organization priority.

11. Who won the women's double trap titles at the 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship in New Delhi on 25th November, 2019?

- A. Heena Sidhu
- B. Mahima Vishwakarma
- C. Varsha Varman
- D. Manisha Keer
- E. Manu Bhaker

Ans. C

Sol.

- Sangram Dahiya (Haryana) and Varsha Varman (Madhya Pradesh) clinched

double trap titles, winning gold at the 63rd National Shotgun Shooting Championship in New Delhi.

- In the men's category, Sangram shot 142 out of 150 targets to clinch the gold medal.
- Former world champion Ankur Mittal has won Silver and Prithvi Singh Chahal bronze.
- Varsha clinches the gold ahead of state-mate Manisha Keer, winning Silver.
- Both Sangram and Varsha also won the team gold for their respective States.

12. Who among the following is the recipient of Billboard's inaugural Woman of the Decade award 2019?

- A. Billie Eilish
- B. Taylor Swift
- C. Rihanna
- D. Lady Gaga
- E. Beyonce

Ans. B

Sol.

- Singer Billie Eilish is the recipient of Billboard's 2019 Woman of the Year.
- According to The Hollywood Reporter, pop star Taylor Swift was also honoured at Billboard's event, receiving the inaugural 'Woman of the Decade' award 2019.

13. Guru Ghasidas National Park is located in which state which is set to become the state's 4th 'tiger reserve'?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Chhattisgarh

Ans. E

Sol.

- Chhattisgarh government has announced that the state is set to have Guru Ghasidas National Park in Kotiya district as its fourth 'tiger reserve'.
- This decision was taken in 11th meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) had approved to declare Guru Ghasidas National Park as a tiger reserve in 2014.
- At present there are three tiger reserves in state:
1) Achanakmar Tiger Reserve in Bilaspur.



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- 2) Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband,
3) Indravati Tiger Reserve in Bijapur district.

14. Which country will host the Multilateral Naval Exercise 'MILAN 2020' to be held in March 2020?

- A. France B. United Kingdom
C. South Africa D. India
E. Japan

Ans. D

Sol.

• The Indian Navy will host military drill 'Milan 2020' in March which will witness the participation of several countries.

• MILAN stands for 'Multilateral Naval Exercise'.

• 41 nations from South Asia, Southeast Asia, Africa and Europe that share defence cooperation with India have been invited for the drill.

15. Which of the following films will be the opening film at the 50th IFFI-2019?

- A. Lilli B. Despite the Fog
C. Odiyan D. Varathan
E. Hellaro

Ans. B

Sol.

* The International Film Festival of India 2019 (IFFI 2019) opened with the Italian Film Despite The Fog.

* The film, directed by Goran Paskaljevic, is about the issues related to the refugees in Italy.

* In Europe today, there are more than 10,000 kids abandoned, half of them were in Italy at some time

16. Who has won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2019?

- A. Max Verstappen B. Lewis Hamilton
C. Daniel Ricciardo D. Valtteri Bottas
E. Charles Leclerc

Ans. A

Sol.

* Belgian-Dutch racing driver Max Verstappen (with Red Bull) has won the Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix 2019.

* The Ferraris of Sebastian Vettel and Charles Leclerc clashed in the race due to which Verstappen was able to take the lead and ultimately win the race.

* Pierre Gasly (France) was on the second position and was the first podium position for him while Lewis Hamilton remained on the third.

17. What is the theme of 2019 Africa Industrialization Day?

A. 'Neo African Industrialization growth engine of world economy'

B. 'Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market'

C. 'African industry stimulating the world economy'

D. 'African Industry the growth engine of the third industrial revolution'

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

* Africa Industrialization Day is the day when a large number of African governments and organisations gather to examine various ways to stimulate the industrialisation process in Africa.

* The theme of 2019 is 'Positioning African Industry to Supply the AfCFTA Market'.

* On 22 March 2018, 44 member States of the African Union signed the Agreement Establishing an African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), thus creating a single African market for goods and services.

18. Which of the following books has been written by author Krishna Trilok?

- A. Notes of a Dream
B. Revolution 2020
C. Five Point Someone
D. What Young India Wants
E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

* Author Krishna Trilok has authored "Notes Of A Dream" - The Authorized Biography of A.R. Rahman - the celebrated composer, producer, singer and a legend in his own right

19. Who has received the 'Indira Gandhi Peace Prize' for the year 2019?

- A. Manmohan Singh
B. Kailash Satyarthi
C. David Attenborough

D. Sunita Williams

E. Greta Thunburg

Ans. C

Sol.

- Renowned naturalist & broadcaster Sir David Attenborough (93-year) received the 2019 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for his tireless work to preserve and protect biodiversity.
- This prestigious award (named after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi) has been accorded annually by Indira Gandhi Trust since 1986.
- Sir Attenborough was unanimously chosen for the award by an international jury chaired by the ex-president of India, Pranab Mukherjee.
- The 2017 Prize had gone to former Prime Minister of India (14th), Manmohan Singh.

20. Which famous cricketer won the PETA 'Person of the Year' award - 2019?

A. Rohit Sharma B. Virat Kohli

C. Mayank Agarwal D. MS Dhoni

E. Jasprit Bumrah

Ans. B

Sol.

- India captain Virat Kohli has been named People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's Person of the Year for 2019 for his animal advocacy efforts.
- Virat Kohli's efforts to improve conditions for animals include sending a letter to officials asking for the release of an elephant used for rides at Amer Fort.
- People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) is an American animal rights organization based in Norfolk, Virginia.
- Its slogan is 'Animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, use for entertainment, or abuse in any other way'.

21. Who won the 55th Jnanpith Award 2019?

A. Itigi Eranna

B. Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri

C. P.T. Narasimhachar

D. Jayant Kaikini

E. Kumaran Asan

Ans. B

Sol.

- Noted Malayalam poet Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri (known as 'Akkitham'- 93 years) has been declared the recipient of the 55th Jnanpith Award (country's highest literary honour) for the year 2019.
- His work includes Irupatham Noottandinte Ithihasam, or the legend of the 20th century, which is considered to have brought modernism into Malayalam poetry.
- Akkitham is the 6th Malayalam writer to be conferred this award.
- Akkitham Achuthan Namboodiri is the recipient of the Padma Shri (in 2017), Kerala Sahitya Academy Award (in 1971), the Sahitya Academy Award (in 1973), and the Vayalar Award (in 2012).
- Writer Amitav Ghosh was the recipient of the Jnanpith Award in 2018.

22. The 'Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare' is observed annually on which date?

A. 25th November B. 26th November

C. 27th November D. 28th November

E. 30th November

Ans. E

Sol.

- The Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is an annual event held November 30 as a "tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons, thereby promoting the goals of peace, security, and multilateralism.
- The Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention decided that a memorial Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare would be observed on 30 November each year.
- This commemoration provides an opportunity to pay tribute to the victims of chemical warfare, as well as to reaffirm the commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons



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23. In which place the Indian Army has successfully test-fired two Spike long-range anti-tank missiles?

- A. Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- B. Pokhran, Rajasthan
- C. Mhow, Madhya Pradesh
- D. Pune, Maharashtra
- E. Balasore, Odisha

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Indian Army has successfully test-fired two Spike long-range anti-tank missiles at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh.
- Army Chief General Bipin Rawat and several commanders witnessed the firing of the newly acquired missiles on Wednesday.
- Spike is a fourth-generation missile which can engage any target with precision at ranges up to 4-kilo metres.
- The Spike long-range anti-tank missiles will bolster the Army's firepower capability.

24. The Indian army has successfully test fired two Spike long-range (LR) anti-tank missiles made by which country that are capable of engaging targets at ranges up to 4km?

- A. France
- B. Israel
- C. Russia
- D. USA
- E. Indigenously made

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Indian Army has test-fired two Israeli-made Spike long-range (LR) anti-tank missiles that are capable of engaging targets at ranges up to 4km.
- The firing of the newly acquired fourth-generation anti-armour weapon system was performed at the army's Infantry School at Mhow in the state of Madhya Pradesh.
- Spike LR provides the Indian Army with fire-and-forget and 'fire, observe and update' capabilities.

25. At which naval establishment the sixth Dornier aircraft squadron 'Indian

Naval Air Squadron 314' has been commissioned by Indian Navy?

- A. Naval Air Enclave at Mumbai
- B. Naval Air Enclave at Cochin
- C. Naval Air Enclave at Chennai
- D. Naval Air Enclave at Porbandar
- E. Naval Air Enclave at Bhubaneswar

Ans. D

Sol.

- The sixth Dornier aircraft squadron 'Indian Naval Air Squadron 314' has been commissioned at Naval Air Enclave-Porbandar on Gujarat coast.
- Deputy Chief of Naval Staff Vice Admiral M S Pawar was the chief guest on this occasion.
- According to Defense Sources, the INAS 314 derives its name Raptors from the Bird of Prey family.
- The aircraft can be used for electronic warfare missions, maritime surveillance, search and rescue and to provide targeting data to weapon platform.

26. First ever India-Japan Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue (2+2) was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Chennai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Tokyo
- E. Kyoto

Ans. A

Sol.

- India and Japan hold their first ever Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue (2+2) in New Delhi on 30th November 2019.
- During the meeting the two sides discussed boosting defence and security ties besides other issues of mutual interest.
- The Indian delegation was led by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Foreign Minister S Jaishankar.
- Japan's Foreign Affairs Minister Toshimitsu Motegi and Defence Minister Taro Kono led the Japanese side.

27. Which of the following became the first company to list its commercial papers on the stock exchanges?

- A. Bajaj Finserv
- B. American Express Bank Ltd. India
- C. Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL)



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- D. Edelweiss Securities Ltd.
E. Tata Capital Limited

Ans. C
Sol.

- Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL), the NBFC arm of Aditya Birla Capital, became the first company to list its commercial papers on the stock exchanges.
- The value date of the commercial paper is November 28 and maturity date on February 7, 2020.
- This move came after the exchanges -- the BSE and the NSE -- came out with a framework for listing of commercial papers (CPs), in a bid to broaden investors' participation in such securities.

28. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched, in 2019, Accelerator Lab in which of the following cities in India to address the pollution?

- A. Mumbai
B. Varanasi
C. New Delhi
D. Bengaluru
E. Kanpur

Ans. C
Sol.

- The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched, in 2019, Accelerator Lab in New Delhi, India to address the pollution in the country through innovation.
- The project was launched in collaboration with the Indian Government's Atal Innovation Mission and the laboratory will be housed in the UNDP India office.
- Along with pollution other issues that the laboratory will seek to address include sustainable water management and client-resilient livelihoods.
- The UNDP India, after the launch of the Accelerator Lab, also organised a #DateForDevelopment.
- It is one-of-a-kind "matchmaking platform" aimed at connecting local innovators with development practitioners.

29. Who has been appointed as the Controller General of Accounts (CGA)?

- A. Anthony Lianzuala
B. Soma Roy Burman
C. Deena nath Pathak
D. Girraj Prasad Gupta
E. Nilam Sawhney

Ans. B
Sol.

- Soma Roy Burman (1986-batch Indian Civil Accounts Service officer) took charge as the new Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Principal Advisor on Accounting matters to the Union Government.
- She is the 24th CGA and the 7th woman to hold this coveted position.
- She took over from J P S Chawla.
- Earlier, Burman served as Additional Controller General of Accounts in the office of the CGA.
- She handled the critical areas of accounting rules, policy and reforms, financial reporting, data analytics, cash and budget management.

30. On which date, the International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed?

- A. December 1 B. December 2
C. November 24 D. November 28
E. 30th November

Ans. B
Sol.

- The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery organized every year on 2nd December by the United Nations General Assembly.
- The Day was first celebrated in 1986.
- International days are occasions to educate the public on issues of concern, to mobilize political will and resources to address global problems and to celebrate and reinforce the achievements of humanity.

31. Who among the following has been appointed as the speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly?

- A. Dilip Walse Patil
B. Nana Patole
C. Kisan Kathore
D. Vijayrao Bhaskarrao Auti
E. Vijay Ambhore

Ans. B

Sol.

- Congress leader Nana Patole has been elected as the Speaker of Maharashtra Legislative Assembly.
- Earlier, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) candidate Kisan Kathore withdrew his nomination.
- Maharashtra BJP legislature party leader Devendra Fadnavis was named Leader of Opposition in the state Assembly.

32. What is the theme of the World Aids Day 2019?

- A. Communications Make the Difference
- B. Close the gap
- C. On the fast track to end AIDS
- D. Communication to end the gap
- E. Communities Make the Difference

Ans. E

Sol.

- World Aids Day is being celebrated every year on 1st December (since 1988) to raise public awareness about Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
- This year, the theme is "Communities Make the Difference".
- It is a pandemic disease caused due to the infection of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- The Union Government has developed a seven-year National Strategic Plan from 2017 to 2024 to achieve the Sustainable Development Goal of ending AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

33. Which country's King Carl XVI Gustaf and Queen Silvia visited India on December 2019?

- A. Denmark
- B. Norway
- C. Poland
- D. Sweden
- E. Finland

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Swedish King and Queen Silvia arrived in New Delhi on a five-day visit to India.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds the talk with King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden at Hyderabad House in New Delhi.

- The Swedish King is leading a high-level business delegation for engagements with Indian counterparts.

- Several agreements on furthering bilateral engagement are likely to be signed between the two countries

- India and Sweden have a bilateral trade turnover of 3.37 billion dollars and cumulative investments of about 2.5 billion dollars.

34. UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) gets underway in the Spanish capital, Madrid, under the Presidency of which country?

- A. Argentina
- B. Chile
- C. Japan
- D. France
- E. Spain

Ans. B

Sol.

- UN Climate Change Conference (known as COP25) gets underway in the Spanish capital, Madrid, under the Presidency of Chile.

- COP 25 is an important conference as countries prepare to move from the pre-2020 period under the Kyoto Protocol to the post-2020 period under the Paris Agreement.

- India's approach will be guided by principles and provisions of UNFCCC and Paris Agreement particularly the principles of Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capability (CBDR-RC).

35. Who among the following becomes the first female President of the European Commission (EC)?

- A. Christine Lagarde
- B. Diane Morais
- C. Ursula von der Leyen
- D. Sophia Grene
- E. Alison Rose

Ans. C

Sol.

- German Ursula von der Leyen (60-years) took charge as the first female President of the European Commission (EC).

- Von der Leyen served in the federal government of Germany (from 2005 to



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2019) as the longest-serving member of Angela Merkel's cabinet.

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

- The President of the Commission leads a cabinet of Commissioners, referred to as the college, collectively accountable to the European Parliament.

36. Who among the following has been elected as the new President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- A. Taro Aso
- B. Masatsugu Asakawa
- C. Hong Nam-ki
- D. Mulyani Indrawati
- E. Uttama Savanayon

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has unanimously elected Masatsugu Asakawa (61-year) as its new President.

- Currently, he is the Special Advisor to Japan's Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

- Masatsugu Asakawa will succeed Takehiko Nakao.

- Mr. Asakawa will assume office as ADB's 10th President on 17th January 2020.

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) is a regional development bank established on 19 December 1966.

- Now, ADB has 68 members.

37. Who among the following created history by becoming the first woman pilot of the Indian Navy?

- A. Shivangi
- B. Avani Chaturvedi
- C. Mohana Singh
- D. Vaaruni
- E. Anjali Singh

Ans. A

Sol.

- Sub Lieutenant Shivangi has created history to become the first woman pilot of the Navy.

- Shivangi was inducted into the Indian Navy under the Short Service Commission Pilot entry scheme.

- She was commissioned into the Navy in June 2018.

- A batch of three trainee officers of the 7th Dornier Conversion Course including a lady officer qualified as Dornier pilots and were awarded at the coveted golden Wings ceremony held at INS Garuda.

38. Name the authors who won the 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize' for his book, "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From"?

- A. Tony Joseph
- B. Ruskin Bond
- C. Gregory David Roberts
- D. Taslima Nasrin
- E. Rudyard Kipling

Ans. A

Sol.

- English author Tony Joseph has won the 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize' for his book, "Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From".

- The book tells the tale of the people of South Asia through research in six disciplines, including path-breaking new DNA evidence.

- The award was instituted in 2008 and it carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh along with a trophy.

- Last year, the prize was awarded to Sujatha Gidla for her *Ants Among Elephants: An Untouchable Family And The Making Of Modern India*.

39. 13th South Asian Games being organized in which country?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Nepal
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Maldives
- E. Pakistan

Ans. B

Sol.

- President of Nepal Bidya Devi Bhandari declared 13th South Asian Games open in a glittering ceremony at Dasaratha Rangshala in Kathmandu, Nepal.

- Over 2700 athletes from seven South Asian Countries participated in the march past.

- For 10 days biggest sporting event of South Asia, 2715 athletes (India - 487 athletes) compete for 1119 medals including 319 Gold in 26 game categories.

- The closing ceremony will be held on 10th December.



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40. Which of the following teams has won the Syed Mushtaq Trophy 2019-20?

- A. Maharashtra B. Karnataka
C. Tamil Nadu D. Chhattisgarh
E. Haryana

Ans. B

Sol.

- Karnataka lifted the Syed Mushtaq Trophy 2019-20 (Cricket) after a thrilling one-run win over Tamil Nadu in the final.
- This is the second consecutive title win for Karnataka.
- Karnataka rode on skipper Manish Pandey's 60 runs (45-ball) to post a total of 180/5 in 20 overs.
- The encounter went to the last over in which off-spinner K Gowtham was asked to defend 13 runs.

41. Who has been conferred with the "Lifetime Achievement Award" by the Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association?

- A. Rajiv Bajaj B. Ratan Tata
C. Gulu Mirchandani
D. Karan Adani E. Aditya Birla

Ans. C

Sol.

* **Gulu Mirchandani** (Founder chairman of Mirc Electronics Ltd. (Onida) has been conferred with "**Lifetime Achievement Award**" by the Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association.

* **Consumer Electronics and Appliances Manufacturers Association** (CEAMA) is an all-India organization in the consumer electronics and durables sector.

42. Who received the 100th Nobel Peace Prize?

- A. Abiy Ahmed B. Greta Thunberg
C. Isaias Afwerki D. Nadia Murad
E. Denis Mukwege Mukengere

Ans. A

Sol.

* Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed received the 2019 Nobel Peace Prize (100th) for his efforts to achieve international peace and co-operation.

* On July 9, 2018, following a historic meeting in Eritrea's capital Asmara, Abiy

Ahmed and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki formally ended a 20-year-old stalemate between their countries in the wake of the 1998-2000 border conflict.

* The Nobel Committee announced in October it was honoring Abiy Ahmed for his efforts to resolve the long-running conflict with neighboring foe Eritrea.

* The Nobel Peace Prize consists of a diploma, a gold medal and a cheque for nine million Swedish kronor (850,000 euros).

* The Chairman of the **Norwegian Nobel Committee** presents the **Nobel Peace Prize** in the presence of the King of Norway on **10 December** each year (the anniversary of Nobel's death).

43. What is the rank of India in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2019?

- A. 21 B. 10
C. 9 D. 11
E. 12

Ans. C

Sol.

* The 2019 Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) has been presented at the ongoing COP25 climate summit in Madrid, Spain.

* For the first time, India has emerged among the top 10 countries with higher climate performance.

* India has been ranked at 9th spot in the index for its Climate Policy performance among 57 countries and the European Union.

44. Who becomes the first Indian to play 150 Ranji matches?

- A. Cheteshwar Pujara
B. Pankaj Dharmani
C. Amarjit Kaypee
D. Mithun Manhas
E. Wasim Jaffer

Ans. E

Sol.

* Veteran opener Wasim Jaffer (41 years) has become the first player in Indian cricket to feature in 150 Ranji matches.

* Overall, Jaffer has played 253 first-class games, scoring 19,147 runs at an average of 51.19.



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* He has scored 57 hundred and 88 fifties with 314 being his highest score.
* Jaffer is followed by batsman Devendra Bundela (145 matches) and Amol Muzumdar (136 matches).
* Now, Wasim Jaffer is just 853 runs away from completing 20,000 runs in first-class cricket.

45. How many Gold Medal won by India in South Asian Games in Nepal 2019?

- A. 156 B. 312
C. 528 D. 174
E. 100

Ans. D

Sol.

* In the 13th Edition of South Asian Games 2019 India won 312 in total and finished at top in medal tally with 174 Gold, 93 Silver, 45 Bronze medals.

* The 2019 South Asian Games, (officially, XIII South Asian Games) was held in Nepal (Kathmandu, Pokhara and Janakpur).

* Seven countries (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) competed in the competition having 27 games.

46. The three-day Global Buddhist Congregation 2019 was held at _____.

- A. Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
B. Aurangabad, Maharashtra
C. Guwahati, Assam
D. Banaras, Uttar Pradesh
E. Puri, Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

- A three-day Global Buddhist Congregation 2019 was held at Nagsenvan in Aurangabad Maharashtra.
- Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama has delivered two lectures in the Congregation.
- Buddhist monks and followers of the religion from across the globe arrived here to attend this Congregation.

47. Who won the London Chess Classic 2019?

- A. Carlsen Magnus
B. R. Praggnanandhaa

- C. Anish Giri
D. Vishwanathan Anand
E. Ding Liren

Ans. B

Sol.

* India's R. Praggnanandhaa (14-year) has won the FIDE Open category of the London Chess Classic held in London.

* He won the tournament with a tally of 7.5 points out of nine rounds.

* R. Praggnanandhaa finished joint first with Anton Smirnov of Australia both scoring 7.5 points.

* The London Chess Classic is a chess festival held at the Olympia Conference Centre, West Kensington, London

48. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched how many foreign satellites along with its radar imaging earth observation satellite, RISAT-2BR1 through PSLV-C48?

- A. 7 B. 9
C. 71 D. 21
E. 45

Ans. B

Sol.

* The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has launched its radar imaging earth observation satellite, RISAT-2BR1 and **nine foreign satellites** through Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C48) from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

* PSLV-C48 (50th mission of PSLV) carried nine customer satellites of Israel(1), Italy(1), Japan (1) and USA(6) as co-passengers.

* RISAT-2BR1 is a radar imaging earth observation satellite weighing about 628 kg, the mission life of 5 years

* These international satellites launched under a commercial arrangement with New Space India Limited.

49. Which school organization has allowed girls' education in its premises in a phased manner?

- A. Eklavya modern residential school
B. Navodaya Vidyalaya
C. Kendreey Vidyalaya
D. Sainik School
E. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan



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Ans. D

Sol.

* According to Minister of State for Defence Shripad Naik, Union Government has allowed girls' education in all Sainik School in a phased manner.

* Presently entry of girls in five Sainik Schools has been allowed.

* These 5 schools are Kalikiri (Andhra Pradesh), Kodagu (Karnataka), Ghorakhal (Uttarakhand), Chandrapur (Maharashtra) and Bijapur (Karnataka).

* The co-educational policy adopted on a pilot-basis at Sainik School in Mizoram and now is being implemented across the country.

* The concept of the Sainik School originated in the visionary mind of late V K Krishna Menon, who was our Defence Minister in the early sixties.

50. Which city has been selected as the world's leading Sports tourism Destination at the 26th edition of the World Travel Awards (WTA)?

- A. Jakarta, Indonesia
- B. Tokyo, Japan
- C. Melbourne, Australia
- D. Abu Dhabi, UAE
- E. Beijing, China

Ans. D

Sol.

• Abu Dhabi has been selected as a premium destination for sports tourism in 2019 after hosting some of the world's top sporting events, such as the FIFA Club World Cup 2017 and 2018, the first edition of the UAE Tour, the Special Olympics World Games 2019, the AFC Asian Cup 2019, the UFC 242 showdown and the Brazil vs South Korea international friendly match.

• This is the seventh time in a row that Abu Dhabi has been selected for this coveted award.

• Sports tourism has been labeled by the United Nations World Travel Organization (UNWTO) as one of the fastest-growing sectors of tourism worldwide.

51. Who has been selected for the prestigious 33rd Moortidevi Award for the year 2019?

A. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari

B. Nirmal Verma

C. Joy Goswami

D. Vishwanath Tripathi

E. MP Veerendra Kumar

Ans. A

Sol.

• Noted poet & critic Dr. Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari has been selected for the prestigious Moortidevi Award for the year 2019 (33rd) for his work 'Asti Aur Bhavati'.

• 'ASTI AUR BHAVTI' is an autobiographical journey of Dr. Tiwari which captures the historical, philosophical and cultural aspects at different temporal settings thus igniting life in subjects like changing values and changes in societal and cultural landscapes.

• Mr. Tiwari is the recipient of many distinguished awards that include Vyas Samman, Hindi Gaurav Samman, Pushkin Samman and many more.

52. The joint military exercise "Iron Union 12" is a joint Military exercise between which two countries?

- A. Iran And Iraq
- B. Afghanistan And Iraq
- C. China and Russia
- D. USA and France
- E. USA and UAE

Ans. E

Sol.

• A joint military exercise between the ground forces of the UAE and the United States 'Iron Union 12' was held in the UAE's al-Hamra region.

• In this exercise both the countries take part in joint military cooperation to enhance combat and tactical capabilities.

53. Which Country hosted Incredible India Roadshow?

- A. USA
- B. Russia
- C. Singapore
- D. Myanmar
- E. Laos

Ans. C

Sol.

• The Incredible India Road Show held in Singapore, positioning the country as a preferred destination for tourists.



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- The roadshow by Indian delegation will provide a platform to the stakeholders of India's tourism industry to interact with their Singaporean counterparts.
- Indian delegation comprises 25 tour operators and destination management companies along with representations from the state governments of Punjab and Madhya Pradesh.

54. Which Country has tested driverless 5G technology vehicles?

- A. Japan B. South Korea
C. USA D. Israel
E. UAE

Ans. E

Sol.

- Driverless vehicles are being tested on 5G technology ahead of a planned deployment of such vehicles on roads in the United Arab Emirates.
- According to industry reports, 5G-enabled driverless vehicles will be able to have more efficient and quick communication with each other and traffic infrastructure, which will help to minimize traffic jams and bottlenecks.

55. Who among the following has been elected as the President of the governing board of 'News Broadcasters Federation (NBF)'?

- A. Ravish Kumar
B. Rajdeep Sardesai
C. Rajat Sharma
D. Arnab Goswami
E. Rahul Kanwal

Ans. D

Sol.

- The News Broadcasters Federation (NBF) has elected Arnab Goswami (editor-in-chief of Republic TV) as the President of its governing board.
- The NBF is the body of over 78 news channels (14 languages) of India, representing broadcasters from 25 states.
- The new self-regulatory organization in order to bring in transparent self-regulation on content will be announced by the end of January 2020.

56. Which country has been handed a four-year ban from all major sporting events by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)?

- A. Russia B. North Korea
C. Mexico D. India
E. Pakistan

Ans. A

Sol.

- Russia has been handed a four-year ban from all major sporting events by the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA).
- WADA's executive committee made the unanimous decision to impose the ban on Russia in a meeting in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- It comes after Russia's Anti-Doping Agency (Rusada) was declared non-compliant for manipulating laboratory data handed over to investigators in January 2019.
- Now, Russia flag and anthem will not be allowed at events such as the Tokyo 2020 Olympics and Paralympics and football's 2022 World Cup in Qatar.
- Russian athletes can still compete at international events under a 'neutral banner' if they are able to prove themselves to be clean.

57. 2nd Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) All India Sports Competition 2019 held in which city of India?

- A. New Delhi B. Ranchi
C. Raipur D. Bhopal
E. Gauhati

Ans. D

Sol.

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath has inaugurated 2nd Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) All India Sports Competition at TT Nagar Stadium, Bhopal.
- Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRSs) scheme is one of the flagships interventions of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs introduced in 1997-98 to ensure tribal students get access to quality education in the remote tribal areas.
- Tribal Folk artists from Madhya Pradesh and other states will perform cultural programs during the event. As many as 4500 players of 284 Eklavya Schools of



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20 states will exhibit their skills in 16 sports disciplines during the competition.

58. Which state has launched the "YSR Law Nestham Scheme"?

- A. Telangana
- B. Andhra Pradesh
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Orissa
- E. Kerala

Ans. B

Sol.

- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister **YS Jagan Mohan Reddy** has launched '**YSR Law Nestham Scheme**' at his camp office at Tadepalli.

- Under this, scheme, a stipend of **Rs 5,000** has been credited in the accounts of beneficiary junior lawyers with the click of a button.

59. Which state cabinet has approved an amendment to create a rural Land Bank for Industrial development?

- A. Haryana
- B. Bihar
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Punjab
- E. Himachal Pradesh

Ans. D

Sol.

- The **Punjab Cabinet** headed by Captain Amarinder Singh gave in-principle approval to amend the Punjab Village Common Land (Regulation) Rules, 1964, to create land banks in rural areas to boost industrial development in the city.

- It was decided to further fine-tune the amendments to ensure that the Panchayats get their dues, with all decisions to be taken on a case to case basis, keeping their interests in view.

- The Cabinet cleared the proposal to provide special provision for transfer of Shamlat Lands for development of industrial infrastructure projects, to be implemented by Industry Department and Punjab Small Industries & Export Corporation.

60. Who inaugurated Gurgaon's ambitious Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC)?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Manohar Lal Khattar

D. M Venkaiah Naidu

E. Satyadev Narayan Arya

Ans. C

Sol. Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has inaugurated Gurgaon's ambitious Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC). The ICCC has been designed to serve as the nodal point for all online data related to the Smart City applications, including CCTV-based public safety and adaptive traffic management system, smart parking system, water supply management system, pollution monitoring, property tax management system and asset management system.

61. Who has won the 2019 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019?

- A. Ramchandra Guha
- B. Amitabh Ghosh
- C. Dutta
- D. Amitabha Bagchi
- E. Shashi Tharoor

Ans. D

Sol.

- The IME Nepal Literature Festival (8th edition) at Pokhara, concluded with the announcement of the winner of DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019.

- The USD 25,000 award went to Amitabha Bagchi for his 2018 novel, Half the Night is Gone.

62. Which state/union territory celebrated 58th liberation day on 19th December 2019?

- A. Daman And Diu
- B. Goa
- C. Jammu & Kashmir
- D. Chhattisgarh
- E. Punjab

Ans. B

Sol.

- Goa is celebrating its 58th Liberation Day

- The state was liberated on this day (19th December) in 1961 from Portuguese control after almost 450 years of colonial rule.

63. The World Design Organization (WDO) has launched its new global



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programme the 'World Design Protopolis 2019' in which the city of India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. New Delhi
- C. Chennai
- D. Mumbai
- E. Kolkata

Ans. A

Sol.

- The **World Design Organization** (WDO) has launched its **new global** programme '**World Design Protopolis**' in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- It aims at implementing **holistic progress** in megacities across the world and making them sustainable.
- The **project aims** to measure the progress of the city, attract investments and solve problems so that the city becomes a better place for the citizens

64. Which state has launched the Jalsathi program and JalSathi App to ensure supply of safe drinking water to all households in the state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. New Delhi
- C. Orissa
- D. Bihar
- E. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has launched the 'Jalsathi' program and 'JalSathi' App to ensure the supply of safe drinking water to all households in the state.

65. Who will be the 28th Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army?

- A. Lt Gen Vikram Singh
- B. Lt Gen Manoj Mukund Naravane
- C. Lt.Gen Dalbir singh Suhag
- D. Lt. Gen Ranbir Singh
- E. Lt. Gen Ranjeet Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

- Vice Chief of the Army Lt Gen **Manoj Mukund Naravane** will be the next **Chief of Army Staff** (28th) of the **Indian Army**.
- **Lt Gen Naravane** will succeed **Gen Bipin Rawat**, who will retire on the **31st December** this year.
- **Naravane** was commissioned into the **7th battalion**, the Sikh Light Infantry Regiment in **June 1980**.

- During his career, he has been awarded the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2019), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2017), Sena Medal and Vishist Seva Medal (2015) for his service and the CoAS commendation card.

66. According to World Economic Forum report 2019, what is the rank of India in terms of gender gap?

- A. 113
- B. 116
- C. 108
- D. 112
- E. 120

Ans. D

Sol.

- India has slipped four places to rank 112th globally in terms of gender gap amid widening disparity in terms of women's health and survival and economic participation.
- Iceland remains the world's most gender-neutral country, India has moved down the ladder from its 108th position last year on the World Economic Forum's Gender Gap Report.

67. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has started laser fencing along which International boundary of India?

- A. Indo- Bangladesh
- B. Indo- Nepal
- C. Indo- Bhutan
- D. Indo- Pakistan
- E. Indo- Myanmar

Ans. B

Sol.

- Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has started laser fencing along the Indo-Nepal border.
- The SSB is deployed to guard the 2450-km-long border with Nepal and Bhutan.

68. Who becomes the first Indian cricketer to claim two ODI hat trick?

- A. Kuldeep Yadav
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. R. Ashwin
- D. Yuzvendra chahal
- E. Kedar Jadhav

Ans. A

Sol.

- left-arm wrist spinner Kuldeep Yadav (25-years) has become India's first bowler to claim two international hat-



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tricks in the second one-day against West Indies.

- He claimed his first against Australia at Kolkata's Eden Gardens in 2017.

69. What is the Capital and Currency of Portugal?

- A. Madrid And Euro
- B. Athens And Euro
- C. Sicily And Peso
- D. Lisbon And Euro
- E. Bucharest And Leu

Ans. D

Sol.

- Capital of Portugal is Lisbon and Currency is Euro.
- Prime Minister of Portugal Antonio Costa arrived.

70. Laura Marsh recently announced international retirement, she played for which country?

- A. South Africa
- B. Australia
- C. England
- D. West Indies
- E. Ireland

Ans. C

Sol.

- England off-spinner Laura Marsh has ended her international career in a 13-year span that included three World Cup wins, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).
- The 33-year-old made her debut as a pace bowler in 2006 before switching to spin and signs off with 217 international wickets, making her the most successful women's spinner in English cricket.

71. Indian Railways has installed the first atmospheric water generator called _____ to harvest water directly from air through a series of steps.

- A. Ritu
- B. Varsha
- C. Aquatech
- D. Maitri
- E. Meghdoot

Ans. E

Sol.

- 'Meghdoot' harvests water directly from air through a series of step
- In a first-of-its-kind initiative by Indian Railways, South Central Railway has installed an 'atmospheric water generator' kiosk at Secunderabad

Railway Station. The 'atmospheric water generator' is called 'Meghdoot'.

- This technology is developed under 'Make in India' by MaithriAquatech. The kiosk produces around 1,000 litres per day.

- "Conserve Water, Conserve Life: Railways introduces 'Meghdoot' device to harvest water directly from air, which is then filtered & remineralised for drinking

72. Which state adopted the "TRAKEA" barcoding system to make forensic reports tamper-proof?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Haryana
- E. Punjab

Ans. D

Sol.

- **Haryana** government has adopted the **TRAKEA** barcoding system of Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) at Madhuban, Haryana.

- It will help to automate the entire procedure, right from the moment when forensic experts collect vital samples from the scene of the crime to conducting an analysis of the samples.

- Now, Haryana became the first state in the country to introduce this unique barcoding system.

- The '**TRAKEA**' software has been developed by Amit Mishra, a software engineer who was in **Bhondsi jail** for 13 months imprisoned on the charge of **killing his wife**.

73. Which Ministry has launched Braille version of 'Exam Warriors'?

- A. Ministry of Human Resource and Development
- B. Ministry of Culture
- C. Ministry Of Health
- D. Ministry of women and child development
- E. Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment

Ans. E

Sol.

- Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot (Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment) has released the Braille Edition of the book



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"Exam Warriors" authored by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

74. Classical Music Festival "Tansen Samaroh" 2019 was held in which city of India?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Indore
- C. New Delhi
- D. Jaipur
- E. Gwalior

Ans. E

Sol.

- Popular classical music festival '**Tansen Samaroh**' 2019 was held in Gwalior, **Madhya Pradesh**.

- The five-day festival is celebrated every year in the memory of one of the most eminent singers of Indian history, Mian Tansen.

- **Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas** has been honoured with this year's prestigious Tansen Samman.

- On this occasion, the music-driven platform is used by the musicians and instrumentalists from all over the world to showcase their talent.

75. According to the Income Tax Department, what will be the last date to link Permanent Account Number (PAN) with Aadhar?

- A. 31st January 2020
- B. 30th December 2020
- C. 31st March 2020
- D. 31st December 2019
- E. 1st January 2020

Ans. D

Sol.

- According to the **Income Tax Department**, it will be mandatory to link **Permanent Account Number** (PAN) with Aadhaar by **31st Dec 2019**.

- This will facilitate to reap **seamless benefits** of income tax services.

- The deadline for linking **PAN with Aadhaar** was extended till the 31st of December, by Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) through an order issued in September this year.

- In order to link a **PAN with Aadhaar online**, the assessee is required to log in to the e-filing portal.

- The **Income Tax Department** also provides an SMS-based facility to enable the linking.

- Aadhaar is issued by the **Unique Identification Authority of India** (UIDAI) to a resident of India and PAN is a 10-digit alphanumeric number allotted by the I-T Department to a person, firm or entity.

76. In which Indian state International Film Festival 2019 held in December 2019?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Goa
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Odisha
- E. Chhattisgarh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister **Kamal Nath** has inaugurated the **International Film Festival** in Shilpkala village of Khajuraho.

- Films from the country and abroad including Bundelkhandi will be screened at the Tapra Talkies made for the festival.

- The **International Khajuraho Film Festival** is being organized by the **Prayas Sanstha** in collaboration with the State Government.

- Events like interaction with film stars, **film making workshop**, mobile film making workshop, plays, programmes for promoting local art and culture, herbal forest fair, animal fair etc. are also organized during the Film Festival.

77. Which Global Positioning System Service provider has claimed for the maximum coverage of the planet Earth area (98%)?

- A. Bhuvan Indian GPS system
- B. Triangle Indian GPS System
- C. City Mapper
- D. Bing Mao
- E. Google Earth

Ans. E

Sol.

- Search engine giant Google has revealed that its powerful mapping service, Google Earth now covers more than 98% of the world.

- It has captured 10 million miles of Street View imagery, a distance that



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could circle the globe more than 400 times.

- When it comes to Google Earth, the software that lets you browse the globe with 3D representation, right from the comfort of your couch, offers 6 million square miles of high definition satellite images, covering more than 98% of the entire population.

78. Which country's peacekeepers have been awarded this year by the United Nations (UN) to support the people of South Sudan?

- A. Myanmar B. Vietnam
C. India D. USA
E. France

Ans. C

Sol.

- **Indian peacekeepers** have been recognized this year for their strong contribution to building peace in conflict-affected South Sudan as well as for going above and beyond their duties to support local communities.

- Around **850 Indian troops** received the **United Nations Medal** for their dedication and sacrifice serving so far away from home to **protect civilians** and build durable peace in South Sudan.

- **2,342 Indian troops** & 25 police personnel are deployed with the **UN Mission** in South Sudan (UNMISS).

79. Project Mars Rover 2020 belongs to which country?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- The **National Aeronautics and Space Administration** (NASA) will launch rover Mars 2020 in 2020.

- The rover builds and managed by NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

- Mars 2020 will explore a landscape shaped by water which is the Jezero Crater, the site of an ancient delta.

- Mars 2020's arm has the same reach as Curiosity's arm. Mars 2020's turret weighs 99 pounds (45 kilograms) more

than Curiosity's because it carries larger instruments and a larger drill for coring and has many other changes in the physical design.

80. Who has won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year award 2019?

- A. Virat Kohli B. David Warner
C. Jasprit Bumrah D. Mithali Raj
E. Ben Stokes

Ans. E

Sol.

- English cricketer Ben Stokes has been voted for BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

- He became the first cricketer to win the prize after Andrew Flintoff (in 2005).

- In a public vote, Lewis Hamilton came second with Dina Asher-Smith third.

- The BBC Sports Personality of the Year 2019 took place at the P&J Live in Aberdeen, United Kingdom.

81. Who has won the 2019 DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019?

- A. Ramchandra Guha
B. Amitabh Ghosh
C. Dutta
D. Amitabha Bagchi
E. Shashi Tharoor

Ans. D

Sol.

- The IME Nepal Literature Festival (8th edition) at Pokhara, concluded with the announcement of the winner of DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019.

- The USD 25,000 award went to Amitabha Bagchi for his 2018 novel, Half the Night is Gone.

82. Which country announced Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize 2019?

- A. South Africa B. Portugal
C. Mauritius D. Sri Lanka
E. India

Ans. B

Sol.

- Portugal will be launching a Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize, each year inspired by his different thoughts and quotes.

- The first edition of this prize will be dedicated to animal welfare as Mahatma



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Gandhi said that the greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated.

83. Sahitya Akademi announces annual Sahitya Akademi in how many Indian languages?

- A. 18
- B. 22
- C. 20
- D. 24
- E. 23

Ans. D

Sol.

- Sahitya Akademi announced its annual Sahitya Akademi Awards in 24 languages.
- These 24 languages include 22 languages (8th Schedule of Constitution) + English + Rajasthani.

84. Which of the following countries becomes the first country in the world to recognize Indian Pharmacopoeia?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Myanmar
- D. Maldives
- E. Bhutan

Ans. A

Sol.

- The **Indian Pharmacopoeia** (IP) has been recognized formally by the National Department of Regulation of Medicines and Health Products of the Ministry of Public Health of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan.

85. Anti-hijacking exercise, Apharan was conducted by the Indian Navy at the which place?

- A. Goa
- B. Mumbai
- C. Balasore
- D. Kolkata
- E. Kochi

Ans. E

Sol.

- Indian Navy, in collaboration with **Indian Coast Guard**, Cochin Port Trust and all other concerned stakeholders, conducted a large-scale anti-hijacking exercise code-named Apharan off the Port of Kochi.

86. What amount will be shared by the central government for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (Phase-3)?

- A. 125000 Crore
- B. 100000 Crore
- C. 50000 Crore
- D. 58300 Crore

E. 58800 Crore

Ans. E

Sol.

- The Phase-III of PMGSY aims at consolidation of 1 lakh 25 thousand Kilometers through Routes and Major Rural Links that connect habitations to Gramin Agricultural Markets, Higher Secondary Schools and Hospitals with an estimated cost of 80 thousand 250 crore rupees for the period 2019-20 to 2024-25.

- The Central Share will be 53 thousand 800 Crore rupees.

87. What is the FIFA ranking of Indian men's Football team in 2019?

- A. 98
- B. 108
- C. 57
- D. 58
- E. 100

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Indian men's football team remained static at **108th spot** in the year-ending FIFA rankings.

- Belgium ended on top for the second successive year and France remained in second place ahead of Brazil.

88. Who is the costliest foreign player in IPL (Indian Premier League) 2019?

- A. Ben Stock
- B. Glan Maxwell
- C. Pet Cummins
- D. Steve Smith
- E. Kris Morris

Ans. C

Sol.

- Australian Pat Cummins becomes the most expensive overseas player signing in IPL history.

- Kolkata Knight Riders pick up the top-ranked Test bowler for a whopping Rs 15.50 crore.

89. Where was the Exercise 'Swachchh Samundra NW-2019' conducted?

- A. Gulf of Trombay
- B. Bay of Bengal
- C. Near Malacca Strait
- D. Gulf of Kutch
- E. Near 10 Degree Channel

Ans. D

Sol.



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90. Which organization has conducted 'Swachhh Samundra NW-2019'?

- A. Indian Navy B. NDRF
C. Indian Coast Guard D. CISF
E. Bangladesh Navy

Ans. C

Sol.

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91. According to the US National Science Foundation, What is the rank of India in scientific articles production?

- A. 12 B. 10
C. 3 D. 15
E. 2

Ans. C

Sol.

- As per the report compiled by the **US National Science Foundation (NSF)**, India has emerged as the world's third-largest publisher of science and engineering articles.

92. 'Oxygen Parlour' has set up at which railway station to combat the rising air pollution?

- A. Visakhapatnam B. Chennai
C. New Delhi D. Dispur
E. Nashik

Ans. E

Sol.

- In a unique initiative to battle rising air pollution in cities, an '**Oxygen Parlour**'

has been opened at Nashik railway station to provide an experience of breathing clean air to the commuters.

- The initiative comes with the efforts of the **Airo Guard** in collaboration with the Indian Railways.

93. Who is appointed as the first woman Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission?

- A. Tulsi Gabbard B. Falu Shah
C. Zulekha Daud D. Monisha Ghosh
E. Shanti Sethi

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian-American **Dr. Monisha Ghosh** has been appointed as the first woman **Chief Technology Officer (CTO)** at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission.

- She will advise **Indian-American Chairman** of the **FCC Ajit Pai** and the agency on technology and engineering issues, and work closely with the Office of Engineering and Technology.

94. Bank of Baroda partnered with which state government to provide MSME loans?

- A. Maharashtra B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Telangana D. Rajasthan
E. Tamil Nadu

Ans. D

Sol.

- **Bank of Baroda** has signed an MoU with the **Gujarat government** to facilitate the flow of credit to the **MSME sector**.

- As per the MoU, the financial aid will be provided for Greenfield projects, startups, women entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs from backward areas.

95. Who among the following has been appointed as the President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) for 2019-20?

- A. Sandip Somany
B. Uday Shankar
C. Dr. Sangita Reddy
D. Sanjiv Mehta



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E. Rishad Premji

Ans. C

Sol.

- Joint Managing Director of **Apollo Hospitals Group, Dr. Sangita Reddy** has taken over as the **President** of the industry chamber **FICCI** for 2019-20 at the **92nd Annual Convention** of the Chamber.
- She replaced Sandip Somany, Vice-Chairman and Managing Director, HSIL.
- The Walt Disney Company APAC President and Star & Disney India Chairman Uday Shankar has been elevated as Senior Vice-President of the chamber.
- Sanjiv Mehta, Chairman and Managing Director, HUL, has taken charge as Vice-President of the FICCI.

96. Who among the following has been named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019 in Women's category?

- C. Novak Djokovic D. Roger Federer
E. Dominic Thiem

Ans. A

Sol.

- Ashleigh Barty and Rafael Nadal were named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019.
- They will be rewarded for stellar seasons in which they finished at the top of women's and men's rankings respectively.
- Barty, who quit tennis to play cricket in 2014 before returning to the game in 2016, became the first Australian to win the French Open since Margaret Court in 1973 when she beat Czech Marketa Vondrousova in June.
- Nadal claimed the season-ending ITF world title for the fourth time after sealing a historic 12th French Open and a fourth U.S. Open, as well as helping Spain to their sixth Davis Cup title.

98. Who won Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019?

- A. Saurabh Chaudhry
B. P V Sindhu
C. Saina Nehwal
D. Maisnam Meiraba Luwang

- A. Karolina Pliskova B. Ashleigh Barty
C. Naomi Osaka D. Simona Halep
E. Elina Svitolina

Ans. B

Sol.

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97. Who among the following has been named International Tennis Federation's (ITF) World Champions for 2019 in Men's category?

- A. Rafael Nadal B. Danil Medvedev
E. M Fazriq Mohamad Razif

Ans. D

Sol.

- India's shuttler Maisnam Meiraba Luwang has won the Men's singles Bangladesh Junior International Badminton Series 2019 in Dhaka.
- Meiraba had also clinched the boys' singles U-19 title at the Woncheon Yonex Korea Junior Open International Challenge last month.

99. Common Currency of 8 West African countries changed from CFA Franc to_____.

- A. Peso B. Eco
C. Dollar D. Rand
E. Dinar

Ans. B

Sol.

- The eight West African countries namely- Ivory Coast, Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin, Niger, Senegal, Togo, and Guinea-Bissau have agreed to change the name of their common currency from 'CFA franc' to 'Eco' after they jointly severed the CFA franc's links to former colonial ruler France.



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100. Government of India Constructed Girls Hostel for Nepal Armed Police Force School at which city of Nepal?

- A. Bharatpur B. Butwal
C. Lalitpur D. Dharan
E. Kirtipur

Ans. E

Sol.

- The Govt. of India has constructed Girls' Hostel for Nepal Armed Police Force School, Kirtipur.
- The hostel was inaugurated by the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Dr. Ajay Kumar at Kirtipur in Kathmandu district.



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