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Part 2



1. International Institute of Information Technology is located in which place which has created the first-ever Indian Brain Atlas?

- A. Bengaluru B. New Delhi
C. Hyderabad D. Nagpur
E. Chennai

Ans. C

Sol.

- Researchers at the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-H), have created the first-ever Indian Brain Atlas.
- The study has revealed that the Indian brain, on an average, is smaller in height, width and volume when compared to Western and other Eastern populations. This will help in better/early diagnosis of Alzheimer's and other brain-related ailments.
- The research has been published in Neurology India, a peer-reviewed journal.

2. Rafael Mariano Grossi, who has been elected as the new Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) belongs to which country?

- A. Chile B. Brazil
C. Argentina D. Italy
E. Spain

Ans. C

Sol.

- Rafael Mariano Grossi of Argentina has been elected as the new Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency.
- He succeeds Yukiya Amano of Japan, who passed away in July this year.
- The Argentine received the support of 24 members of the 35-nation Board of Governors, ahead of Romania's Cornel Feruta with 10 votes.
- The new Director-General appointed for a term of four years. He will be the IAEA's sixth head since it was founded in 1957.
- The Board envisages that he will assume office no later than 1 January 2020.

3. What was the venue of the 7th CISM Military World Games for the year 2019?

- A. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
B. Sochi, Russia

- C. Paris, France
D. Seoul, South Korea
E. Wuhan, China

Ans. E

Sol.

- The 7th CISM Military World Games – 7th PEACE GAMES for the year 2019 were held at Wuhan Sports Center in Wuhan, China.
- It was the first international military multi-sport event to be held in China. This event occurs once in 4 years.

4. Which of the following cities has been declared as the most polluted city as per the data released by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?

- A. New Delhi B. Ghaziabad
C. Varanasi D. Lucknow
E. Indore

Ans. C

Sol.

- In a major health concern for the state, four UP cities were among the five most polluted in the country.
- According to the data released by the Central Pollution Control Board, Varanasi was the most polluted city with air quality index (AQI) touching 276, followed by Lucknow (AQI 269), Muzaffarnagar (AQI 266), Yamunanagar in Haryana (AQI 264) and Moradabad (AQI 256).

5. The 13th edition of ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020 will be hosted by which country?

- A. England B. Australia
C. India D. South Africa
E. Pakistan

Ans. D

Sol.

- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced that the 13th edition of ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020 will be hosted by South Africa from 17th January to 9th February 2020.
- South Africa will host this tournament for the second time. For the first time it hosted the 2nd edition of the tournament in 1998 when England won the tournament after beating New Zealand in the final.



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- A total of 16 teams will participate in the ICC U19 Cricket World Cup 2020, including the hosts South Africa.
- The defending champion India has won the tournament 4 times.

6. Who is the author of the book titled "The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra"?

- A. Arupjyoti Saikia
- B. Himanjali Sankar
- C. Homen Borgohain
- D. Mamoni Raisom Goswami
- E. Arupa Kalita Patangia

Ans. A

Sol.

- A new book titled "The Unquiet River: A biography of the Brahmaputra", written by historian Arupjyoti Saikia is to be released.
- The book published by Oxford University Press (OUP).
- The Brahmaputra river that has shaped both the landscape of the Assam valley and the livelihoods of its inhabitants, is the subject of a new book.
- The book describes the river's long lineage and its centrality in Assam's environment. It is the intertwined story of the river and floodplains, water and land, human and non-humans, which continue to converge.

7. Who is the author of the book titled "Dewas Ki Sanskritik Parampara" released during the "Digital Bharat – Digital Sanskriti" event by the Union Minister of State (MoS) for Culture & Tourism, Mr. Prahalad Singh?

- A. Jeevan Singh Thakur
- B. Mridula Garg
- C. Krishna Sobti
- D. Neelam Saxena Chandra
- E. Indira Dangi

Ans. A

Sol.

- On October 21, 2019, Union Minister of State (MoS) for Culture & Tourism (Independent Charge) Mr. Prahalad Singh inaugurated CCRT e-portal and YouTube Channel with support from Routes 2 Routes, during the event "Digital Bharat

- Digital Sanskriti" at the Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT).
- During the event he released a book titled "Dewas Ki Sanskritik Parampara" written by Shri Jeevan Singh Thakur, published in the series "Untold Tales of India's Cities" by CCRT.

8. Name the CEO, who topped among the Indian origin CEO & ranked 6th globally in the 'The Best-Performing CEOs in the World, 2019' list prepared by Harvard Business Review (HBR)?

- A. Sundar Pichai
- B. Indra Nooyi
- C. Satya Narayana Nadella
- D. Shantanu Narayen
- E. Ajaypal Singh Banga

Ans. D

Sol.

- The "**Best-Performing CEOs in the World, 2019**" list was released on October 29, 2019. The list was compiled by the **Harvard Business Review**.

- Three Indian-origin CEOs (chief executive officer), **Shantanu Narayen** (CEO of Adobe Inc), **Ajaypal Singh Banga** (CEO of Mastercard) and **Satya Narayana Nadella** (CEO of Microsoft) are among the world's top 10 best-performing CEOs.

- Shantanu Narayen is on the 6th spot, Jaypal Singh Banga ranked at 7th while Microsoft chief Satya Nadella in on the 9th spot.

9. Who presented the 1st edition of National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards (NCSRA) for 2019 in New Delhi?

- A. Nirmala Sitharaman
- B. Ram Nath Kovind
- C. Praksah Javadekar
- D. Venkaiah Naidu
- E. Rajnath Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

- On October 29, 2019, The President of India, Mr. Ram Nath Kovind conferred the 1st Edition of National Corporate Social Responsibility Awards (NCSRA) for 2019 in New Delhi.

- The jury recommended 19 winners and 19 honourable mentions across the 3



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award categories, out of the 528 entries received for NCSRA.

10. Who among the following has been conferred with the Udyog Rattan Award 2019 by the Institute of Economic Studies (IES) in an award function held at New Delhi, for his work in transforming how Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)?

- A. Thakur Anup Singh
- B. Gautam Adani
- C. Mukesh Ambani
- D. Pawan Munjal
- E. Rahul Bajaj

Ans. A

Sol.

* Thakur Anup Singh, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Marg ERP received Udyog Rattan Award 2019 from the Institute of Economic Studies (IES) affiliated to Government of India in an award function held at New Delhi, for his work in transforming how Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can accelerate their business by using technology.

* Marg ERP provides inventory and accounting software to over one million active users including to 2,50,000 MSMEs.

* The Udyog Rattan award is conferred annually to Indian citizens, for their outstanding contribution to the economic development of the country.

* The winners are selected by a panel of judges who are usually eminent citizens with economic backgrounds.

11. Who will be the chairman of the committee formed by the IRDAI to evaluate applications filed under the Regulatory Sandbox approach to promote innovative ideas to foster growth in insurance sector?

- A. Anshu Prakash
- B. Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre
- C. S Sadagopan
- D. Pournima Gupte
- E. V.S. Narendra Chandra

Ans. C

Sol.

- Insurance regulatory body IRDAI has set up an 8-member committee to evaluate applications filed under the Regulatory Sandbox approach to promote innovative ideas to foster growth in insurance sector.

- The committee will be headed by International Institute of Information Technology (Bengaluru) Director, S Sadagopan.

- The committee will have a term of one year and meet whenever required.

- The panel will be screening of applications received for the Regulatory Sandbox and evaluating the test design of the proposed hypothesis.

- Regulatory Sandbox (RS) usually refers to live testing of new products or services in a controlled/test regulatory environment for which regulators may permit certain relaxations for the limited purpose of testing.

12. Name the person who will preside over the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) formed by the union government to suggest measures to mitigate financial stress in the telecom sector?

- A. Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- B. Rajiv Mehrishi
- C. Rajiv Gauba
- D. Rajiv Kumar
- E. Nripendra Misra

Ans. C

Sol.

The union government has set up a committee of secretaries (CoS) to suggest measures to mitigate financial stress in the telecom sector.

- The committee will be headed by Cabinet Secretary, Rajiv Gauba and secretaries from finance, law, telecom ministries will be its members.

- The committee will consider issues such as deferment of spectrum auction for two years and reduction in spectrum usage charges, and take a relook at the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) charges.

- For spectrum auction charges, telcos will have to fork out Rs 49,040 crore in the next two years.

13. Who among the following has won the presidential election in Botswana?

- A. Ndaba Gaolathe
- B. Mokgweetsi Masisi
- C. Duma Boko
- D. Biggie Butale
- E. Slumber Tsogwane

Ans. B

Sol.

- Mokgweetsi Eric Keabetswe Masisi the 5th and current President of Botswana, has won a five-year term in Botswana's elections for President role.
- His ruling party Botswana Democratic Party (BDP) which has ruled since independence from Britain in 1966, attains the minimum 29 parliamentary seats required to form a government after securing more than 51 % vote.
- The 58-year-old Masisi became president in April 2018 after Ian Khama's resignation.

14. Which of the following institutions has topped in 'Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2019' released on October 28, 2019?

- A. London Business School
- B. University of St. Gallen
- C. HEC Paris
- D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- E. MIT Sloan School of Management

Ans. B

Sol.

- **Indian Institute of Management Calcutta (IIMC)** has secured the 17th rank globally in the 'Financial Times Masters in Management Rankings 2019' released on October 28, 2019.
- The list was topped by the **University of St.Gallen in Switzerland** followed by **HEC Paris, France**, and **London Business School, UK**.
- The IIMC got the ranking for its 2-Year Masters in Business Administration (formerly Post Graduate Programme in Management).
- IIMC has improved by 6 ranks from last year when it had secured the 23rd spot.
- The institute has also taken over **IIM Ahmedabad** for the top spot in the country.

15. Who among the following has been appointed as the first female Prime Minister of Belgium in the country's 189-year history?

- A. Anne-Marie Lizin
- B. Alice Melin
- C. Olga Zrihen
- D. Sophie Wilmes
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

- Former Belgian Budget Minister, **Sophie Wilmes** has taken office as the first female Prime Minister in the country's 189-year history.
- She was named as the head of the country's next caretaker government. She was sworn in by **King Philippe**.
- She succeeded in the liberal leader **Charles Michel**.
- She will become the president of the **European Council** on **1 December**.
- Sophie Wilmes was named by the King as the caretaker prime minister. She is an ally of Michel.

16. Who among the following has been appointed as the 47th Chief Justice of India (CJI) of India?

- A. Sharad Arvind Bobde
- B. N. V. Ramana
- C. Arun Kumar Mishra

D. Rohinton Fali Nariman

E. R. Banumathi

Ans. A

Sol.

- The senior most judge in the Supreme Court, **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde** has been appointed as the next **Chief Justice of India (CJI)**.
- His Warrant of Appointment was signed by President Ram Nath Kovind under Article **124 of the Constitution of India**.
- He will be the **47th CJI** and will take oath on November 18, 2019. He will hold office till April 23, 2021.
- Being a senior most judge in Supreme Court his name was recommended by incumbent Chief Justice **Ranjan Gogoi** for appointment as the next CJI.



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17. Who among the following has been appointed as the chief of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)?

- A. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
- B. Arvind Singh
- C. Sanjeev Nandan Sahai
- D. Pramod Kumar Das
- E. Ajay Kumar

Ans. A

Sol.

* Appointment Committee of the Cabinet, Government of India (GoI), has approved the appointment of Sukhbir Singh Sandhu as the as the chief of the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).

* He replaces Nagendra Nath Sinha, who was earlier appointed as the secretary, department of border management.

* Sukhbir is presently working as additional secretary in the department of higher education, ministry of human resource development.

18. A renowned personality, Dilip Parikh passed away on October 25, 2019, he was associated with which field?

- A. Cinema
- B. Politics
- C. Journalism
- D. Music
- E. Acting

Ans. B

Sol.

• Former Chief Minister of Gujarat, Dilip Parikh passed away on October 25, 2019 in Ahmedabad following a prolonged illness.

• He served as the 13th Chief Minister of Gujarat during 1997-98 when he was with Rashtriya Janata Party - RJP, floated by Shankersinh Vaghela.

• Parikh started his political career as a BJP MLA. Industrialist by profession, he also served as President of the Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

19. Which of the following states has signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with UNICEF to provide safe drinking water to every household in the state?

- A. Tamil Nadu
- B. Karnataka
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Gujarat
- E. Odisha

Ans. E

Sol.

• The Odisha government has signed a Letter of Understanding (LoU) with UNICEF to provide safe drinking water to every household in the state.

• The LoU was signed by the state housing and urban development department (HUDD) to provide 24-hour safe drinking water and the project has been named as 'Drink From Tap Mission'.

• The project will be launched on a pilot basis for about 1.2 lakh people involving 22,000 families in pockets of Puri and Khurda district.

• The project is being undertaken with financial support from the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), which will hopefully help in achieving the state government's target.

20. Which of the following states become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Telangana
- D. Karnataka
- E. Haryana

Ans. B

Sol.

• Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to enact a law on contract farming with President Ram Nath Kovind giving assent to the Agricultural Produce and Livestock Contract Farming and Services (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2019.

• The Bill aims to set a policy framework and institutional mechanism on agricultural produce and livestock contract farming. With the Bill approved, TN state becomes the first state to enact the law on contract farming.

• The Bill was adopted by the Tamil Nadu State government in February 2019. The Bill is first-of-its-kind legislation that assures farm income.

21. Name the driver who won the US Grand Prix Formula one 2019 title?

- A. Lewis Hamilton
- B. Max Verstappen
- C. Valtteri Bottas
- D. Charles Leclerc
- E. Michael Schumacher

Ans. C

Sol.



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* Finnish racing driver Valtteri Bottas (with Mercedes) has won the Formula One, United States Grand Prix 2019.

* Lewis Hamilton was on second, Max Verstappen on third, Charles Leclerc on fourth and Alexander Albon on fifth.

* Lewis Hamilton (sixth F1 world title) has won the Formula One World Drivers' Championship for 2019.

* The maximum number of Formula One World Drivers' Championship has been won by Michael Schumacher with 7 titles.

22. What is the name of the first-ever joint military exercise between India-Uzbekistan which was held at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent?

- A. Yudh Abhyas
- B. Dustlik
- C. Hand in Hand
- D. Dharma Guardian
- E. SIMBEX

Ans. B

Sol.

* The first-ever India-Uzbekistan joint military exercise 'Dustlik-2019' was held at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent.

* The exercise will enable the sharing of best practices and experiences between the Armed Forces of the two countries and will lead to greater operational effectiveness.

23. The 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 was inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi at _____.

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

Ans. B

Sol.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated the 5th India International Science Festival (IISF) in Kolkata, through video conference.

* The theme for this year's festival is RISEN India - Research, Innovation and Science Empowering the Nation.

* The prime objective of IISF is to instil scientific temper among people, showcase India's contribution in the field

of Science and Technology and encourage the translation of its benefits to people.

24. Name the Application unveiled by the Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman that will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports and enhance the experience of international tourists and other visitors at the airports?

- A. ICEDASH
- B. ATITHI
- C. AGANTUK
- D. AGAMAN
- E. SWAGAT

Ans. B

Sol.

* The Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled two new IT Initiatives 'ICEDASH' and 'ATITHI' for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of imported goods and facilitating arriving international passengers.

* ICEDASH is an Ease of Doing Business monitoring dashboard of the Indian Customs helping the public see the daily Customs clearance times of import cargo at various ports and airports.

* The ATITHI app will facilitate hassle-free and faster clearance by Customs at the airports and enhance the experience of international tourists and other visitors at the airports.

25. Which state has launched a first of its kind job helpline number (76260-76260) for the unemployed youth of the state under the 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar' programme?

- A. Haryana
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Punjab
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Odisha

Ans. C

Sol.

* Punjab Chief Minister Amarinder Singh has launched a first of its kind job helpline number (76260-76260) for the unemployed youth of the state under 'Ghar Ghar Rozgar' programme.

* The objective of this helpline is to reach every house in Punjab and it can be contacted on 75 thousand mobile numbers daily.



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* In this process, a 110-seat call centre of Punjab Job Helpline has also been created for the data to be prepared.

26. The World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is being observed across the world on which date annually?

- A. 1st November B. 2nd November
C. 3rd November D. 4th November
E. 5th November

Ans. E

Sol.

* The World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is being observed across the world on 5th November.

* In 2019, the World Tsunami Awareness Day will promote Target (d) of the "Sendai Seven Campaign" which focuses on reducing disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services.

* By the year 2030, an estimated 50% of the world's population will live in coastal areas exposed to flooding, storms and tsunamis.

Note:

* The first World Tsunami Awareness Day was observed on 5th November 2016.

27. Who among the following has been appointed as the chairman of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) for a period of five years?

- A. Pramod Kumar Tiwari
B. Rohit Kumar Parmar
C. Aditya Mishra
D. Mihir Vardhan
E. Ajay Kumar

Ans. C

Sol.

* Senior IPS officer Aditya Mishra (1989 batch: Uttar Pradesh cadre) has been appointed as the chairman of the Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) for a period of five years.

* The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Mishra as the chairman of the LPAI on the recommendations of a search-cum-selection panel.

28. Who is the author of the novel "The Far Field" which has won 2019 JCB prize

for Literature, most expensive Indian award for writing?

- A. Madhuri Vijay B. Jhumpa Lahiri
C. Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
D. Kiran Desai E. Amish Tripathi

Ans. A

Sol.

* U.S. based-Indian author Madhuri Vijay's debut novel, "The Far Field" has won 2019 JCB prize for Literature (most expensive Indian award for writing).

* Taking the reader through a complex personal story, The Far Field is set against the backdrop 1990's Kashmir conflict

* She also received the Rs 25 lakh as the prize money, a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra entitled Mirror Melting.

* The novel published by Fourth estate India.

29. Which country's GDP is expected to grow more at 86% fastest in the world in 2020 as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- A. Swaziland B. Guyana
C. Nigeria D. Congo
E. Fiji

Ans. B

Sol.

* According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) report, South America's Guyana GDP (Gross Domestic Product) is expected to be more at 86% in 2020 after expanding 4.4% in 2019.

* This growth expectation had done after Exxon Mobil Corp.'s discovery of oil at Guyana.

* Guyana's GDP is to get fourteen times as fast as China's GDP in 2020.

* Guyana is projecting USD 300 million in petroleum revenue in 2020.

* The oil sector will represent about 40% of the economy within five years.

30. Name the actor who will be honoured with a special Icon of Golden Jubilee Award at the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
B. Kamal Hasan
C. Rajnikanth
D. Anupam Kher

E. Naseeruddin Shah

Ans. C

Sol.

* The International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019 that is to be held in Goa from 20th November to 28th November, 2019, will honour Indian Film star S Rajnikant with a special Icon of Golden Jubilee Award.

* The IFFI will also conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award for a Foreign Artiste to French Actress Isabelle Huppert.

* The Icon of Golden Jubilee Award is a special award constituted by Government of India in the year 2019.

* Rajinikanth made his acting debut with director K Balachandar's Apoorva Ragangal in 1975.

31. Name the writer who has been selected for the 27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the highest literary honour of the Kerala state government?

A. Hareesh S B. Anand

C. M. T. Vasudevan Nair

D. Paul Zacharia E. Sarah Joseph

Ans. B

Sol.

* Noted writer Anand has been selected for the 27th Ezhuthachan Puraskaram, the highest literary honour of the Kerala state government.

* This award is given by Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award and the Government of Kerala.

* His one of the famous novel is Aalkootam which portrays the unique crises that the nation had witnessed with a rare finesse.

* His Govardhante Yatrakal had won the Kendra Sahitya Akademi award, Veedum Thadavum and Jaina Manushyan Kerala Sahitya Akademi award and Marubhoomikal Undakunnath, Vayalar award.

32. Which of the following institutions is collaborating with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a space technology cell at the campus?

A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kharagpur

B. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur

C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

D. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Mumbai

E. Indian Institute of Science (IIS), Bangalore

Ans. C

Sol.

* Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi is collaborating with Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a space technology cell at the campus.

* The cell will work for carrying out focused research projects in the space technology domain with specific deliverables.

* It is also proposed that IIT Delhi as an institute becomes an academic partner of ISRO in research areas, for example, AI, nanotechnology, functional textiles, smart manufacturing or any area of joint interest, according to IIT's director V Ramgopal Rao.

* The IIT Delhi has celebrated 50th Convocation on 2 November where Dr. K Sivan, Chairman, ISRO was the chief guest.

33. Presently, who is the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, who has inaugurated National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) in Hyderabad?

A. Shri Shripad Yesso Naik

B. Rao Inderjit Singh

C. Prahlad Singh Patel

D. Hardeep Singh Puri

E. Mansukh L. Mandaviya

Ans. A

Sol.

* Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shri Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated National Research Institute of Unani Medicine for Skin Disorders (NRIUMSD) in Hyderabad.

* It is upgraded institutions from Central Research Institute of Unani Medicine (CRIUM).

* On the occasion Shri Naik praise the success of the CRIUM in the treatment of vitiligo and other chronic and stubborn



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diseases and said that it's perhaps the only medical institution in the world which has treated more than 1.5 lakh patients of Vitiligo alone.

34. Pooja Gehlot is associated with which sport?

- A. Badminton B. Wrestling
C. Shooting D. Boxing
E. Gymnastic

Ans. B

Sol.

* Pooja Gehlot (53kg) in wrestling claimed India's second silver medal after going down to Japan's Haruna Okuno in the finals of the UWW Under-23 World Championships in Budapest.

* Pooja lost 0-2 to Okuno in the summit clash.

* She had entered the finals after beating Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in the semifinals of the tournament.

35. Who won the Paris Masters title for 2019?

- A. Novak Djokovic
B. Rafael Nadal
C. Roger Federer
D. Denis Shapovalov
E. Daniil Medvedev

Ans. A

Sol.

• **Novak Djokovic** of Serbia has won the fifth Paris Masters title for 2019 by defeating Canadian youngster Denis Shapovalov in the final.

• Novak Djokovic won the title for an unprecedented fifth time.

36. According to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), what would be India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth rate in the years 2020-24?

- A. 6.0% B. 6.3%
C. 6.6% D. 6.8%
E. 7.1%

Ans. C

Sol.

* According to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), India's gross domestic product

(GDP) could grow 6.6% in 2020-24, lower than its 2013-17 average of 7.4%.

* The organization has predicted regional GDP growth of 5.7% over 2020-24, down from 6.7% in 2013-17.

* As per the report, China would need to bridge the gap between demand and supply of digital talent, while improving digital literacy and increasing access to digital devices are critical in India.

37. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of IndusInd Bank?

- A. Paul Abraham
B. K. S. Sridhar.
C. Suhail Chander
D. Sumant Kathpalia
E. Ramesh Ganesan

Ans. D

Sol.

* Sumant Kathpalia has been chosen as the new Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of IndusInd Bank.

* He will replace Romesh Sobti.

* Kathpalia is the head of consumer loans at the Hinduja-promoted lender and his name has been forwarded to the Reserve Bank for approval.

* Sobti, who has been at the helm for over a decade, will be retiring in March 2020 at age of 70.

* The 55-year-old Kathpalia has also been with the bank since 2008 and is credited with building consumer loans portfolio from scratch, as part of a strategy to diversify the loan book adopted by the bank.

38. At present who is the governor of Jharkhand?

- A. Phagu Chauhan B. Draupadi Murmu
C. Ganeshi Lal D. Lalji Tandon
E. Anandiben Patel

Ans. B

Sol.

* According to the Election Commission, **Jharkhand assembly polls** will be held in **five phases** between **November 30 and December 20**, and the counting of votes will take place on December 23.

* As per the Chief Election Commissioner **Sunil Arora**, the polls to 81-member assembly will be held on November 30, December 7, 12, 16 and 20.

* Jharkhand was formed in the year 2000 by dividing Bihar into two state.

* First CM of the state was Babulal Marandi

* First Governor of Jharkhand was Prabhat Kumar

* Present Governor is Draupadi Murmu

* Raghubar Das is the first chief minister of Jharkhand who have completed the full term of five years in the state.

39. Which of the following countries has pledged to invest 1 billion euros over the next five years on environmentally friendly urban mobility in India?

- A. Switzerland B. Sweden
C. Germany D. England
E. France

Ans. C

Sol.

* German Chancellor Angela Merkel pledged to invest 1 billion euros over the next five years on environmentally friendly urban mobility in India.

* Merkel, whose visit to the country coincided with one of the worst spells of air pollution in Delhi/NCR, also emphasised on the need to replace diesel-run public transport with electric vehicles.

* Germany would also put in 200 million euros to reform the bus sector in Tamil Nadu.

40. 35th ASAEAN Summit 2019 was held in which city?

- A. Jakarta, Indonesia
B. Bangkok, Thailand
C. Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
D. Hanoi, Vietnam
E. Manila, Philippines

Ans. B

Sol.

* On October 31st, 2019, the **35th ASEAN Summit** began in **Bangkok, Thailand**. The summit will continue till November 4, 2019.

* Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan - o-Cha inaugurated this summit at IMPACT convention complex.

* The theme of the summit is '**Advancing Partnership for sustainability**'.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend this summit on November 3rd and 4th.

* Apart from leaders of 10 ASEAN countries head of Eight dialogue partner countries including **India, USA China, Japan, Republic of Korea, Australia and New Zealand** are also participating in the summit.

41. Which of the following cities hosted the 11th edition of BRICS summit from 13th to 14th November 2019?

- A. Hangzhou B. Brasilia
C. Beijing D. Johannesburg
E. Vladivostok

Ans. B

Sol.

• The 11th BRICS Summit was held in Brasilia, Brazil from 13th to 14th November 2019.

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the summit

• The theme of the Summit this year is "Economic Growth for an Innovative Future".

42. What is the theme of the 11th edition of the BRICS summit held from 13th to 14th November 2019?

- A. "Sustainable Development for an Innovative Future"
B. "Global Economy: Trade and Investment and Innovation"
C. "Economic Growth for an Innovative Future".
D. 'Biodiversity, Oceans, Climate'
E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

• The 11th BRICS Summit was held in Brasilia, Brazil from 13th to 14th November 2019.

• Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the summit

- The theme of the Summit this year is "Economic Growth for an Innovative Future".

43. Name the state of which Ancient Water System 'Suranga Bawadi' has been selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- As per by the New York-based non-governmental organisation, Suranga Bawadi in Bijapur (Karnataka) has been selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020,
- Suranga Bawadi was selected under the category of "Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau" along with 24 monuments across the world.
- It was built in the 16th century of Adil Shahi-I in Vijayapura.
- It is one of the integral parts of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels.

44. President Ram Nath Kovind signed a proclamation imposing President's rule in Maharashtra, currently who is the governor of Maharashtra?

- A. Acharya Devvrat
- B. Lalji Tandon
- C. Kalraj Mishra
- D. Bandaru Dattatreya
- E. Bhagat Singh Koshyari

Ans. E

Sol.

- As per Maharashtra Governor's Bhagat Singh Koshyari recommendation, President Ram Nath Kovind signed a proclamation imposing President's rule in Maharashtra (Article 356).
- The state legislative assembly has been kept under suspended animation
- In the latest state election, the BJP emerged as the single largest party with 105 seats followed by the Shiv Sena 56, the NCP 54 and the Congress 44 in the 288-member House.

45. Which state government has launched an online registration portal to facilitate setting up of new MSME units?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Gujarat
- D. Madhya Pradesh
- E. Rajasthan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani has launched an online registration portal to facilitate setting up of new MSME units.
- Mr. Rupani approved the first online application through the portal and issued a certificate through an e-mail to a woman entrepreneur.
- The Union government had also announced that purchase of land would also be possible without prior approval for the purpose of setting up a new MSME unit in the state.

46. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad birth anniversary is celebrated as

- A. National Education Day
- B. National Sports Day
- C. National Policy Day
- D. National Politician Day
- E. National Literacy Day

Ans. A

Sol.

- National Education Day of India is celebrated every year on 11 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the first education minister of independent India.
- This year it was 130th birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
- National Education Day was instituted by Union Ministry of Human Resource Development in 2008 announced to commemorate the birthday Maulana Abul Kalam Azad for recalling his contribution to cause of education in India.
- Its objective is to strengthen educational institutions and to raise quality of education to greater heights.
- It also seeks to remember Maulana Azad's contribution in laying the foundations of education system in an independent India as well as to evaluate our current performance in this field.



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47. Who has authored the book titled "Accidental Magic", which channels Harry Potter nostalgia and straddles?

- A. Ramchandra Guha
- B. Devdutt Pattanaik
- C. Keshava Guha
- D. Ravinder Singh
- E. Ashwin Sanghi

Ans. C

Sol.

- Author Keshava Guha has penned his debut novel which channels Harry Potter nostalgia and straddles multiple contexts and themes like fandom, identity, aspirations and relationships.
- The Novel was launched at the Bangalore Literature Festival on November 10, 2019.
- Published by HarperCollins India, Accidental Magic is the story of four very different people whose lives are brought together by Harry Potter.

48. Who among the following has been nominated to the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance by the Rajya Sabha Chairman M Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. Dr Manmohan Singh
- B. Sonia Gandhi
- C. Mallikarjun Kharge
- D. Ahmad Patel
- E. Digvijay Singh

Ans. A

Sol.

- Venkaiah Naidu (Rajya Sabha Chairman) nominated a former prime minister and senior Congress leader Manmohan Singh to the parliamentary standing committee on finance (earlier Digvijaya Singh).
- Now, Digvijaya Singh has been nominated to the parliamentary standing committee on urban development.

- Manmohan Singh was a member of the panel from September 2014 to May 2019 before his tenure in the Upper House ended in June 2019.

- In August 2019, Manmohan Singh was elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Rajasthan.

49. Which of the following shooters has won the gold medal in men's 10m air pistol event in the 14th Asian Shooting Championship 2019 in Doha?

- A. Kim Song Guk
- B. Saurabh Chaudhary
- C. Foroughi Javed
- D. Joseph Gulfam
- E. Pang Wei

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Korea's Kim Song Guk won the top prize with a world record 246.5.

- * Saurabh Chaudhary claimed the silver medal in men's 10m air pistol event to continue India's surge at the 14th Asian Championship in Doha.

- * Iran's Foroughi Javed bagged the bronze.

- * India won six Olympic quotas across events from the prestigious championship, taking their total to 15.

50. Who has sworn in as the Chief Justice of Madras High Court?

- A. Justice Sanjay Karol
- B. Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi
- C. Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar
- D. Justice Ashok Bhushan
- E. Justice Muhammad Raffiq

Ans. B

Sol.

- Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi was sworn-in as Chief Justice of the Madras High Court.

- Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Purohit administered the oath of office to Justice Sahi.

- Justice Sahi succeeds Vijaya Tahliramani who had resigned.

- Prior, Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi was the Chief Justice of the Patna High Court.

51. What is the theme of the 10th World Pneumonia Day 2019?

- A. "Healthy lungs for all"
- B. "Stop Pneumonia: 10 Years of Progress and the path forward"

- C. "Global Coalition to Eradicate Pneumonia"



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D. "Vaccinate for Pneumonia: No one should exclude"

E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

* World Pneumonia Day is observed every year on 12th November to raise awareness about pneumonia, the world's leading infectious killer of children under the age of 5.

* World Pneumonia Day was established in 2009 and seeks to spread awareness of the diseases as a public health issue.

* The day also aims to generate action, including continued donor investment, to combat pneumonia and other common, deadly childhood diseases.

* The year 2019 marked the 10th anniversary of World Pneumonia Day to fight against pneumonia.

* The theme for the year 2019 is "Healthy lungs for all".

52. In which of the following ports of India the world's first CNG terminal will come?

A. Kandla, Gujarat

B. Bhavnagar, Gujarat

C. Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

D. Kochi, Kerala

E. Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu

Ans. B

Sol.

* Gujarat Government has given approval to the world's first CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port.

* The joint venture of United Kingdom-based Foresight Group and Mumbai-based Padmanabh Mafatlal Group will invest 1,900 crore rupees to set up a CNG terminal at Bhavnagar port.

* Proposed CNG terminal will have an annual capacity of 1.5 metric tonnes.

* At present, the Bhavnagar port is operated by Gujarat Maritime Board, which is handling three metric tones of cargo annually.

53. Where was the BRICS trade ministers meeting was held in November 2019?

A. New Delhi, India B. Beijing, China

C. Moscow, Russia D. Brasilia, Brazil

E. Pretoria, South Africa

Ans. D

Sol.

* BRICS trade ministers meeting has been started in Brasilia.

* The meeting will focus on trade facilitation, investment promotion and cooperation in customs among other issues.

* MoU on trade and investment promotion between agencies of all the 5 BRICS countries will be signed after the meeting.

* Commerce minister Piyush Goyal is leading the Indian delegation.

* Later, Power minister R K Singh will attend the meeting of BRICS power ministers where deliberations will focus on clean energy and harnessing the strengths of each other in the energy sector.

54. The Union government of India has given approval for setting up four medical device parks with a view to support Make in India initiative, find out the state where the park has not proposed to come?

A. Andhra Pradesh B. Telangana

C. Karnataka D. Tamil Nadu

E. Kerala

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Union government of India has given approval for setting up four medical device parks with a view to support Make in India initiative and provide world-class products at an affordable price for treatment.

* The four parks will be set up in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

* These parks will provide the necessary infrastructure, where companies can easily plug and play.

* This will not only cut import bill but will also help in easy access to standard testing facilities and reduce the cost of production.

55. The newly discovered spider species named after which cricketer?

A. Rahul Dravid

B. Saurabh Ganguli

C. Sachin Tendulkar



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D. Mahendra Singh Dhoni

E. Rohit Sharma

Ans. C

Sol.

* Dhruv Prajapati has discovered two new spider species found in Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

* Mr. Prajapati is a research scholar from the Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation.

* One spider species was named after Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as "Marengo Sachin Tendulkar"

* The other was named as "Indomarengo chavarapater" after Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara, who played a key role in creating awareness on education in the state of Kerala.

56. The fifth edition of 'Global Exhibition on Services (GES)'- 2019 will be held from 26th to 28 November in which city?

A. Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

B. Bengaluru, Karnataka

C. Cuttack, Odisha

D. Chennai, Tamil Nadu

E. Hyderabad, Telangana

Ans. B

Sol.

* The fifth edition of Global Exhibition on Services (GES)- 2019 is being held from 26th to 28 November at Bengaluru in Karnataka.

* The Global Exhibition on Services is an annual event which aims to engage industry and governments across the world and to promote greater exchange of trade in services between India and the rest of the world.

* GES 2019 is an attempt towards escalating the Indian services bar in the global arena, encompassing participation from 100 countries and hosting sector-specific knowledge sessions.

57. On November 11 2019, to showcase the achievements of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative the Ministry of Defence (MoD) has organized 'Def-Connect' in which city?

A. Dehradun

B. Nagpur

C. Bengaluru

D. Ahmedabad

E. New Delhi

Ans. E

Sol.

* The defence ministry is organising Def-Connect in New Delhi to showcase the accomplishments of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative.

* The conference aims to bring together all stakeholders of the iDEX ecosystem, Ministry of defence, iDEX selected startups, Partner Incubators, Defence Innovation Organisation, Nodal agencies (Indian Army, Navy, Airforce), Defence Research and Development Organisation and Defence Public Sector Undertakings and Indian Ordnance Factories.

58. Which country will be the focus country of the 50th- edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

A. Germany

B. Italy

C. Japan

D. Russia

E. Israel

Ans. D

Sol.

* The 50th- edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will showcase eight movies from Russia which is Country of focus this year.

* 'Andrei Tarkovsky: A Cinema Prayer', is one of the movies to be featured among these Russian movies.

* The documentary by Tarkovsky is considered one of his masterpieces. It recounts the director's life and works told by himself.

* In the film, he shares his memories, view of art and reflections on the destiny of the artist and the meaning of human existence.

59. 14th Asian Shooting Championship 2019 was held in which country?

A. Doha, Qatar

B. Tehran, Iran

C. Seoul, South Korea

D. Tokyo, Japan

E. New Delhi, India

Ans. A

Sol.

* The 2019 Asian Shooting Championships is the 14th Asian Shooting Championships which was takes place from 5 to 13 November 2019, at Lusail Shooting Complex, Doha, Qatar.



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60. Sundar Singh Gurjar, who won the gold medal in the World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai is associated with which sport?

- A. Shooting B. Badminton
C. Javelin Throw D. Shot Put
E. Discus Throw

Ans. C

Sol.

* India's Javelin thrower Sundar Singh Gurjar has won a gold medal in the men's F46 javelin throw event at World Para Athletics Championships in Dubai.

* With this, India has secured three Tokyo Paralympic Games quota, along with the bronze winner Ajeet Singh and Rinku.

* Gurjar came up with his season's best effort of 61.22m to claim the top spot

* While Yogesh Kathuniya added a silver for India in men's discus throw F56 event with a best throw of 42.05m yesterday.

* India now has two gold, two silver and a bronze in the Championships.

61. What is the deadline for the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to launch Chandrayaan-3?

- A. April 2020 B. July 2020
C. October 2020 D. November 2020
E. December 2020

Ans. D

Sol.

• The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), which failed to land a probe on Moon in its first attempt in September 2019 (Chandrayaan-2), has begun work on Chandrayaan-3 with a deadline of November 2020.

• ISRO has formed multiple committees — an overall panel and three sub-committees — and held at least four high-level meetings since October.

• The new mission will include only a lander and rover, as the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter is functioning well.

62. According to the latest Global Bribery Risk Index, India has been ranked at which place out of 178 countries?

- A. 66th B. 71st
C. 74th D. 78th
E. 88th

Ans. D

Sol.

• According to the latest Global Bribery Risk Index, Bangladesh has been identified as the "country with the highest risk" in terms of bribery threats in South Asia.

• India has been ranked 78th in the Global Bribery Risk Index out of 178 countries.

• In South Asia, Pakistan and Afghanistan are the only countries where the bribery risk is "high".

• The five countries with the lowest bribery risk in the world are New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, and Finland.

• The countries with the highest risk are Venezuela, Yemen, North Korea, South Sudan, and Somalia.

63. With which institute CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote collaborative research especially in the area of healthcare?

- A. IIT Kanpur B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Kharagpur D. IIT Delhi
E. IIT Jaipur

Ans. B

Sol.

• CSIR-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay to promote collaborative research.

• The MoU will facilitate exchange of ideas, development of new knowledge and enhance high quality research acumen between the researchers and faculty of both the institutes.

• The objective of this collaboration is to carry out state of the art research in areas of healthcare especially in projects and mission where both the institutes can significantly complement each other.

• This MoU is in line with the circular issued by MHRD in 2018 paving way for all IITs to sign MoUs with National Research Laboratories affiliated to CSIR to start new collaborations and to



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deepen, broaden interactions where such collaborations already exist.

64. What is the amount that India has pledged to contribute to various operational activities of development across the UN agencies for the year 2020?

- A. USD 13.5 million B. USD 15.5 million
C. USD 18.5 million D. USD 23.5 million
E. USD 27.5 million

Ans. A

Sol.

- India has pledged to contribute USD 13.5 million for various operational activities of development across the UN agencies for the year 2020.
- Counsellor at India's Permanent Mission to the UN Anjani Kumar announced India's pledges at the UN General Assembly Pledging Conference for Development Activities.
- India will contribute USD 5 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, USD 4.5 million to the UN Development Programme.

65. Tab Expo 2019 was held in which city where the Tobacco Board of India awarded the 'Golden Leaf award 2019'?

- A. Paris, France
B. Amsterdam, Netherlands
C. Barcelona, Spain
D. Sicily, Italy
E. Madrid, Spain

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Tobacco Board of India was awarded the 'Golden Leaf award 2019' at the Tab Expo 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The Tobacco Board of India was awarded the 'Golden Leaf award 2019' at the Tab Expo 2019 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- It gets the award in the 'Public Service Initiative' category for its efforts in undertaking various ecological initiatives towards Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco cultivation in India.
- The award was received by Executive Director of Tobacco Board, K. Sunitha.

Tobacco Board of India

- Chairman- Shri **Raghunadha Babu Yadlapati**.

- Headquarter-**Guntur, Andhra Pradesh**

66. Where is the headquarters of the Tobacco Board of India located?

- A. Kochi, Kerala
B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
C. Hyderabad, Telangana
D. Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
E. Kolkata, West Bengal

Ans. D

Sol.

- The **Tobacco Board of India** was awarded the 'Golden Leaf award 2019' at the **Tab Expo 2019** in **Amsterdam, Netherlands**.

- It gets the award in the '**Public Service Initiative**' category for its efforts in undertaking various ecological initiatives towards **Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV)** tobacco cultivation in India.

- The award was received by Executive Director of Tobacco Board, **K. Sunitha**.

- Tobacco Board works under the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry**

- Chairman- Shri **Raghunadha Babu Yadlapati**.

- Headquarters- **Guntur, Andhra Pradesh**

67. Name the movie which has won the 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' awards at the 'Asian Film Festival' in Barcelona, Spain.

- A. Gully Boy B. Kalank
C. Raazi D. Bhonsle
E. Stree

Ans. D

- Sol. • Manoj Bajpayee-starrer and critically acclaimed movie "Bhonsle" has won the 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' awards at the 'Asian Film Festival' in Barcelona, Spain. • Manoj Bajpayee-starrer and critically acclaimed movie "Bhonsle" has won the 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' awards at the 'Asian Film Festival' in Barcelona, Spain.

- The movie was directed by Devashish Makhija.



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- The movie "Bhonsle" revolves around a police constable played by Manoj Bajpayee, who tries to help in the struggles of migrants and their battles with the local politicians.
- It also addresses the concerns of various ethnic groups and highlights the issues that they face in order to survive in a city like Mumbai, away from their home.
- "Bhonsle" was premiered in the 'A Window on Asian Cinema' section of the 2018 Busan International Film Festival.

68. Who among the following has been appointed as the FIFA's Chief of global football development by the Federation of International Football Association (FIFA)?
A. Ahmad Ahmad B. Fernando Gomes
C. Arsene Wenger D. Lambert Maltok
E. Alex Ferguson

Ans. C

Sol. • Veteran coach Arsene Wenger has been named FIFA's Chief of global football development. • Veteran coach Arsene Wenger has been named FIFA's Chief of global football development.

- He will be responsible for the growth of the game for both men and women around the world and would also be the leading authority on technical matters, including potential changes to the sport's laws.
- Wenger, 70, would also be tasked with coach education and aiding a programme designed to help former players enter management.
- Wenger made the Gunners one of the strongest sides in Europe, winning three Premier League titles and seven FA Cups and taking his team to the 2006 Champions League final.

69. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde appointed as _____ Chief Justice of India.

- A. 44th B. 45th
C. 46th D. 47th
E. 48th

Ans. D

Sol.

- Supreme Court **Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde** (63 years) was sworn in as the **47th Chief Justice of India** (till April

23, 2021) by President **Ram Nath Kovind**.

- Justice **SA Bobde** succeeds Chief Justice **Ranjan Gogoi**.

- Justice **SA Bobde** became the Chief Justice of the **Madhya Pradesh High Court** in October 2012 and was elevated to the **Supreme Court** in April the following year.

- **Justice Bobde** was born in **Nagpur** (Maharashtra) and is the son of **Arvind Shrinivas Bobde**, an eminent senior advocate.

- He earned a law degree from Nagpur University and was enrolled in the Bar Council of Maharashtra in 1978.

70. Who has become the new President of Sri Lanka?

- A. Gotabaya Rajapaksa
B. Chandrika Kumaratunga
C. Dingiri Banda Wijetunga
D. DM Jayaratne
E. Sajith Premadasa

Ans. A

Sol.

- Gotabaya Rajapaksa (70-years) has been sworn-in as new President of Sri Lanka at the Ruwanweli Seya precincts in the ancient north-central town of Anuradhapura.

- He will succeed President Maithripala Sirisena for a five-year term.

- Rajapaksa secured 52.25% votes (6,924,255) while Sajith Premadasa received 41.99% votes

- Gotabaya is the younger brother of former President (from 2005 to 2015) Mahinda Rajapaksa and served as defence secretary during the end of the LTTE war.

71. Who was sworn in as the 13th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court?

- A. Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi
B. Justice Sanjay Karol
C. Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan
D. Justice Arup Kumar Goswami
E. Justice Ravi Shankar Jha

Ans. C

Sol.

- Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan took oath as the 13th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court.



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- Governor Draupadi Murmu administered the oath to Justice Ravi Ranjan at the Raj Bhavan in Ranchi (Jharkhand capital).
- Justice Ranjan was a judge in the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
- Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan served as the Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court for a brief period last year.

72. Who was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura?

- A. Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi
- B. Justice Sanjay Karol
- C. Justice Dr Ravi Ranjan
- D. Justice Arup Kumar Goswami
- E. Justice Ravi Shankar Jha

Ans. A

Sol.

- Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi was sworn in as the new Chief Justice of the High Court of Tripura.
- Governor Ramesh Bais administered the oath of office at Raj Bhavan in Agartala.
- The Tripura High Court established on 23 March 2013, after making suitable amendments in the Constitution of India and the North-Eastern Areas (Re-organisation) Act, 1971.

73. The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is observed every year on which date?

- A. 15th November
- B. 16th November
- C. 18th November
- D. 19th November
- E. 3rd Sunday in November

Ans. E

Sol.

- The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims takes place on the 3rd Sunday in November every year as the appropriate acknowledgment of victims of road traffic crashes and their families.
- It was started by the British road crash victim charity (Road Peace) in 1993 and was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2005.
- The theme is based on Pillar 3 of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety – Safer vehicles.

74. In which state North India's first sugar has been inaugurated which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane?

- A. Bihar
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Haryana

Ans. D

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has inaugurated North India's first sugar mill which will produce ethanol direct from sugarcane.

The mill was inaugurated in Pipraich area of Gorakhpur.

- Ethanol is naturally produced by the fermentation of sugars by yeasts or via petrochemical processes and is commonly consumed as a popular recreational drug.
- It also has medical applications as an antiseptic and disinfectant.

75. On November 18, 2019, the government of India has decided to extend the Visa-on-Arrival facility to nationals of the which country?

- A. United Arab Amirate
- B. Brazil
- C. South Africa
- D. France
- E. Singapore

Ans. A

Sol.

- Government of India (GoI) has decided to extend the Visa-on-Arrival facility to nationals of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) for a period of up to 60 days with double entry for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes.

- This facility is available at six designated International Airports namely, Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata and Mumbai.

- Visa-on-Arrival is available only to those UAE nationals who have earlier obtained an e-Visa or a normal paper Visa for India.

- Pakistan Origin UAE nationals will not be eligible for Visa-on-Arrival Scheme.

- India also offers visa on arrival to two other countries besides the UAE, Japan, and South Korea.

76. Who among the following has won the men's singles title at International Table



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Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 Table Tennis tournament held at Batam, Indonesia?

- A. Sharath Kamal Achanta
- B. Sathiyam Gnanasekaran
- C. Anthony Amalraj
- D. Harmeet Desai
- E. Soumyajit Ghosh

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian paddler Harmeet Desai won men's singles title at International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Indonesia Open 2019 Table Tennis tournament held at Batam, Indonesia.

- This was Harmeet's first title on foreign soil and overall second International title of the year, after he had won Commonwealth championship in July 2019 held in Cuttack, Odisha.

77. Asian Youth Boxing Championship 2019 was held in which country in which Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver medals?

- A. China
- B. Thailand
- C. Mongolia
- D. UAE
- E. Qatar

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian women have clinched five gold, while men bagged two silver at Asian Youth Boxing Championship in Mongolia.

- All five women finalists, Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold for the country in a phenomenal sweep.

- Among the men, Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg) settled for the second place after going down in their respective summit clashes.

- India signed off with 12 medals in the event with bronze coming from Arundhati Choudhury (69kg), Komalpreet Kaur (81kg), Jasmine (57kg), Satender Singh (91kg) and Aman (91kg).

78. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan has launched the 'SAANS' campaign in which state?

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Gujarat
- C. Goa
- D. Haryana

E. Karnataka

Ans. B

Sol.

- Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Harsh Vardhan has launched 'SAANS' (Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully) campaign to reduce child mortality due to pneumonia.

- Mr. Vardhan launched the campaign while inaugurating the 6th National Summit on Good, Replicable Practices and Innovations in Gujarat.

79. Which of the following becomes the first country in the world to introduce the World Health Organisation-recommended typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) in its national immunization program?

- A. India
- B. Pakistan
- C. Afghanistan
- D. Iran
- E. Bangladesh

Ans. B

Sol.

- Pakistan has become the first country in the world to introduce World Health Organisation-recommended typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) in its national immunisation program.

- It will initially be used during a two-week immunisation campaign starting from 18 to 30th November in the urban areas of Sindh.

- Typhoid Conjugate Vaccine (TCV) is a one-dose vaccine, that will be injected intramuscularly.

- About 1.2 crore doses of the vaccine have been supplied by Hyderabad-based Bharat Biotech for this initiative.

80. In whose memory the Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to establish and fund a visiting chair?

- A. N Gopalaswami
- B. TN Seshan
- C. James Michael Lyngdoh
- D. M. S. Gill
- E. T. S. Krishnamurthy

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Election Commission of India (ECI) has decided to establish and fund a visiting chair on an interdisciplinary approach to Electoral Studies in memory of TN Seshan (former CEC).



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- It will be established in the Centre for Curriculum Development at India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi (from 2020-2025).
- The Chair will be mentored by Former Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) N Gopalaswami.

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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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

Sol.

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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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(OPCW) to the elimination of the threat of chemical weapons.

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. Jaspreet 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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- The **Indian Coast Guard (ICG)** conducted a two-day regional level pollution response exercise named '**Swachhh Samundra NW-2019**' at sea off Vadar in Gulf of Kutch.
- The exercise was conducted to validate and reinforce the response mechanism for oil pollution incidents and enable the **Indian Coast Guard** to fine-tune the actions required in such eventualities.

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.

1. Which Country developed the AK-203 assault rifles?

- A. USA
- B. France
- C. Sweden
- D. Russia

Ans. D

Sol.

- Russia developed the AK-203 assault rifles.
- The Indian Army is likely to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the procurement of over 7.5 lakh AK-203 assault rifles from Russia.
- As per the MoU, around **1 lakh** rifles are to be received directly from **Russia** and the rest will be manufactured in India.

2. Which state government has planned to launch a single-window clearance system for the promotion of ease of doing business?

- A. Bihar
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Kerala
- D. Telangana

Ans. B

Sol.

- In an effort to attract more investors to the state and improve its ranking in the Centre's Ease of Doing Business surveys, the Tamil Nadu state government has planned to significantly strengthen its single-window clearance system and make it more comprehensive

3. The National Traders Convention 2020 to protect traders' interests held in _____.

- A. Surat
- B. Lucknow
- C. Pune
- D. New Delhi

Ans. D

Sol.

- Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **National Traders Convention** in **New Delhi**.
- The convention has been organized by the **Confederation of All India Traders** and will deliberate upon various issues concerning traders.

4. The third international symposium on marine ecosystems – challenges and opportunities (MECOS-3) held at which city?

- A. Washington DC
- B. Amsterdam
- C. Paris
- D. Kochi

Ans. D

Sol.

- The **third** international symposium on marine ecosystems – challenges and opportunities (**MECOS-3**) held in **Kochi** from **January 7 to 10 2020**.

5. Which state becomes the first state in the country to start the exercise of shortlisting migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, eligible for citizenship under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA)?

- A. Assam
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Delhi
- D. Bihar

Ans. B

Sol.

- Uttar Pradesh is all set to become the first state in the country to start the exercise of shortlisting migrants from Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Afghanistan, eligible for citizenship under the new Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

6. The fifth edition of the Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference (APDRC5) was held at which city of India?

- A. Pune
- B. New Delhi
- C. Mumbai
- D. Ranchi

Ans. A

Sol.

- On January 06, 2020, the fifth edition of the **Asia Pacific Drosophila Research Conference (APDRC5)** was held in Pune.
- The conference was organized in the country for the first time by the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER).



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7. Which Paramilitary Force of India has decided to observe 2020 as the "Year of Mobility" for the welfare of the troops?

- A. Central Reserve Police Force
- B. Border Security forces
- C. Central Industrial Security Force
- D. Indo-Tibetan Border Police

Ans. C

Sol.

- On January 06, 2020, the **CISF** has decided to observe **2020** as the "**Year of Mobility**" for the welfare of the troops.

8. Which film won the 'Best Motion picture- drama' award in the Golden Globe awards 2020?

- A. Inception
- B. 1917
- C. Missing Link
- D. Spotlight

Ans. B

Sol.

- '1917' is Best Motion Picture (Drama) in 'Golden Globe Awards 2020'

9. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) will establish a Massive Human Space Flight Center at which place of India?

- A. Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- C. Hyderabad, Telangana
- D. Challakere, Karnataka

Ans. D

Sol.

- The **Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)** will establish a Massive **Human Space Flight Center** in the **Challakere** in **Chitradurga** district of **Karnataka**.

- For this ISRO has proposed **2,700 crores** of the infrastructure plan to construct the facility that will become operational in three years.

10. Global Investors Meet 'ASCEND 2020' held in which city of India?

- A. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- B. Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Ans. C

Sol.

- Global Investors Meet 'ASCEND 2020' held in Kochi, Kerala from 9th to 10th January 2020.

- The Kerala government will highlight the 18 mega projects in the meet including Kochi-to-Palakkad integrated manufacturing cluster, a defence park at Ottapalam and an electronic hardware park in Ernakulam.

11. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of _____.

- A. Mohan Bhagwat
- B. Arun Jaitley
- C. Yogi Adityanath
- D. Narendra Modi

Ans. D

Sol.

- On January 06, 2020, the Union Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The Home Minister addressed the gathering at the launch and said that the qualities of a Karmayoddha such as a beautiful heart for people, a statesman, a hard taskmaster, an able administrator and an ideal leader who leads by example, are represented by Narendra Modi.

12. Uber has teamed up with _____ to develop electric air taxi, joining the race to make small self-flying cars.

- A. Ford
- B. Honda
- C. Hyundai
- D. Maruti Suzuki

Ans. C

Sol.

- South Korean automobile manufacturer Hyundai Motor Company has entered into a partnership with US ride-hailing giant Uber to produce electric air taxis.

- Hyundai is the first automotive company to join the Uber Elevate initiative.

13. The Central government has released _____ crore to seven states which have been affected by disasters.

- A. 5908



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- B. 6800
C. 10000
D. 8900

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Central government has approved the release of Rs. 5,908.56 crore to seven states as assistance for the damage caused due to various disasters in 2019.

14. Who has laid the foundation stone of The Delhi Cycle Walk?

- A. Jairam Thakur
B. Ram Nath Kovind
C. Prakash Javadekar
D. Amit Shah

Ans. D

Sol.

- Union Minister for Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah laid foundation stone of The Delhi Cycle Walk at Tughlakabad, New Delhi.

- Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs and Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Shri Hardeep Singh Puri and Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Shri Anil Baijal Referring about the benefits of the proposed Cycle Walk, That it would reduce air pollution in New Delhi by at least 20% and added that green commuting will now be possible in New Delhi.

- This move will usher in an era where green transportation like cycles will become fashionable and would be widely used. He added that the 200 km CycleWalk will also give an impetus to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Fit India'.

15. Which state government has announced to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC)?

- A. Gujarat
B. Karnataka
C. Odisha
D. Maharashtra

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Gujarat government has announced to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children

Innovation Center (VSCIC) in Gandhinagar.

- Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) will identify, nurture and promote children's innovation in the state.

16. Which state has registered the highest Inpatient Department, IPD care in the country?

- A. Bihar
B. Jammu & Kashmir
C. Uttar Pradesh
D. West Bengal

Ans. B

Sol.

- As per the report released by the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC), Jammu and Kashmir has registered the highest Inpatient Department, IPD care in the country.

- As per the report, the 96 percent IPD care in rural areas of J&K is provided by Public Health Facilities which is highest against the country's average of 85 percent.

17. Which state launched MyGov portal and CM app to communicate their views, suggestions, feedback as well as discontentment if any?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
B. New Delhi
C. Himachal Pradesh
D. Uttarakhand

Ans. C

Sol.

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Himachal MyGov portal which will help to strengthen public participation in governance. He also launched the Chief Minister App.

18. Al Nagah is the joint military exercise between India and which of the following countries?

- A. Iran
B. Israel
C. UAE
D. Oman

Ans. D

Sol.



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- The third edition of joint military training exercise between Indian Army and Royal Oman Army, Exercise AL NAGAH 2019 concluded at Jabel Al Akhdar training camp, Oman on 25 March 2019

19. Name the Indian weightlifter who has been slapped with a four-year ban for doping by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

- A. Sarbjeet kaur
- B. Vikash Thakur
- C. Pardeep Singh
- D. Ragala Venkat Rahul

Ans. A

Sol.

- Weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur has been slapped with a four-year ban for doping by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).
- "The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel has found weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur guilty of anti-doping rule violation. She has been imposed a penalty of ineligibility for a period of four years.

20. 'Advantage Maharashtra Expo 2020' was inaugurated at which city of Maharashtra?

- A. Nagpur
- B. Mumbai
- C. Nasik
- D. Aurangabad

Ans. D

Sol.

- Maharashtra Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray will inaugurate 'Advantage Maharashtra Expo 2020' in Aurangabad.
- The four-day mega industrial exhibition has been organized by the Marathwada Association of Small Scale Industries and Agriculture (MASSIA).

21. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC)?

- A. Atul Sobti
- B. S.K. Sharma
- C. Ranjit Sinha
- D. A Sakthivel

Ans. D

Sol.

- Apparel Export Promotion Council of India (AEPC) has appointed A Sakthivel as the new chairman of the organization. He is appointed for the period 2020-2021.
- He will replace HKL Magu. He is also the first person in the history of AEPC, who is sworn-in for the fourth time as Chairman of the AEPC.

22. The Naseem-Al-Bahr exercise was held in _____.

- A. Andra Pradesh
- B. Gujarat
- C. West Bengal
- D. Goa

Ans. D

Sol.

- Two ships of the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO) arrived in Goa to participate in the 12th edition of the Indo-Oman bilateral naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr
- "Naseem-Al-Bahr" (or sea breeze) is a naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the RNO, being conducted since 1993.

23. Who bagged the United Kingdom's Costa Children's Award 2019?

- A. Jasbinder Bilan
- B. Malorie Blackman
- C. Nicholas Bowling
- D. Jenny Downham

Ans. A

Sol.

- India-born author Jasbinder Bilan has bagged a coveted United Kingdom's Costa Children's Award 2019'. She won the award for her debut novel 'Asha and the Spirit Bird'.

24. Who among the following were figured in Forbes' 20 people list to watch in the 2020s?

- A. Narendra Damodardas Modi and Amit Shah
- B. Kanhaiya Kumar and Prashant Kishor
- C. Ravish Kumar and Barkha Dutt
- D. Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi

Ans. B

Sol.

- Two youth leaders from Bihar Kanhaiya Kumar and Prashant Kishor included in



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the Forbes India list of 20 people to watch in the 2020s.

- Poll strategist Prashant Kishor is Janata Dal (United) National Vice President while Kanhaiya Kumar is former President of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union.

25. Which country designated US armed forces and Pentagon as 'terrorist entities'?

- A. Russia
- B. North Korea
- C. Saudi Arabia
- D. Iran

Ans. D

Sol.

- Iran designate US armed forces and Pentagon as 'terrorist entities.'
- The Iranian Parliament has approved a triple-urgency bill that designates the US army and the Pentagon as a terrorist entity.

26. Who won Croatia Presidential Election 2020?

- A. Muhammadu Buhari
- B. Reuven Rivlin,
- C. Zoran Milanovic
- D. Hassan Rouhani

Ans. C

Sol.

- **Zoran Milanovic** of Croatia has won the presidential election of the country held on **January 05, 2020**. He defeated incumbent conservative leader **Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic**.
- Zoran Milanovic is the former Prime Minister of Croatia, who has pledged to make Croatia a tolerant country.

27. Which scheme has been launched by the Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani on January 11, 2020, for Women entrepreneurship?

- A. Yashaswini Scheme
- B. Swasthya Sahayak scheme
- C. Annapurna Scheme
- D. Udyogini Scheme

Ans. A

Sol.

* Union Minister for Women and Child Development and Textiles, Smriti Irani today launched Yashaswini Scheme for Women entrepreneurship in Goa. The event was held at Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium at Taleigao near Panaji.

* Swasthya Sakhi Project and breast cancer screening initiative were also inaugurated on the occasion.

28. In which city of India, the Union Steel Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has launched 'Mission Purvodaya' aims at accelerated development of eastern India through integrated steel hub?

- A. Jamshedpur, Jharkhand
- B. Bokaro, Jharkhand
- C. Bardhaman, West Bengal
- D. Kolkata, West Bengal

Ans. D

Sol.

* Union Minister of Steel launched mission PURVODAYA for the development of eastern India through integrated steel hub in Kolkata, West Bengal.

* Under this mission, the government aims to transform logistics and utility infrastructure which would change the socio-economic landscape in eastern India.

* This mission also includes the growth of the steel industry along with employment opportunities across the entire value chain.

29. The Government of India has launched the first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India "AASHVAST" in _____.

- A. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- B. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- C. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- D. Faridabad, Haryana

Ans. A

Sol.

* Union Home Minister Amit Shah has inaugurated the country's first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit AASHVAST in Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

* He also launched Video Integration and StateWide Advance Security-VISWAS project.



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* The Cyber Crime Prevention Unit-AASHVAST will have a dedicated service helpline for victims of cyber-crimes.

30. Mohd Haitham bin Tariq al-Said took over as Sultan of which country?

- A. UAE
- B. Saudi Arabia
- C. Kuwait
- D. Oman

Ans. D

Sol.

* Mohd Haitham bin Tariq al-Said took over as Sultan of Oman after the death of a long-time ruler Qaboos bin Said Al Said.

* Late Sultan Qaboos bin Saeed had ruled Oman since 1970 as the 8th Sultan of the House of Al Said.

* The late sultan had himself chose Haitham Bin Tareq Al Saeed (cousin of late Sultan Qaboos) as his successor, as the Sultan had no children.

* He was the longest-serving monarch among the recent Arab rulers.

31. World Trade Organization (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints against India filled by which country for hiking customs duties on its Goods?

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. Australia
- D. England

Ans. B

Sol.

* The dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) has set up a panel to examine complaints of United States(US) against India for hiking customs duties of 28 American goods in July 2019.

* US alleged New Delhi's move of increasing the custom duties and alleged that the decision was inconsistent with 2 global trade norms of GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) 1994 agreement.

32. International exhibition and conference on the civil aviation sector, Wings India 2020 will be held at which Airport in March 2020?

- A. Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad

B. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi

C. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

D. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

Ans. A

Sol.

* Wings India 2020, an international exhibition and conference on civil aviation sector, will be held at Begumpet Airport in Hyderabad, Telangana from March 12-15, 2020.

* The theme of the event is "Flying for all". The biennial event will be inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi in presence of Minister for Civil Aviation and Minister of State for Civil Aviation.

33. Who among the following conferred with Polly Umrigar Award (2018-19) for being the best international cricketer at the BCCI Annual Awards?

- A. Rohit Sharma
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. Jasprit Bumrah

Ans. D

Sol.

* Jasprit Bumrah has received the prestigious Polly Umrigar Award (2018-19) for being the best international cricketer at the BCCI Annual Awards in Mumbai.

* Currently ranked as the world no.1 ODI bowler, Bumrah had made his Test debut during India's tour of South Africa in January 2018.

* He has picked up five-wicket hauls in South Africa, England, Australia and the West Indies to become the first and only Asian bowler to achieve the milestone.

* The 26-year-old has 62 wickets to his name in the longest format of the game and 103 scalps from 58 ODIs.

34. Which country has won the inaugural 2020 ATP Cup tennis tournament?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Serbia
- C. Spain
- D. Italy



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Ans. B

Sol.

- Serbia has won the inaugural 2020 ATP Cup tennis tournament, defeating Spain 2-1 in the final in Sydney.
- Novak Djokovic (from Serbia) was the key performer in the tournament.
- Djokovic (World No. 2) claimed a straight sets victory over the Rafael Nadal (World No. 1) 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) in singles.
- In doubles, Djokovic and Viktor Troicki claimed 6-3, 6-4 straight sets victory over Feliciano Lopez and Pablo Carreno Busta.
- ATP Cup was the opener for the 2020 ATP Tour, as well as the first ATP team tournament since the last edition of the World Team Cup in 2012.

35. Who among the following has won the Malaysia Masters Badminton tournament 2020?

- A. Kento Momota
- B. Viktor Axelsen
- C. Chou Tien-chen
- D. Jonatan Christie

Ans. A

Sol.

- Japanese badminton player Kento Momota (World number-1) has won the Malaysia Masters 2020.
- He defeated Denmark's Viktor Axelsen 24-22, 21-11.
- The victory in Malaysia lends credence to Momota's drive to win the gold in July's Tokyo Olympics.
- The reigning world champion told reporters that he eyes more success in 2020.
- Momota, currently the best player on the planet, won a record 11 titles last year.

36. Recently, Taal volcano has erupted in which country that leads to evacuation of nearly 8,000 residents?

- A. Japan
- B. Vietnam
- C. Indonesia
- D. Philippines

Ans. D

Sol.

- Around 8,000 residents were evacuated after a small active Taal volcano near Manila spewed a massive cloud of ash.
- Experts warned of another possibility of "hazardous explosive eruption."
- Taal (one of the world's smallest active volcanoes) sits in the middle of a lake about 70km (45 miles) south of the centre of Manila.
- There was a risk an eruption could cause a tsunami in the lake.

37. Lawyer Robert Abela has sworn in as the 14th Prime Minister of which southern European country?

- A. Italy
- B. Belarus
- C. Malta
- D. Spain

Ans. C

Sol.

- Lawyer Robert Abela (42 years) was sworn in as the 14th Prime Minister of Malta.
- He replaced ruling PM Joseph Muscat, who resigned amid accountability over the murder of an investigative journalist.
- Abela is the son of former President of Malta George Abela.
- Robert Abela secured a surprising victory in Malta's governing party's internal leadership contest to be elected as new leader.

38. Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate a new Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu on January 21 in which city of Andhra Pradesh?

- A. Nellore
- B. Kurnool
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Amravati

Ans. A

Sol.

- Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate a new Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu on January 21 in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.
- The centre will facilitate to focus its activities for the development of this rich



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classical Telugu through Research, seminars, debates and various activities.

- The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu (CESCT) came under the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL).
- Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' is also set to attend the event.

39. India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue was held in which city of India?

- A. Mumbai
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Lucknow

Ans. B

Sol.

- India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue has begun in New Delhi on January 14, 2020.
- 700 international participants from over a 100 countries are expected to participate in the dialogue.
- 12 foreign ministers, including from Russia, Iran, Australia, Maldives, South Africa, Estonia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Uzbekistan and the EU will participate in it.

40. Which of the following Indian monuments has been included in the 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)?

- A. Taj Mahal
- B. Red Fort
- C. Humayun Tomb
- D. Statute of Unity

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Statue of Unity at Kevadia, Gujarat has been included in 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).
- The Statue of Unity is the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, first Home Minister of the independent India.
- The 182 metre tall statue is the world's tallest statue that was inaugurated by PM Modi on 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in October 2018.

- The statue was inaugurated on 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in 2018.

41. Who won Global Child Prodigy Award 2020?

- A. Ishwar Sharma
- B. Remya Parameswar Iyer
- C. Karthik Nemmani
- D. Johnny Simon

Ans. A

Sol.

- British Indian yoga boy Ishwar Sharma (10-year-old) wins Global Child Prodigy Award.

42. Who among the following has been appointed as the Surveyor General of India in Survey of India for a period of one year?

- A. Dr. Budha Rashmi Mani
- B. Vivek Joshi
- C. Lt General Girish Kumar
- D. Rajendra Singh

Ans. C

Sol.

- The government of India has appointed Lt General Girish Kumar as the Surveyor General of India in Survey of India on contract basis for a period of one year.
- Appointment Committee of the Cabinet approved the proposal from re-appointment of Kumar on the post for one year with effect from January 1, 2020.

43. Who is appointed as the director general of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)?

- A. V K Johri
- B. AP Maheshwari
- C. Rajesh Ranjan
- D. Rajendra Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

- Senior IPS officer AP Maheshwari appointed as the director general of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF).

44. What is the height of the Statue of Unity (bronze statue)?

- A. 50 Meter
- B. 180 Meter
- C. 182 Meter



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D. 200 Meter

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Statue of Unity (bronze statue) is the tallest statue (182-metre) in the world, taller than China's Spring Temple Buddha statue (153-metre) and almost double the height of the Statue of Liberty (93 metres) in the US.

- According to External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, The Statue of Unity in Gujarat, depicting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, has been included in the list of eight wonders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO).

45. 'Echigo' is a coast guard ship of which country?

A. China

B. USA

C. India

D. Japan

Ans. D

Sol.

- Japanese Coast Guard ship 'Echigo' participated in the joint exercise 'Sahyog-Kaijin' which was held in January 2020 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

This was the 19th such exercise being conducted between the two Japan Coast Guard and Indian Coast Guard.

The aim behind 'Sahyog-Kaijin' is to strengthen the bond between the two countries.

46. Which country finished 2019 as number one shooting nation in the world?

A. USA

B. China

C. Russia

D. India

Ans. D

Sol.

- India finished this year as the top shooting nation in the world, leaving behind Olympic heavyweights China and the USA.

- In terms of overall medals, the tally stood at 21 gold, six silver and three bronze as India topped all the Rifle-Pistol World Cups and Finals in an unforgettable year.

- While India leads the standings with 30 medals overall, China is second with 11 gold, 15 silver and 18 bronze for a total of 44 podium finishes.

47. Which state of India has created Guinness World Record by preparing the largest quantity of Khichdi?

A. Bihar

B. Jharkhand

C. Himachal Pradesh

D. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Himachal Pradesh has made the **Guinness Book of World Records** for preparing the largest-ever quantity of 'bean and rice' dish (khichdi) on **14 January 2020** at Tattapani in Mandi district.

48. 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) was held in _____.

A. Mumbai

B. Visakhapatnam

C. Kolkata

D. New Delhi

Ans. D

Sol.

- 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) was held in New Delhi on January 13, 2020.

- The meeting was chaired by Union Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri Amit Shah.

- This is the first time such an initiative is being implemented.

49. The Government of India launched Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD), what is the estimated cost of developing complete project?

A. 350 Crore

B. 250 Crore

C. 258 Crore

D. 400 Crore

Ans. C

Sol.

- The project costs ₹258 crore and is being supported by the World Bank.

- The system will be first piloted in the six



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States with highest fatalities from road crashes — Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

- It was launched during 'Road Safety Stakeholders' Meet held in New Delhi.

50. What is the theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020?

- A. Youth for Digital India
- B. Indian Youth for Development, Skill and Harmony
- C. Fit Youth fit India
- D. Sankalp Se Siddhi

Ans. C

Sol.

- The theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is "FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA". The theme is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for New India to be a fit India and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. The event aims to promote the knowledge and ideas of the Youth.

51. The 3rd Global Potato Conclave-2020 has begun in which city of India?

- A. Bhopal
- B. Lucknow
- C. Nainital
- D. Gandhi Nagar

Ans. D

Sol.

- The 3rd Global Potato Conclave-2020 begins today at Gandhinagar, Gujarat. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the conclave through video conferencing.
- The Conclave will provide an opportunity to bring all stakeholders at one common platform. Gujarat is one of the leading producers of Potato in the country.
- Netherland is the partner country of this conclave.

52. The 1st edition of Ganga-Volga Dialogue of Civilizations 2020 was held in New Delhi with the theme _____.

- A. Cooperation
- B. Coordination
- C. Connectivity
- D. Cultural Innovation

Ans. C

Sol.

- The 1st edition of Ganga-Volga Dialogue of Civilizations 2020 based on the theme "Connectivity", between India & Russia was held in New Delhi.
- The event was inaugurated by India's Minister of State for External Affairs V. Muraleedharan
- It was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) in association with Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation.

53. Who among the following awarded the 'Harit Ratna Award 2019'?

- A. MS Swaminathan
- B. N Kumar
- C. EA Siddiq
- D. Baldev Singh Dhillon

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Vice Chancellor (**VC**) of Tamil Nadu Agriculture University, Sri N Kumar was honoured with Harit Ratna Award 2019 at the 5th National Youth Convention (NYC) at Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (IGKV) in Raipur, Chattisgarh.
- The award was given by All India Agricultural Students Association (AIASA).
- Shri Kumar was awarded for dissemination of ₹30-crore entrepreneurship project in agri-business and also for motivating students towards the agriculture sector in Tamil Nadu.

54. The Election Commission of India (ECI) awarded 'National Media Award' for print to which newspaper?

- A. Times of India
- B. Hindustan Times
- C. The Hindu Tamil
- D. Dainik Jagran

Ans. C

Sol.

- Election Commission of India (ECI) awarded National Media Award for print to "The Hindu Tamil".
- The award was given on the occasion of 10th National Voters Day held at New Delhi



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- It was a part of the poll panel's national awards for voter awareness and education campaign in 2019.

55. Which state government has launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme to provide a meal to the poor for just 10 rupees?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

- The state government of Maharashtra has launched the 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme on a pilot basis, which aims to provide a meal to the poor for Rs 10.
- The scheme was launched on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day celebrations on Sunday, 26th January 2020.
- As a part of one of the promises made by the Shiv Sena at the time of the state assembly election, the scheme was launched.

56. India's First War Memorial for Service Animals to come up in _____.

- A. Meerut
- B. Bhopal
- C. Surat
- D. Ranchi

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Government of India has planned to set up a first-of-its-kind war memorial for service animals in Meerut city in Uttar Pradesh.
- The memorial will be set up at the army's specialized breeding, rearing and training centre for animals: the Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre and College in Meerut.

57. Which of the following states has launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme to provide a meal to the poor for just 10 rupees?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

The Shiv Sena-led Maharashtra government has launched 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme to provide a meal to the poor for just 10 rupees

Under the pilot scheme, thalis or lunch plates would be available to people at designated centres/ canteens during a stipulated time in all the districts.

58. Who among the following has awarded with Padma Vibhushan 2020 for his /her exceptional performance in the field of Art?

- A. Shri Chhannulal Mishra
- B. Lata Mangeshkar
- C. Kangna Ranaut
- D. Adnan Sami

Ans. A

Sol.

- Shri Chhannulal Mishra has awarded with Padma Vibhushan 2020 for his /her exceptional performance in the field of sports.

59. Who among the following has awarded with Padma Vibhushan 2020 for his /her exceptional performance in the field of sports?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. VVS Lakshman
- C. Sunil Chhetri
- D. M. C Mary Kom

Ans. D

Sol.

Smt. M.C.Mary Kom has awarded with Padma Vibhushan 2020 for his /her exceptional performance in the field of sports.

60. As per Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), what is the rank of India in world's Democracy Index 2019?

- A. 41
- B. 50
- C. 51
- D. 55

Ans. C

Sol.

The world's biggest democracy India slipped 10 places in the 2019 global ranking to 51st place.

12th edition of the "Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and



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popular protest", released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

61. What is the theme of the National Voters' Day celebrated across the country on 25th January 2020?

- A. Electoral Literacy for strong democracy
- B. Voting a Fundamental Right
- C. Vote for Change
- D. Proud to be a voter - Ready to vote

Ans. A

Sol.

- The National Voters' Day celebrated across the country on 25th January every year.
- Theme of voter's Day 2020 is "Electoral Literacy for strong democracy".

62. The International Summit on Women in STEM- "Visualizing the Future: New Skylines", was recently held in which city?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. New Delhi
- D. Kolkata

Ans. C

Sol.

- The International Summit on Women in STEM "Visualizing the Future: New Skylines" was held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.
- The summit was organized by the Department of Biotechnology.

63. Which of the following institutions has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Uttar Pradesh Police to provide effective communication and crowd management training to the Police personnel of the state?

- A. IIM Ahmedabad
- B. IIM Indore
- C. IIM Kolkata
- D. IIM Kozhikode

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Indian Institute of Management Indore in Madhya Pradesh will teach lessons on crowd management and effective communication to Uttar Pradesh (UP) police.
- A memorandum of understanding for this project was signed by UP Director

General of Police OP Singh and IIM Indore Director Professor Himanshu Rai in Lucknow.

- As per the agreement, police personnel will also receive training in the data analysis, traffic management, use of artificial intelligence & social media management.
- Training sessions would be held to teach officers effective ways to negotiate and communicate with the mob.

64. The 'Innovation Festival' kicked off at the Science Centre in which city of India?

- A. Patna
- B. Ranchi
- C. Itanagar
- D. Guwahati

Ans. C

Sol.

- The 'Innovation Festival' kicked off at the Science Centre in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. The festival is being organized by the Arunachal Pradesh State Council for Science & Technology in collaboration with the National Innovation Foundation.

65. As per the Greenpeace India report which is the most polluted city of India?

- A. Noida
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Jharia
- D. Kanpur

Ans. C

Sol.

- According to a Greenpeace India Report Coal-belching Jharia in Jharkhand continues to be the most polluted city in India.
- As per the report Delhi has made marginal improvement in reducing air pollution and Delhi is the 10th-most polluted city in India.
- As per the report, 6 of the top-10 polluted cities are in Uttar Pradesh comprising of Noida, Ghaziabad, Bareilly, Allahabad, Moradabad and Firozabad.
- Lunglei in Mizoram is the least polluted followed by Meghalaya's Dowki, according to the report.
- The report is based on analysis of PM10 data from 287 cities across the country.



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66. Which state government has made it compulsory to recite the Preamble to the Constitution in all schools starting January 26?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Jharkhand

Ans. C

Sol.

- Maharashtra government has made it compulsory to recite the Preamble to the Constitution in all schools starting January 26.
- According to the programme, in every school of Maharashtra, the Preamble of the Constitution will be read by all in a group before the beginning of the classes.
- A government resolution in this regard was issued in February 2013, when the Congress-NCP government was in power. As per the circular dated January 21, 2020, it was not being implemented.
- Incidentally, people protesting the Citizenship Amendment Act have taken to reading the preamble at demonstrations to highlight how it terms the country as secular while speaking out against discrimination.

67. Name the person who conferred with the prestigious "Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award for 2019"?

- A. Rippa Kapur
- B. Kanhaiya Kumar
- C. Priya Prakash
- D. Yogendra Yadav

Ans. C

Sol.

- Priya Prakash, the founder and CEO of India based HealthSetGo, has won the Global Citizen Prize: Cisco Youth Leadership Award for 2019 for her school health programme that aims at providing 360 degree healthcare support to children.
- The prestigious award honours an individual aged 18 - 30 who is bringing about a positive change in the world by solving some of its biggest global challenges.
- The award includes a US \$250,000 prize paid to the individual's organisation to

which the individual contributes, to further their mission of accelerating global problem solving.

68. Which country will train Indian flight surgeons to enable them to monitor the health of astronauts selected for the ambitious human space mission Gaganyaan?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- France will train Indian flight surgeons to enable them to monitor the health of astronauts selected for the ambitious human space mission Gaganyaan.
- The two-week training is a critical aspect of the Gaganyaan project that is aimed at sending three Indians to space by 2022.
- A memorandum of understanding on the matter is expected to be signed later this week when French space agency CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall arrives in Bengaluru.

69. Which of the following Metro Rail partnered with redBus carpool services to provide last mile connectivity for Metro rail commuters?

- A. Delhi Metro
- B. Lucknow Metro
- C. Hyderabad Metro
- D. Mumbai Metro

Ans. C

Sol.

- Hyderabad Metro has partnered with redBus carpool services to provide last mile connectivity for Metro rail commuters.
- The service is available through rPool, an in-app ride sharing service from redBus.
- The facility aims to provide end to end connectivity to daily commuters in an affordable manner.
- The service will be offered through "rPool". rPool is an in-app ride sharing service provided by redBus.



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70. What is the name given to the half-humanoid which will ride to space in the first test flight of the human space mission, Gaganyaan?

- A. Erica
- B. Vyommitra
- C. Champa
- D. Chameli

Ans. B

Sol.

- A woman humanoid, Vyommitra, unveiled by the Indian Space research Organisation on January 22nd, 2020.
- Which will travel to space on two unmanned flights of the Gaganyaan mission scheduled for December this year and June next year before the four men shortlisted to be India's first astronauts or vyomanauts.
- The humanoid who can talk and perform all functions of a crew was unveiled at a three-day symposium on "Human Spaceflight and Exploration" organised by the International Academy of Astronautics in Bengaluru.

71. Which state becomes the first state to implement agricultural land leasing policy in the country?

- A. Haryana
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Uttar Pradesh

Ans. C

Sol.

- Uttarakhand has become the first state in the country where the government has made a policy to lease agricultural land.
- In lieu of giving land on a 30-year lease, the concerned farmer will get the rent for the land.
- In the hilly areas of the state, the obstacles of leasing land for farming, agriculture, horticulture, herbs, off-season vegetables, milk production, tea plantation, fruit hybridization and solar energy has been removed with this step.
- Now any institution, company, firm or NGO can take farm land on lease in villages, leasing a maximum of 30 acres of land on lease for 30 years.

Ans. A

72. Who has become the first South Asian country to launch the e-passport facility?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. India
- C. Malaysia
- D. Pakistan

Ans. A

Sol.

- Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has launched the e-passport facility for its citizens on 22 January 2020, terming it as a gift to the nation in the Mujib centenary year.
- With this, Bangladesh becomes the first country in South Asia and 119th country in the world to provide an e-passport facility.

73. Which of the following countries takes over the chairmanship of the Group of 77 (G77) for the year 2020?

- A. South Africa
- B. Ghana
- C. Guyana
- D. Niger

Ans. C

Sol.

- Guyana takes over chairmanship of the Group of 77 (G77) for the year 2020.
- It assumes the chairmanship of the Group from the State of Palestine.
- The G77 is the largest intergovernmental organization of developing countries in the UN.
- It was designed to promote its members' collective economic interests and create an enhanced joint negotiating capacity in the UN.
- Groups from Latin and Central America, Asia, Africa and the Pacific have all endorsed Guyana's Chairmanship and pledged their support.

74. Who will be the chairman of the Committee formed by the Supreme Court of India to firm up draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation?

- A. Niranjan Bhat
- B. AS Chandok
- C. PS Narsimha
- D. Sriram Panchu

Sol.



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* The Indian Supreme Court set up a panel headed by mediator Niranjan Bhat to firm up draft legislation to give legal sanctity to disputes settled through mediation.

* Which would then be sent to the government as a suggestion from the apex court.

* The Committee met in Hyderabad on January 12, 2020.

* The other members includes Justice K Khandok, AS Chandok, PS Narsimha, Sriram Panchu, JP Singh, Susheela S, Sadhna Ramchandran, Laila Ollapally, and Anil Xavier.

75. Who among the following was conferred with 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare by Former President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi?

A. Shibu Soren

B. Hemant Soren

C. Arjun Munda

D. Babulal Marandi

Ans. B

Sol.

- Jharkhand Chief Minister (CM) Hemant Soren was conferred with 'Champions of Change Award-2019' for social welfare by Former President Pranab Mukherjee at a function in New Delhi.

- The award was given to Hemant for his work in the Barhait and Dumka assembly constituencies in the state.

- Soren, who had won the Dumka seat in 2009, was defeated in the following assembly elections but regained it in the recently-concluded polls.

- Soren, who also won the Barhait seat for the second consecutive term, dedicated the award to his father Shibu Soren and the people of Jharkhand.



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