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Part 1



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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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



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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

The theme of the summit was "Transforming Logistics Landscape".

Nepal and India have a significant volume of trade, investment, tourism and people-to-people movement for which smooth and quality logistics including easy transit facilities is very essential.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

and sensitive fronts with Pakistan and Bangladesh.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

16. Who is the current Chief Minister of Karnataka?

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

Ans. A

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

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

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

Ans. D

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol. The US Senate has overwhelmingly confirmed four-star Army General Mark Milley (61-years) as the next Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS). He will replace General Joseph Dunford. The Chairman is nominated by the President for the appointment and must be confirmed via majority vote by the Senate.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS) is, the highest-ranking and senior-most military officer in the United States Armed Forces

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

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

Ans. B



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

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

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

Ans. D

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

E. 4.50

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Only 1 and 2 is correct

B. Only 1 and 3 is correct

C. Only 2 and 3 is correct

D. Only 1 is correct

E. All 1, 2 and 3 is correct

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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



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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A. 5th
- B. 6th
- C. 7th
- D. 8th
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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



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E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

A. United Nations Rehabilitation and Works Agency

B. United Nations Relief and Works Agency

C. United Nations Rehabilitation and Welfare Agency

D. United Nations Relief and Welfare Agency

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

A. Chandigarh

B. Delhi

C. Amritsar

D. Mohali

E. Jaipur

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

A. New Zealand

B. Australia

C. South Africa

D. England

E. India

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

A. 1st to 7th August 2019

B. 3rd to 9th August 2019

C. 5th to 11th August 2019

D. 6th to 12th August 2019

E. None of these



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Ans. A
Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C
Sol.

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

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

Delhi, its works under which of the following Ministry?

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

Ans. C
Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B
Sol.

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

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



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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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



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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

Hindi movie Padman declared Best Film on Social Issues.

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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



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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

Former Uruguay football player Diego Forlan (40 -years) has announced his retirement, ending a 21-year career in which he played club soccer on three different continents.

Forlan was awarded the Golden Ball for best player at the 2010 FIFA World Cup. Forlan also played in the Indian Super League with Mumbai City in 2016.

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

Uttar Pradesh government has achieved its target of planting 22 crore saplings in one day across the state under its 'Vriksharopan Mahakumbh' campaign.

Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanath, also announced that 25 crore saplings would be planted in 2020.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

WhatsApp has collaborated with NITI Aayog for WTI Awards 2019 and will be providing support amounting to USD 100,000 to award winners.

NITI Aayog launched fourth edition of Women Transforming India (WTI) Awards. Nominations for the awards will be opened immediately after the launch.



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

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

E. Lucknow

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

A. Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank'

B. Smriti Jubin Irani

C. Suresh Prabhu

D. Prakash Javadekar

E. S. Jaishankar

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

A. Bihar

B. Haryana

C. Punjab

D. Uttar Pradesh

E. Jharkhand

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

A. Maharashtra

B. Assam

C. Delhi

D. Punjab

E. Telangana

Ans. B

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

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

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

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



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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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



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_____ to raise awareness about the Elephant.

- A. 9th August
- B. 10th August
- C. 11th August
- D. 12th August
- E. 13th August

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

64. National Tribal Festival organized at which place?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

65. Which of the following recently received GI tag?

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



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E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

A. Coimbatore

B. Vellore

C. Salem

D. Tiruchirapalli

E. None of the above

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

A. Sujata Tripathi

B. Anoma Shriram Sakhare

C. Santhosh Thottingal

D. Chand Kiran Saluja

E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

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

68. Which state launched the flagship program 'Village Volunteers System'?

aimed at providing government services at doorsteps of people?

A. Tamil Nadu

B. Kerala

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Karnataka

E. None of the above

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

A. A S Kiran Kumar

B. Dr. K. Radhakrishnan

C. Shri G. Madhavan Nair

D. Kailasavadivoo Sivan

E. None of the above

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

A. Not A Target

B. Women Humanitarians

C. We are Humanitarian Workers

D. People Helping People

E. I Was Here

Ans. B

Sol.

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



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support for the people affected by crisis across the world.

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was formally inaugurated by the Indian & Bhutanese Prime Ministers from the capital city Thimpu, under the aegis of Bhutan-India Friendship Project. Mangdechhu Hydroelectric Project was successfully commissioned by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL). It is one of the major projects under Bhutan's initiative to generate 10,000 MW hydropower by 2020 with the support of the Government of India (GOI).

72. President Ramnath Kovind has inaugurated the Bunker Museum in _____.

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

Ans. A

Sol.

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the 15,000 square feet long underground 'Bunker Museum' at Raj Bhavan in Mumbai. 'Bunker Museum' has virtual reality booths to give insight to visitors about the 19th century when the bunker was created to fire cannons at approaching enemy ships. On the occasion, President Kovind also laid the foundation stone of reconstruction of Maharashtra Governor's Office-cum-Residence known as Jal Bhushan.

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

education better) to improve the infrastructure of government schools?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh has launched a scheme named 'School Fagadaba' (Make education better) to improve the infrastructure of government schools in the state. The objective of the "School Fagadaba" Scheme is to ensure better infrastructure, quality education and overall improvement of government schools to make them model schools. Biometric devices would be installed in schools in ensuring regular attendance of teachers.

74. Former Chief Minister of Bihar Dr Jagannath Mishra passed away recently. He was associated with which political party?

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.



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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Jacques Kallis
- B. Russel Domingo



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

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

Currently,

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

Ans. D

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

Ans. D

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- The selection committee for the National Sports Awards has recommended Deepa Malik and wrestler Bajrang Punia jointly for Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Puraskar 2019.
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- She has also won gold in F-53/54 Javelin event at the para athletic Grand Prix held in Dubai in 2018.
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Ans. B

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- C. Anil Dhasmana
- D. Sanjay Kumar Mishra
- E. Alok Verma

Ans. B

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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- A. Mohun Bagan
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- With this win, **Gokulam Kerala** became the first club from **the**

state in 22 years to clinch the tournament.

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

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

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

Ans. D

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- She defeated higher-ranked Sonoda Waka of Japan 7-3 in the final and earn India's second gold on the final day of the Championships.
- Now Komalika is India's second recurve cadet world champion (under-18) after Deepika Kumari who won the title in 2009.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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- In the final Kento Momota defeated Danish player Anders Antonsen

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

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

Ans. C

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* Mr. Modi, the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the key Gulf nation, offered prayers at the Shreenathji Temple in Manama.

* The heritage and the 200-year-old legacy of the temple will be highlighted in the redevelopment and the new iconic complex will house the sanctum sanctorum and prayer halls.

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- Tawlhlohpuan & Mizo Puanchei (from Mizoram), and Tirur betel vine (from Kerala) has received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- GI is an indication used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.
- The Geographical Indication comes under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
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- A. Indian Bank
- B. Canara Bank
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda



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E. Corporation Bank

Ans. A

Sol.

* Public sector lender Indian Bank and Tata AIG General Insurance has entered into an agreement to offer a variety of general insurance products to bank's customers.

* The agreement was signed in the presence of Ms Padmaja Chunduru MD and CEO of Indian Bank and Mr Saurabh Maini, Senior Vice President and Business Head-Key partnership Group, Tata AIG General Insurance.

* The partnership will see around 2,900 branches of the bank spread across India, offering a diverse range of insurance policies benefiting its customers by way of protection, wealth creation and savings.

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A. USA

B. Israel

C. Russia

D. China

E. Japan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Russia has launched an unmanned rocket carrying a life-size humanoid robot named Fedor, (Final Experimental Demonstration Object Research) with identification number Skybot F850.

- It will spend 10 days learning to assist astronauts on the International Space Station.

- Fedor blasted off in a Soyuz MS-14 spacecraft from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

- Fedor is described as potentially useful on Earth for working in high radiation environments, de-mining and tricky rescue missions.

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B. Kuwait

C. Bahrain

D. Saudi Arabia

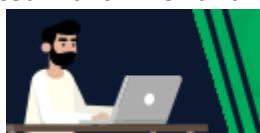
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- A. Flipkart
- B. Alibaba
- C. Amazon
- D. Walmart
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

- E-commerce giant Amazon India has launched a Military Veterans Employment programme in the country that will create employment opportunities for military veterans and their spouses across the company's fulfilment centres, sort centres and delivery centres in India.
- Amazon India is partnering with the office of the Director General of Resettlement (DGR) and the Army Welfare Placement Organisation (AWPO) to create continued work opportunities for military families across the country.
- Globally, Amazon has over 17,500 military veterans and spouses actively engaged in the programme.

19. The Indian School of Business (ISB) and which of the following companies has announced a new partnership to take forward their shared vision for an AI-empowered India at an event in Hyderabad?

- A. Intel India
- B. Amazon India
- C. Microsoft India
- D. Capgemini India

E. Wipro Limited

Ans. C

Sol.

- * The Indian School of Business (ISB) and Microsoft India announced a new partnership to take forward their shared vision for an AI-empowered India at an event in Hyderabad.

- * Through the creation of the AI Digital Lab, the two organizations will collaborate in research which will use Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) to study issues that are relevant for business and public policy.

- * The partnership will also jointly introduce a new executive program titled "Leading Business Transformation in the Age of AI" in October 2019 which will equip business leaders with tools and strategies to transform their respective organizations to AI-driven organizations.

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

21. Recently in September, 2019 the President of India appointed new governor in five Indian states with respect to that which of the following is not correct pair of governor and states?

- A. Bhagat Singh Koshiyari – Maharashtra
- B. Arif Mohammed Khan- Kerala
- C. Bandaru Dattatraya -Karnataka
- D. Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan –



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Telangana

E. Kalraj Mishra -Rajasthan

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bandaru Dattatraya has been appointed as the new governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- He has been appointed in place of Kalraj Mishra (78-years) who has been given the charge of Governor of Rajasthan.
- Former Uttarakhand Chief Minister Bhagat Singh Koshyari (77-years) has been appointed as the new Governor of Maharashtra
- Former Union Minister Arif Mohammed Khan (68-years) will take the responsibility of Kerala governor
- Former Tamil Nadu BJP chief, Dr Tamilisai Soundararajan (58-years) is the new Governor of Telangana.

22. In which of the following states India's longest electrified railway tunnel has been inaugurated by the vice-president M Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Karnataka
- D. Andhra Pradesh
- E. Goa

Ans. D

Sol.

- Vice President Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the longest electrified railway tunnel in the country, in Andhra Pradesh.
- The 112-km long railway line project between Krishnapatnam port and Obulavaripalli was constructed to ensure smooth transportation of minerals and industrial goods to and from the port.
- As part of the project, two tunnels were constructed; one which is 6.7 km long and another, which is 1 km long.

23. Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Prakash Javadekar announced the approval of the new 'Gorewada International Zoo' in _____.

- A. Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- B. Nagpur, Maharashtra
- C. Mangalore, Karnataka

D. Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

E. Puri, Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

- Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has announced the approval of the new 'Gorewada International Zoo' in Nagpur district of Maharashtra.
- The Zoo will have attractions like Bio Park, Indian Safari, African Safari, Night Safari, Research, Education and Training, facilities for tourists, etc.
- The task of construction of Indian Safari and ancillary activities, Water Reservoir and Gorewada Reserve has been given to FDCM Ltd. with Government Grants.
- The Government of Maharashtra has accorded permission for establishing the International Zoo, through Forest Development Corporation of Maharashtra Limited (FDCM. Ltd.), Nagpur.

24. Under the Poshan Abhiyaan, the Union government has set a target to reduce the stunting rate in children from 35% to _____.

- A. 30%
- B. 25%
- C. 23%
- D. 20%
- E. 15%

Ans. B

Sol.

- The entire month of September will be celebrated as the 'Rashtriya Poshan Maah'.
- This year the theme is 'Complementary Feeding'.
- POSHAN Abhiyaan is a multi-ministerial convergence mission with the vision to address malnutrition with a targeted approach by 2022.
- Under the Poshan Abhiyaan, the Union government has set a target to reduce the stunting rate in children from 35% to 25%.
- The programme aims at achieving improvement in the nutritional status of children up to six years of age, adolescent girls, pregnant women and lactating mothers.



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25. Which of the following company has statement of intent with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme?

- A. Facebook
- B. Microsoft
- C. Google
- D. Infosys
- E. Wipro

Ans. C

Sol.

- Tech giant 'Google' has signed a statement of intent with the Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) for rolling out 'Build for Digital India' programme.
- The programme will offer a platform for engineering students to develop market-ready, technology-based solutions that address key social problems.
- As part of the program, engineering students across the country will be invited to present their ideas and solutions in areas like healthcare, agriculture, education, smart cities and infrastructure, women safety, smart mobility and transportation, environment, accessibility and disability and digital literacy.
- Google will also offer mentorship sessions in product design, strategy and technology to the most promising products and prototypes.

26. Which Indian city is hosting the 14th conference of Parties (COP 14), 2019 to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Gurugram
- D. Greater Noida
- E. Faridabad

Ans. D

Sol.

- The 14th conference of Parties (COP 14) to the UN Convention to Combat Desertification will get underway in Greater Noida.
- The Conference will focus on desertification and degradation of land and will go on till 13th September 2019.

- This Conference will provide a framework for countries to restore the land and protect human health.
- The Conference is expected to agree on about 30 decisions to ramp up and elaborate further actions needed on the ground.
- The main objective of the convention is to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in countries experiencing serious drought or desertification.

27. India won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Under-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal by defeating _____ in the final.

- A. Bhutan
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Nepal
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Afghanistan

Ans. C

Sol.

- India defeated Nepal 7-0 in the final of the 2019 SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) U-15 Championship at the Kalyani Stadium, Kolkata, West Bengal.
- The 2019 SAFF U-15 Championship was the 6th edition of the SAFF U-16 Championship held at Kalyani Stadium from 21st to 31st August 2019.
- Five teams (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India (Host), Nepal and Sri Lanka) from the region has taken part in this tournament.

28. Recently in September, 2019 Tejinderpal Singh Toor clinched a silver medal during an athletic meet at Decin in the Czech Republic. He is associated with which sports?

- A. Wrestling
- B. Sprinter
- C. Shot Put
- D. Badminton
- E. Shooting

Ans. C

Sol.

- Indian Shot putter Tejinderpal Singh Toor (24-years) clinched a silver medal during an athletic meet at Decin in the Czech Republic.



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- The Asian Games gold medallist came up with the best throw of 20.09m in his last attempt at the event. Tajinder has been awarded the Arjuna Award this year.
- Toor has already qualified for World championship being the Area champion following his gold-winning feat at Asian Athletics Championships in April next year.

29. Who among the following has won the Formula 1 Belgian Grand Prix 2019?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- Ferrari's Charles Leclerc took his maiden Formula 1 victory after holding off Lewis Hamilton's Mercedes to win the Belgian Grand Prix 2019.
- Lewis Hamilton (United Kingdom) was on second while Valtteri Bottas (Finland) finished third.
- The Belgian Grand Prix is an automobile race, part of the Formula One World Championship.

30. Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah has become the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket during the second Test against West Indies at Sabina Park. Who was the first Indian to achieve the feat in the longest format of the game?

- A. Kapil Dev
- B. Zaheer Khan
- C. Harbhajan Singh
- D. Javagal Srinath
- E. Anil Kumble

Ans. C

Sol.

- Fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah (25-years) has become the third Indian to claim a hat-trick in Test cricket during the ongoing second Test against West Indies at Sabina Park.
- Bumrah got the wickets of Darren Bravo, Shamarh Brooks and Roston Chase off successive deliveries to achieve the feat.

- Burmah is also the 44th player to achieve the feat in the longest format of the game.
- Harbhajan Singh was the first Indian to pick up a Test hat-trick (vs Australia in Kolkata in 2001).
- left-arm pacer Irfan Pathan repeated the feat when he took three wickets off consecutive balls against Pakistan in Karachi in 2006.

31. Who has become India's most successful Indian Test skipper?

- A. Sourav Ganguly
- B. Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- C. Ajinkya Rahane
- D. Virat Kohli
- E. Mohammad Azharuddin

Ans. D

Sol. Virat Kohli has surpassed Mahendra Singh Dhoni to become India's most successful Test skipper.

It came after the Indian team recorded its 28th win under Kohli's leadership in the second and final test against the West Indies at Kingston.

M S Dhoni led India to 27 wins from 60 Test matches during his tenure.

Overall, Graeme Smith (former South Africa skipper) remains the most successful skipper in the world with 53 Test wins, followed by Ricky Ponting (ex-Australia captain) who recorded 48 Test wins in his captaincy tenure.

32. Who among the following will be honoured with the 2019 Global Goalkeeper Award?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Xi Jinping
- C. Vladimir Putin
- D. Narendra Modi
- E. Shinzo Abe

Ans. D

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be honoured with the prestigious 2019 'Global Goalkeeper Award' for his work in the 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan'.

Mr. Modi will be felicitated by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, owned by Microsoft founder Bill Gates and his wife Melinda Gates.

The award is a "special recognition" that celebrates the commitment of a political



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leader towards the Global Goals, demonstrated through impactful work in their country and/or globally.

33. Which of the following cities will host the 5th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) summit?

- A. Toyota
- B. New Delhi
- C. Vladivostok
- D. Saint Petersburg
- E. Moscow

Ans. C

Sol. Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) is an international forum held each year in Vladivostok, Russia, for the purpose of encouraging foreign investment in the Russian Far East.

The Eastern Economic Forum was established by Decree of the President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin in 2015.

PM Modi will participate as the Chief Guest at the 5th Eastern Economic Forum, at the invitation of Russian President Vladimir Putin.

34. Which of the following states government has announced 4,750 crore rupees waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans?

- A. Haryana
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced a 4,750 crore rupees waiver on interest and penalty on crop loans.

The farmers who have borrowed from Primary Agriculture Cooperative Societies (PACS), District Cooperative Central Banks, Land Mortgage Bank and Haryana Land Reforms and Development Bank will benefit from this decision.

35. Who is the author of the book "A Short History of Indian Railways"?

- A. Philip Roth
- B. Rajendra B Aklekar
- C. Pavan C Lall
- D. Ismail Kadare

E. Olga Tokarczuk

Ans. B

Sol. A book titled 'A Short History of Indian Railways' has been authored by veteran journalist and author Rajendra B Aklekar.

36. As per Fitch Solutions, what is India's GDP growth rate in FY20?

- A. 6.9%
- B. 6.7%
- C. 6.4%
- D. 6.1%
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Fitch Solutions has revised its GDP growth rate prediction for India in FY20 (2019-20) to 6.4% from 6.8%.

Fitch Ratings Inc. is one of the "Big Three credit rating agencies", the other two being Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

37. Who among the following is the present US Secretary of State?

- A. Warren Christopher
- B. John J. Sullivan
- C. Rex Tillerson
- D. Colin Powell
- E. Mike Pompeo

Ans. E

Sol. Mike Pompeo is the present US Secretary of State. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department, which includes the Foreign Service, Civil Service, and U.S. Agency for International Development.

38. Who has won the gold medal in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil?

- A. Anna Korakaki
- B. Zhang Mengxue
- C. Jung Jee-hae
- D. Yashaswini Singh 'Deswal'
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. Indian shooter Yashaswini Singh 'Deswal' has won the gold medal in the women's 10meter Air Pistol event at the ISSF World Cup at Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.



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This is India's 9th quota in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Games.

The 2019 ISSF World Cup is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF).

39. The four-time Emmy Award-winning actress Valerie Harper passed away. she belonged to which country?

- A. Brazil
- B. France
- C. New Zealand
- D. USA
- E. Australia

Ans. D

Sol. American actress Valerie Harper, the star of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and spin-off series "Rhoda", has passed away after a long battle with cancer. She began her career as a dancer on Broadway, making her debut in the musical "Take Me Along" in 1959.

40. Which of the following countries will launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the East China Sea?

- A. Indonesia
- B. Japan
- C. Bangladesh
- D. India
- E. Mongolia

Ans. B

Sol. Japan will launch a special police unit equipped with submachine guns and helicopters to patrol disputed isles in the East China Sea.

The 'East China Sea' is a part of the Pacific Ocean and covers an area of roughly 1,249,000 square kilometres. The sea connects with the Sea of Japan through the Korea Strait and opens to the north into the Yellow Sea.

41. Who of the following has won the IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019 held in Mandalay, Myanmar?

- A. Nay Thway Oo
- B. Aditya Mehta
- C. Pankaj Advani
- D. Mike Russell

E. Sourav Kothari

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Bengaluru-based cueist Pankaj Advani increased his tally of world titles to 22 by winning a 4th straight final in the 150-up format at IBSF World Billiards Championship 2019 held in Mandalay, Myanmar. Pankaj Advani defeated Nay Thway Oo of Myanmar.
- Pankaj Advani has brought home a world trophy every year ever since returning from a professional stint in the UK in 2014.
- In the short format of billiards, this is Advani's fifth title in the last six years.
- IBSF is the premier, international, non-professional tournament for game of English billiards.
- It was established in 1951 however, the event has been sanctioned by International Billiards and Snooker Federation since 1973.

42. Who among the following has been appointed as the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh for five years?

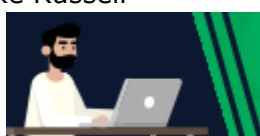
- A. Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy
- B. Justice Pratibha Rani
- C. Justice Ashok A. Desai
- D. Justice Anil Kumar Sinha
- E. Justice Amreshwar Pratap Sahi

Ans. A

Sol.

- Justice P. Lakshmana Reddy (Retired) has been sworn in as the Lokayukta of Andhra Pradesh for five years.
- Governor Biswabhusan Harichandan administered the oath of office to Justice Reddy at a function in Vijayawada.
- He is the first Lokayukta to be assuming charge since the state bifurcated in 2014.
- The 'Lokayukta' is an anti-corruption ombudsman organization in the Indian states.
- Once appointed, Lokayukta can not be dismissed nor transferred by the government and can only be removed by passing an impeachment motion by the state assembly.

43. The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is being



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observed every year on which dates for the preservation of the Ozone Layer?

- A. 13th September
- B. 14th September
- C. 15th September
- D. 16th September
- E. 17th September

Ans. D

Sol.

- The International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer is being observed every year on 16th September for the preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- The Ozone layer is a fragile shield of gas which protects the Earth from the harmful ultraviolet radiation of the sun and thus helping preserve life on the planet.
- The theme for this year celebrates over three decades of remarkable international cooperation to protect the ozone layer and the climate under the Montreal Protocol.
- It reminds us that we must keep up the momentum to ensure healthy people and a healthy planet.
- The day marks the commemoration of the date of signing of the Montreal Protocol in 1987 on substances that deplete the Ozone layer.
- The principal aim of the **Montreal Protocol** is to protect the ozone layer by taking measures to control the **total consumption** of these chemicals.

44. Who of the following has won the men's singles title at Vietnam Open BWF Tour Super 100 badminton tournament at the Ho Chi Minh City?

- A. Kaushal Dharmamam
- B. Sourabh Verma
- C. Srikanth Kidambi
- D. Sai Praneeth B.
- E. Sameer Verma

Ans. B

Sol.

- India's **Sourabh Verma (26-year)** registered a thrilling three-game win over China's Sun Fei Xiang to claim the men's singles title at Vietnam Open BWF Tour Super 100 badminton tournament at the Ho Chi Minh City.

• **Sourabh Verma** (Madhya Pradesh) recovered from a **mid-game slump** to beat Sun **21-12, 17-2, 21-14**.

• This victory marks **Verma's second Super 100** win in the ongoing calendar year.

• Earlier, he had won the **Hyderabad open** and **Slovenian International** earlier this year,

• The **2019 Vietnam Open** is the seventh Super 100 tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour and also part of the Vietnam Open championships.

• This tournament is organized by the **Ho Chi Minh City Badminton Association** and sanctioned by the BWF.

45. President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in which of the following countries?

- A. Switzerland
- B. Iceland
- C. Slovenia
- D. Slovakia
- E. Hungary

Ans. A

Sol.

• President Ram Nath Kovind has inaugurated a bronze bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Villeneuve in Switzerland.

• After unveiling the statue, President Kovind said Mahatma Gandhi's ideology of ahimsa, peace and living in harmony with nature is relevant even today.

• The President is on a five-day visit to Switzerland to boost business and cultural ties.

• The bust was unveiled to mark the visit of Mahatma to Villeneuve in 1931.

• The idol sculpted by Ram Vanaji Sutar is placed on a high pedestal made of sandstone extracted from Switzerland.

46. Every year, the International Day of Democracy is being observed all across the world on which of the following dates to raise awareness about the democratic system?

- A. 13th September
- B. 14th September
- C. 15th September
- D. 16th September



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E. 17th September

Ans. C

Sol.

- The **International Day of Democracy** is being observed across the world on 15th September every year to raise awareness about the democratic system.
- The **2019 theme** for democracy day was '**participation**'.
- This **year's International Day of Democracy** is an opportunity to recall that democracy is about people. Democracy is built on inclusion, equal treatment and participation.
- It is a fundamental **building block for peace**, sustainable development and human rights.
- In 2007, the **United Nations General Assembly** (UNGA) resolved to observe 15th September as the International Day of Democracy with the purpose of promoting and upholding the principles of democracy.

47. In September 2019, renowned writer Sivaraman Cheriyanad (78-years) passed away. He was a writer of which Indian language?

- A. Tamil
- B. Telugu
- C. Kannada
- D. Malayalam
- E. Odia

Ans. D

Sol.

- * The renowned Malayalam writer Sivaraman Cheriyanad (78-years) passed away in Kerala.
- * Sivaraman started his career as an upper primary school teacher and was a recipient of the National Teachers Award in 1989.
- * He received the Abu Dhabi Sakthi Award in 1988 and the A.P. Kalakkad Award in 2009.
- * He received Kerala Sahithya Akademi scholarship in 1990-91 for his study on the works of writer Parappuram.

48. What is the theme of the World Ozone Day 2019?

- A. Keep Cool and Carry On
- B. '32 years and Healing'

C. Ozone and climate: Restored by a world united

D. Ozone Layer Protection: The Mission Goes On

E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

- * September 16 is celebrated as World Ozone Day every year.
- * Its aim is to make people aware of the world around the world from the harmful ultraviolet rays of the Sun and the ozone layer that protects our lives.
- * The theme of this year i.e. World Ozone Day 2019 is '32 years and Healing'. Through this theme, the three-decades effort to protect the ozone layer and protect the climate will be reflected by countries around the world under the Montreal Protocol.

49. Which among the following countries won the Fiba Basketball World Cup 2019?

- A. Argentina
- B. Australia
- C. Spain
- D. France
- E. England

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Spain defeated Argentina to win the Fiba Basketball World Cup held on 15th September in Beijing, China.
- * The Spanish team won the match by a margin of 95-75.
- * Spain won the basketball world cup after 13 years. Spain had won the title last time in 2006 with a 70-47 win over Greece.
- * Spain became the fifth country to win the World Cup 2 times. Earlier Yugoslavia and America won 5-5 titles. Soviet Union 3 and Brazil became champions 2 times.

50. Which of the following cricketers has become the highest run-scorer in a Test Series of this century?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Steve Smith
- C. Rohit Sharma
- D. Joe Root



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E. James Anderson

Ans. B

Sol.

* Australian batsman Steve Smith has become the highest run-scorer in a Test series of this century.

* Steve Smith finished the Ashes series 2019 with 774 runs from the 4 matches at an average of over 110 with 3 centuries and 3 half-centuries.

* Earlier, Smith went past his own record of scoring 769 runs against India during the 2014-15 season.

* Smith has made his comeback in the international cricket in the ICC Men's World Cup after serving a 12 months suspension for his involvement in the ball-tampering scandal at Newlands in March 2018.

51. Who will be appointed as the first Chancellor of Haryana Sports University at Rai, Sonapat?

A. Sunil Gavaskar

B. Kapil Dev

C. Chetan Chauhan

D. Mohinder Amarnath

E. Harbhajan Singh

Ans. B

Sol.

* Former India player Kapil Dev will be appointed as the first Chancellor of Haryana Sports University at Rai, Sonapat, announced Haryana minister Anil Vij.

* The Haryana cabinet on July 16 approved the setting up of Haryana Sports University.

* The University will have powers to conduct academic and training programmes in physical education and sports sciences.

52. Which of the following state police has launched a new integrated one-touch mobile app 'Tatpar' for citizens?

A. Uttar Pradesh

B. Madhya Pradesh

C. Himachal Pradesh

D. Rajasthan

E. Delhi

Ans. E

Sol.

* Delhi police has launched a new integrated one-touch mobile app 'Tatpar' for citizens.

* It launched by Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal to provide safety and a convenient online mode on a 24x7 basis to the citizens of Delhi.

* 'Tatpar' app (developed by the Delhi Police) is a one-stop destination for access to over 50 citizen-centric services.

* With the help of this app, people can navigate to their nearest police station, traffic pit and prepaid taxi booth.

* The app amalgamates all the websites and mobile applications of the Delhi Police.

53. India's first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub opened in which of the following cities?

A. Bengaluru

B. Mumbai

C. Kolkata

D. New Delhi

E. Ranchi

Ans. C

Sol.

* The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director General (DG) Balram Bhargava has inaugurated India's first National Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Hub in Kolkata.

* AMR is the ability of a microbe to resist the effects of medication that once could successfully treat the microbe.

* The Kolkata centre would be the hub for research on antibiotic resistance not only for the country but for entire South Asia.

* The AMR facility has been developed by ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research) in collaboration with the USA.

* Note:

* India has joined the Global Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Research and Development (R & D) hub as a new member.

54. Who among the following won the Best Actor (Male) Award at IIFA (International Indian Film Academy Awards) 2019?



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- A. Ayushman Khurana
- B. Ranveer Singh
- C. Shahid Kapoor
- D. Ranbir Kapoor
- E. Vicky Kaushal

Ans. B

Sol.

* Ranveer Singh won the Best Actor (Male) Award at IIFA (The International Indian Film Academy Awards) 2019.

* Note:

* Director Meghna Gulzar's Raazi claimed Best Film Award while **Alia Bhatt** bagged Best Actress Award for the film.

* The film Raazi won four awards Andhadhun and Padmaavat received two awards for each film.

Complete list of winners of IIFA Awards 2019:

* Best Actor (Male): Ranveer Singh for Padmaavat

* Best Actor (Female): Alia Bhatt for Raazi

* Best Film: Raazi

* Best Director: Sriram Raghavan for Andhadhun

* Best Lyrics: Amitabh Bhattacharya for Dhadak

* 20 Years Best Actor (Female): Deepika Padukone

* Outstanding performance by a director in last 20 years: Rajkumar Hirani for Sanju

* 20 Years Best Actor (Male): Ranbir Kapoor.

* Best music in the last 20 years: Pritam

* Best film of the past 20 years: Kaho Na Pyaar Hai

* Lifetime Achievement Award: Legendary actor and comedian Jagdeep Jaffery.

55. Who among the following has become the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to be deployed as a military diplomat in Indian missions abroad?

- A. Anjali Singh
- B. Aarohi Pandit
- C. Shaliza Dhami
- D. Minty Agarwal
- E. Punita Arora

Ans. A

Sol.

* **Wing Commander Anjali Singh** has become the first woman officer of the Indian Air Force to be deployed as a military diplomat in Indian missions abroad.

* Anjali Singh has been posted as **Deputy Air Attaché** at the Indian Embassy in Russia on 10 September.

* The embassy said that Singh is an AE(L) officer who has been serving for 17 years. She is trained to fly MiG-29 aircraft.

* She has the distinction of being the first woman Indian Armed Forces officer to be deployed as a military diplomat in any Indian mission abroad.

* Note:

* **Air attache** is an Air Force officer who is part of a diplomatic mission. A high-ranking officer is normally appointed to this post. Air attache usually represents the head of the air force of his country in another country.

56. 'SITMEX-2019' is a joint trilateral maritime exercise between which countries?

- A. Singapore, India and Sri Lanka
- B. Singapore, India and Thailand
- C. Sri Lanka, India and Maldives
- D. India, Japan and Thailand
- E. Japan, India and USA

Ans. B

Sol.

* The Navies of Singapore, India and Thailand began their first joint maritime exercise 'SITMEX-2019' in Port Blair.

* The Singapore's Navy (RSN), Royal Thailand Navy (RTN) and Indian Navy (IN) are conducting the five-day exercise (till 20th September 2019).

* The objective of the 'SITMEX' exercise is to bolster maritime relationships and contribute significantly to enhancing overall maritime security.

* This would also strengthen the mutual confidence amongst three navies in terms of interoperability and development of a common understanding of procedures.

57. In order to promote the funding in the infrastructure sector, the Union



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government has waived the three-year lock-in period on investments made by non-residents in IDFs. What does the letter 'D' stand for the IDFs?

- A. Deficiency
- B. Demand
- C. Debt
- D. Department
- E. Document

Ans. C

Sol.

* Full form of IDFs is 'Infrastructure Debt Funds'.

* As per Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) notification, the Union government has waived the three-year lock-in period on investments made by non-residents in infrastructure debt funds (IDFs), to promote funding in the infrastructure sector.

* IDFs are investment vehicles to accelerate the flow of long-term debt to the sector.

* If a non-resident transfers rupee-denominated bonds of IDF to another non-resident outside India, such transfer is not regarded as transfer for the purpose of capital gain, and no capital gain tax is charged on such transfer.

58. Which of the following state governments has launched a helpline number '**1100**' the 'Mukhya Mantri Service Resolution Helpline' for the speedy and time-bound redressal of public grievances?

- A. Rajasthan
- B. Punjab
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh
- E. Uttarakhand

Ans. D

Sol.

* Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched a helpline number '**1100**' (Mukhya Mantri Service Resolution Helpline) for the speedy and time-bound redressal of public grievances.

* The helpline number will make use of the latest technologies to help people register their complaints online, making the whole procedure paperless and lessen the footfall in government offices.

* Now, Himachal Pradesh has become the fourth state (after Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh) in the country to have such a helpline.

* Around 56 departments and 6500 officers working under government have been linked to Chief Minister's Service Resolution Helpline by Geo Mapping and Go Tagging.

* Mukhya Mantri Service Resolution Helpline will function 6 days a week (Monday-Saturday) from 7 am to 10 pm

* Every complaint will be resolved within a period of 7-14 days.

59. Who among the following has become the first Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the 2020 Olympics to be held in Tokyo, Japan?

- A. Babita Kumari
- B. Kavita Devi
- C. Sakshi Malik
- D. Vinesh Phogat
- E. Geeta Phogat

Ans. D

Sol.

* Indian women wrestler Vinesh Phogat has qualified for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. Vinesh managed to get an Olympic ticket in the 53 kg category.

* She has become the first Indian woman wrestler to make it to the 2020 Olympics.

* Vinesh Phogat achieved this feat by defeating Sarah Hildebrandt of America in the repechage rounder of the World Wrestling Championship.

Note:

* The International Olympic Committee (IOC) has selected Tokyo, Japan, to host the Summer Olympics in 2020. The games are planned to be held from **24 July to 9 August** 2020 in Tokyo.

* The 2024 Summer Olympics will be held in Paris, France.

* The 2028 Summer Olympics will be held in Los Angeles, California.

60. South Asia's tallest tower called 'Lotus Tower' has been unveiled in which of the following countries?

- A. Pakistan
- B. Maldives
- C. Sri Lanka



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D. Myanmar
E. India

Ans. C

Sol.

* Sri Lanka has unveiled South Asia's tallest tower called 'Lotus Tower' in Colombo.

* The Lotus Tower (17-storey) is spread over an area of 30,600 sq. meters, with a height of 350-meter and overall cost, is above USD 100 million.

* The Lotus Tower will function as a TV tower, a hotel, a shopping mall, and a conference center.

Note:

* In 2012, Sri Lanka and China signed the Lotus Tower agreement to build the tower, with China National Electronics Import and Export Corporation being the general contractor.

61. The International Day of Peace is being observed all around the world every year on 21st September. What was the theme of the International Day of Peace 2019?

- A. Climate Action for Peace
- B. Beat the war
- C. Peace for Climate Action
- D. Stop the terrorism
- E. Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace

Ans. A

Sol.

- The International Day of Peace is observed around the world annually on 21st September.
- It is dedicated to world peace and specifically the absence of war & violence such as might be occasioned by a temporary ceasefire in a combat zone for humanitarian aid access.
- The theme for 2019 is "Climate Action for Peace".
- The theme draws attention to the importance of combatting climate change as a way to protect and promote peace throughout the world

Note:

• In 1981, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) had designated 21st September as the International Day of Peace.

62. Which of the following Indian States has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

• Kerala inked a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Maldives to strengthen cancer care in the island nation. memorandum of understanding

• Maldives has also sought RCC's support to create a cancer registry in that country.

• The MOU was signed between Abdulla Ameen (Maldivian Minister) and KK Shylaja (Kerala Health Minister) in the presence of the state Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan.

63. Which eminent mathematician has been awarded the 'Education Excellence Award 2019' in the US?

- A. Kannan Soundararajan
- B. Anand Kumar Santosh
- C. Vempala Lakshminarayanan
- D. Mahadevan
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol.

• Anand Kumar, eminent mathematician and the founder of Super-30, has been awarded a prestigious teaching award in the US for his contribution to providing education to the country's needy students.

• Mr Anand Kumar received the award by the 'Foundation for Excellence' (FFE) at a ceremony on the 25th anniversary of the Organization in San Jose, California.

64. UN Climate Change Summit, 2019 was held in which of the following cities?

- A. New York
- B. Tokyo
- C. Pyongyang
- D. Paris



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E. Toronto

Ans. A

Sol.

- On 23rd September the UN Climate Change Summit, 2019 was held in General Assembly Hall at UN Headquarters in New York.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres called on world leaders to bring forth their concrete plans, and ambitious actions to solve the climate crisis.
- The key focus of the summit is to accelerate the actions to implement the Paris agreement.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi represented India's body of work at UN Climate Action Summit.

65. UNESCO has named which of the following cities as the World Book Capital City for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Sharjah
- C. Tokyo
- D. London
- E. Paris

Ans. B

Sol.

- The 38th edition of the Sharjah International Book Fair (SIBF) will be organized from 30th October to 9th November 2019.
- The book fair will be held at the 'Expo Center' in Sharjah, with the participation of selected writers, novelists and artists from around the world.
- Authors, publishers, intellectuals and artists worldwide will bring their experiences and expertise to this prominent event and partake in a vibrant cultural programme.
- UNESCO has named Sharjah as the World Book Capital City for the year 2019 in recognition of the city's continuous efforts in promoting books and literacy.
- Aligning itself with the title of the World Book Capital, the SIBF will be organized under the theme 'Open Books, Open Minds'.
- It will be an exceptional edition of the book fair, where the events and

discussions will all shine a spotlight on the book's ability to ignite peoples' minds, appreciate cultural differences and bring them closer.

66. Who has authored the book titled "Being Gandhi" which will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?

- A. Arundhati Roy
- B. Vikrant Khanna
- C. Paro Anand
- D. Chetan Bhagat
- E. Ravi Shankar

Ans. C

Sol.

- Book titled "Being Gandhi" written by award-winning author Paro Anand will mark the 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The book explores "not Gandhi the man or his life as a leader, but really the Gandhian way that must remain relevant to us."
- The story revolves around a boy, Chandrashekhar, who is bored of doing projects on Gandhi. But, a turn of events forces him to "dig deep and not just find his 'inner Gandhi', but become Gandhi. Not for a day or two. But, maybe even, for life".

67. World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on which date to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia?

- A. 19th September
- B. 20th September
- C. 21st September
- D. 22nd September
- E. 23rd September

Ans. C

Sol.

- World Alzheimer's Day is observed every year on 21st September to raise awareness about Alzheimer's and dementia.
- Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia, a group of disorders that impairs mental functioning.
- Some of the most common signs of Alzheimer's Disease include memory loss, problems with language, difficulty performing familiar tasks, changes in



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personality and difficulty keeping track of things.

68. Who among the following has won the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix 2019?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Charles Leclerc
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Daniel Ricciardo
- E. Lando Norris

Ans. C

Sol.

- German racing driver Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) has won the Formula One Singapore Grand Prix 2019.
- Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) remained in the second position while Max Verstappen (Red Bull Racing-Honda) was third.
- The 2019 Singapore Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Marina Bay Street Circuit in Marina Bay, Singapore.

69. Which of the following public sector bank has launched a digital platform for farmers to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements?

- A. Punjab National Bank
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. United Bank of India
- D. Canara Bank
- E. Bank of Baroda

Ans. E

Sol.

- Bank of Baroda has launched a digital platform 'Baroda Kisan' to provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements.
- The agri-digital platform has been executed by the IT Centre of Excellence (ITCoE) of Bank of Baroda in partnership with IBM India.
- It is a web-based portal that can also be accessed by farmers via mobile.
- The web-based portal will cater to all the needs of farmers, including weather forecasts, crop conditions, the moisture levels of the soil, information on crop worms, market prices, special crop-related consultation.

- The Bank also launched centralized processing hubs at Gandhinagar and Hyderabad of agriculture proposals.

70. Which of the following states' tourism department won three prestigious Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Gold awards?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Kerala
- E. Tamil Nadu

Ans. D

Sol.

- **Kerala Tourism** has won three prestigious **Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA)** Gold awards.
- These awards include one for an ethnic **food** restaurant run by women at Kumarakom under its Responsible Tourism Mission.
- The awards presented at a glittering function at Nur-Sultan (Astana) in Kazakhstan were received by state Tourism Minister Kadakampally Surendran and Tourism Director P Bala Kiran.
- The **two other gold awards** were for an advertisement campaign of Kerala Tourism 'Come Out and Play' and for its website (www.keralatourism.org) respectively.
- The PATA Awards are presented to outstanding entries in four principal categories: Marketing; Education and Training; Environment, and Heritage and Culture.

71. Which of the following Indian playback singer has been honoured with 'Magnificent Performing Arts Award' at the 21st Century Icon Awards in London, United Kingdom (UK)?

- A. Arijit Singh
- B. Kelash Kher
- C. Himesh Reshammiya
- D. Sonu Nigam
- E. Armaan Malik

Ans. D

Sol.

- Indian playback singer Sonu Nigam (46-years) has been honoured with 'Magnificent Performing Arts Award' at



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the 21st Century Icon Awards in London, United Kingdom (UK).

- The nominations for the annual award were from 22 different countries and Sonu Nigam won the award among these.
- These annual awards are the brainchild of UK-based Indian-origin entrepreneurs Preeti Rana and Tarun Gulati (co-founders of Squared Watermelon Ltd).
- The 2019 edition of awards attracted more than 700 nominations which were narrowed down to 44 finalists.

72.The Fourth edition of Internet of Things India Congress 2019 was held in_____.

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- The Fourth edition of Internet of Things India Congress 2019 was held in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- It was held on 22-23 August, 2019.
- The theme of Edition was 'Mainstreaming the Internet of Things'.
- It was inaugurated by Ajay Prakash Sawhney, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology, Government of India.

73.India's largest power company the NTPC Ltd. has planned to set up 5 gigawatts (GW) solar park in which of the following states?

- A. Gujarat
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Tamil Nadu

Ans. A

Sol.

- India's largest power company NTPC Ltd. has planned to set up 5 gigawatts (GW) solar park at Kutch in Gujarat.
- A site has been identified for the project, which is expected to cost as much as Rs. 25,000 crores and begin operations by 2024.

- It will be the biggest solar park in the country.
- The project is part of the NTPC target to build 32 gigawatts (GW) of renewable capacity by 2032 in order to reduce the share of fossil fuels in its energy mix to 70% from about 96%.
- The International Solar Alliance (ISA), proposed by India as a founder member, is headquartered in India.

74.India's first environment school named World Environment School (WES) will come in which state?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- India's first environment school named World Environment School, Coorg (WESc) will come up at Coorg, Karnataka.
- WESc will be open for students of Grade 6 to 12 from India and around the world from the year 2021.
- It will be the first school in India and South Asia to take a leading role in promoting and delivering environmental education with sustainability at its core.
- It will be launched by Mobius Foundation, a non-profit organization working towards environmental sustainability.

75.Who among the following will become the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh to help and promote the state's tradition and tourist places?

- A. Amitabh Bachchan
- B. Amir Khan
- C. Govinda
- D. Irfan Khan
- E. Akshay Kumar

Ans. C

Sol.

- Bollywood Actor Govinda (55-years) will be the brand ambassador of Madhya Pradesh and will help promote the state's traditions and tourist places.
- Govinda is one of the most successful Bollywood stars in the 1990s, had a five-



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year stint as Congress Lok Sabha MP from Mumbai North constituency (in 2004).

- The Madhya Pradesh government is planning to set up a film city, as several production units are visiting places like Maheshwar, Mandu and Bhopal to shoot movies.

76. 'Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited' has signed a bancassurance agreement with which of the following banks?

- A. United Bank of India
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Indian Bank
- D. Canara Bank
- E. Punjab and Sind Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

- 'Max Bupa Health Insurance Company Limited' has announced a bancassurance corporate agency agreement with a state-owned bank 'Indian Bank'.
- Under the agreement, Max Bupa will provide comprehensive health insurance solutions and services to over 40 million customers of Indian Bank spread across 2800 branch network, through a slew of digital touchpoints.
- As part of the tie-up, Max Bupa's offerings will include both retail and group health insurance products besides Indemnity and Fixed Benefit products.

77. In which state/union territory of India 'Shondol dance' is performed which has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records recently?

- A. Jammu and Kashmir
- B. Ladakh
- C. Odisha
- D. Telangana
- E. Sikkim

Ans. B

Sol.

- The royal dance of Ladakh 'Shondol dance' has created history by entering into the Guinness Book of World Records as the largest Ladakhi dance.
- 'Shondol' is a famous dance, which artistes used to perform for the king of Ladakh.

- As many as 408 women attired in traditional dresses and beautiful headgears performed the dance.
- It was held on the concluding day of the ongoing Buddhist carnival Naropa festival near the Hemis Monastery.
- The festival had begun on 16th September and concluded on 20th September 2019.

78. Who among the following has been conferred with the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism in Bengaluru?

- A. Rajat Sharma
- B. Sudhir Chaudhary
- C. Ravish Kumar
- D. Punya Prasun Bajpai
- E. Abhisar Sharma

Ans. C

Sol.

- Senior journalist Ravish Kumar has received the first Gauri Lankesh National Award for Journalism in Bengaluru.
- Ravish Kumar was chosen for the award for sharp news analysis and uncompromising secular stance by the Gauri Lankesh Memorial Trust.
- The award was presented to him by freedom fighter H.S. Doreswamy.
- Three books, Neera Nade (by Vinaya Okkunda), Dehali Nota (by D. Umapathy), and Maatige Enu Kadime (translation of Mr. Kumar's The Free Voice by Harshakumar Kugwe) were released on the occasion.
- Ramon Magsaysay awardee Ravish Kumar is the Managing Editor of NDTV India.

79. Which of the following footballers has won the FIFA's best male player of the year award 2019 at La Scala in Milan, Italy?

- A. Virgil van Dijk
- B. Lionel Messi
- C. Cristiano Ronaldo
- D. Mohamed Salah
- E. Sergio Aguero

Ans. B

Sol.

- Argentine footballer Lionel Messi (32-years) won the FIFA's best male player



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of the year award 2019 at La Scala in Milan, Italy.

- Messi beats Virgil van Dijk and Cristiano Ronaldo to win the Best Men's Player award.
- Lionel Messi has won this award for the record sixth time (earlier, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2015).
- American footballer Megan Rapinoe has won the Best FIFA Football Women's Player award 2019.
- Rapinoe beat Alex Morgan and Lucy Bronze to win The Best Women's Player award.
- Jurgen Klopp (Germany) has won the best FIFA men's coach award.
- Daniel Zsori (Hungarian-Romanian) received FIFA's Puskas award.

80. The Union Science and Technology & Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched which initiative to tackle inherited genetic disorders in newborns?

- A. NIDAN
- B. UMMID
- C. SAMADHAN
- D. AYUSHMAN

E. AROGYA

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Union Science and Technology & Health Minister Dr Harsh Vardhan has launched 'UMMID' initiative to tackle inherited genetic diseases of new-born babies in New Delhi.
- The new initiative aims at creating awareness about genetic disorders amongst clinicians and establish molecular diagnostics in hospitals so that the benefits of developments in medical genetics could reach patients.
- According to Mr. Vardhan, congenital and hereditary genetic diseases are becoming a significant health burden and there is a need for adequate and effective genetic testing and counselling services.
- Dr Vardhan further emphasized on the use of cutting-edge scientific technology and molecular medicine for extending Universal Health Coverage for all.
- Also, National Inherited Diseases Administration (NIDAN) kendras have been established under UMMID scheme.



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1. 46th G7 summit scheduled to be held from 10 to 12th June 2020 will take place in _____.

- A. England
- B. Italy
- C. France
- D. USA
- E. Canada

Ans. D

Sol.

- According to US President's acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, the 46th G7 summit (10 to 12th June 2020) will take place in one of US President Donald Trump's Florida golf clubs.
- Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States as well as representatives of the European Union will participate in the summit.
- The President of the European Commission has been a permanent welcome participant at all meetings and decision-making since 1981.
- The 45th G7 summit was held on 24–26 August 2019, in Biarritz, France.

2. Name the cricketer who has been sacked as Pakistan captain from the Test and T20I formats?

- A. Babar Azam
- B. Azhar Ali
- C. Sarfaraz Ahmed
- D. Soaib Malik
- E. Mohammad Hafeez

Ans. C

Sol.

- Wicket-keeper batsman Sarfaraz Ahmed (32 years) has been sacked as Pakistan's Test and T20 captain with Azhar Ali and Babar Azam elevated to leadership roles for the upcoming tour of Australia.
- According to the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), Batsman Azhar Ali would lead the Test side in the two Tests in Australia.
- While Babar Azam (25-years) would be the captain in the three T20 matches.
- Sarfaraz has been captain in all three formats of the game for the last two years and led Pakistan to the 2017 ICC Champions Trophy title.

3. Who among the following has been appointed as the Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG)?

- A. Santosh Kumar Upadhyay
- B. Anup Kumar Singh
- C. Ghanshyam Upadhyay
- D. Amitendra Nath Sinha
- E. Jay Narayan Pankaj

Ans. B

Sol.

- Senior IPS officer Anup Kumar Singh (1985-batch Gujarat cadre) has been appointed as Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG), (up to 30th September 2020).
- He succeeds Sudeep Lakhtakia.
- NSG was raised in 1984 as a federal contingency force with a specific aim to undertake counter-terror and counter-hijack operations and it was later tasked to protect high-risk VVIPs.

4. The India arm of Netherlands-based Home Credit Group has tied up with which bank for joint lending to tap the large unbanked customer base across the country?

- A. Yes Bank
- B. ICICI Bank
- C. Axis Bank
- D. HDFC Bank
- E. Karur Vysya Bank

Ans. E

Sol.

- The India arm of Netherlands-based Home Credit Group has tied up with Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) for joint lending to tap the large unbanked customer base across the country.
- It has a total business of about Rs 1.1 lakh crore with a deposit base of Rs 60,000 crore and a loan book of Rs 50,000 crore.
- Home Credit India (entry in 2012) has spread its operations over 179 cities across 20 states and emerged with the largest penetration is below the Rs. 10,000 category with a customer base of one crore.
- Karur Vysya Bank is a 103-year-old scheduled commercial bank headquartered at Karur in Tamil Nadu.



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5. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the Indian Banks Association for fiscal 2019-20?

- A. Sunil Mehta
- B. Rajnish Kumar
- C. TN Manoharan
- D. Padmaja Chundurur
- E. Dinabandhu Mohapatra

Ans. B

Sol.

- The State Bank of India Chairman Rajnish Kumar has been elected as the chairman of the banking industry lobby Indian Banks Association for fiscal 2019-20.

- The body, which represents banks' interests with the government and regulators, said it has three top bankers from various lenders as its deputy chairmen.

- An official statement said these include Union Bank of India's G Rajkiran Rai, S S Mallikarjuna Rao of Punjab National Bank and Madhav Kalyan JP Morgan Chase Bank.

- IDBI Bank's managing director and chief Rakesh Shamra will be the honorary secretary of the body

6. Who among the following Indian Industrialist has been appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the World Steel Association?

- A. T V Narendran
- B. L N Mittal
- C. Ratan Tata
- D. Sajjan Jindal
- E. Sanjay Singal

Ans. D

Sol.

- Global body World Steel Association (worldsteel) has elected JSW Steel Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Sajjan Jindal as its vice-chairman.

- The board has elected HBIS Group Co-Chairman Yu Yong as its chairman.

- The association has also appointed Tata Steel CEO and MD T V Narendran and ArcelorMittal Chief L N Mittal as its members.

- The World Steel Association is one of the largest industry representations in

the world and represents 85 per cent of the world's steel production.

7. The new version of Bharat Interface for Money app, BHIM 2.0 will now support how many languages which was unveiled in the first MeitY Start-up Summit 2019 by Ravi Shankar Prasad?

- A. 10
 - B. 13
 - C. 16
 - D. 20
 - E. 22
- Ans. C

Sol.

- On October 21, 2019, the Union minister of law & justice, communications, electronics & Information Technology (IT), Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad unveiled several new initiatives in the first MeitY Start-up Summit 2019 held in New Delhi.

- One of the initiatives unveiled in the summit is BHIM 2.0 with new functionalities.

- BHIM 2.0 apart from the existing 13 languages, now supports additional languages namely Konkani, Bhojpuri, and Haryanvi. 'Donation' gateway, increased transaction limits for high-value transactions are the other additional features.

8. On 22nd October 2019, India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet was held in which city in which trade and connectivity are in high on the agenda?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Kolkata
- C. Dhaka
- D. Guwahati
- E. New Delhi

Ans. D

Sol.

- On 22nd October 2019, India-Bangladesh Stakeholders' Meet begins in Guwahati with trade and connectivity high on the agenda.

- A 70-member delegation from Bangladesh, including two Central ministers and two advisors of the Prime Minister, are participating in the meet.



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- A similar top-level team from India, including Union ministers, will represent the host nation.
- The idea of the meet is to put Assam at the center point of India's trade expansion with ASEAN and Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal or BBN countries.
- The country's first International multi-model hub will be set up at Jogighopa in Assam at a cost of 600 crore rupees.

9. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Harsh Vardhan released a postal stamp of which institutions to commemorate its centenary celebration?

- A. All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi
 - B. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
 - C. National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad
 - D. Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow
 - E. School of Medical Science and Technology (SMST), Kharagpur
- Ans. C

Sol.

- Dr. Harsh Vardhan (Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare) has released a special commemorative postal stamp of the National Institute of Nutrition (NIN), Hyderabad.
- The stamp has been brought out under the "Corporate My stamp" scheme of India Posts.
- These stamps are of limited edition and are made to order.
- Alongside these customised themed stamps, the NIN also opted for printing its centenary logo.

10. Name the country which will host the 91st INTERPOL General Assembly in 2022?

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- India will host the 91st Interpol General Assembly in 2022 after a proposal

received the overwhelming support of member countries at this year's congregation at Santiago in Chile.

- It will be held as part of celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence.
- The International Criminal Police Organisation (Interpol) had hosted the general assembly, where representatives of all member countries converge, in India in 1997.

11. Name the Glacier which has been opened for tourism for the first time by the Indian government?

- A. Siachen Glacier
- B. Gangotri Glacier
- C. Milam Glacier
- D. Gomukh Glacier
- E. Pindari Glacier

Ans. A

Sol.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has announced that the Siachen Glacier (the world's highest battlefield) is now open for tourism.
- The decision comes months after declaring Ladakh as a Union Territory.
- This is the first time that the area has been opened by the army for tourists
- Now, you can travel from the Siachen Base Camp (altitude of 12,000 feet) to Kumar Post.
- The Siachen Glacier is on the eastern Karakoram Range in the Himalayas.

12. What is the title of the advertising campaign launched by the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India?

- A. Feed Our Future
- B. Feed for Future
- C. Food for Hunger
- D. Food for Future
- E. Food and Future

Ans. A

Sol.

- The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has launched a cinema advertisement campaign titled 'Feed Our Future'.



- The purpose of the campaign is to raise awareness and take steps against hunger and malnutrition in India.
- Headquarters of UN World Food Programme (WFP): Rome, Italy.

13. Which country has signed an agreement to lease the entire Tulagi island in the Solomon Islands?

- A. Japan
- B. Philippines
- C. Taiwan
- D. China
- E. USA

Ans. D

Sol.

- A Chinese company has signed an agreement to lease an entire island in the Solomon Islands.
- Tulagi, an island about two square kilometres (0.8 square miles) with a population of 1,200.
- It is the site of a former Japanese naval base and was the scene of fierce fighting in World War II.
- The agreement with China mentions developing a refinery on the island, but its potential for dual use as a Chinese military base is certain to raise concerns with the United States and Australia.

14. Which country won the 9th edition of the Sultan of Johor Cup 2019 by defeating India in the final?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Pakistan
- C. England
- D. China
- E. Japan

Ans. C

Sol.

- * Indian junior hockey men's team lost a second consecutive final to Great Britain in the 2019 Sultan of Johor Cup as it succumbed to a 1-2 loss at Johor Bahru, Malaysia.
- * In the tournament India's Shilanand Lakra with 5 goals emerged as a top scorer;
- * Japan's Kosei Kawabe was named as the Best player and Oliver Payne of Great

Britain was named as the Goalkeeper of the tournament.

- * The 2019 Sultan of Johor Cup (9th - edition) was an international men's under-21 field hockey tournament held in Malaysia.

15. The book titled 'Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem' is written by who among the following?

- A. N Chandrasekaran
- B. Ratan Tata
- C. Roopa Purushothaman
- D. Both A and C
- E. Girish Wagh

Ans. D

Sol.

- * Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book titled 'Bridgital Nation: Solving Technology's People Problem' in New Delhi.
- * Mr. Modi presented books' first copy to eminent industrialist and philanthropist Ratan Tata.
- * The book has been authored by N Chandrasekaran (Chairman, Tata Sons) and Roopa Purushothaman.
- * The book 'Bridgital Nation' presents a powerful vision of future where technology and human beings co-exist in a mutually beneficial ecosystem.

16. Name the person who was conferred with the Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award by the Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu?

- A. K. Parasaran
- B. Ishwarchandra Chintamani
- C. Chhaju Ram Sharma
- D. Eli Ahmed
- E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

- * Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu presented Most Eminent Senior Citizen Award to legal luminary and former Attorney General K. Parasaran at a function in New Delhi.
- * Mr Parasaran was honoured with the award on the Elder's Day celebration of Age Care India, an organization working for the welfare of the elderly.

* The Award is a fitting recognition of Mr Parasaran's exceptional contribution to the field of law and justice as well as his extraordinary personality.

* He was awarded Padma Bhushan in 2003 and Padma Vibhushan in 2011.

17. Who is the Union Minister of State for Culture and tourism?

- A. Kiren Rijiju
- B. Narendra Singh Tomar
- C. Pralhad Joshi
- D. Prahlad Singh Patel
- E. Santosh Gangwar

Ans. D

Sol.

* Presently, Prahlad Singh Patel Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism. He has inaugurated e-portal of Centre for Cultural Resources and Training and YouTube Channel in New Delhi.

* The objective of the e-portal to take India to a newer digital pinnacle and to promote Indian culture.

* He also attended the "Digital Bharat - Digital Sanskriti" program organised by Rashtriya Centre for Cultural Resources and Training, CCRT of the Ministry of Culture.

18. On October 21, 2019, Defence Minister Mr Rajnath Singh inaugurated Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu in Ladakh. It is built on which river?

- A. Brahmaputra
- B. Shyok
- C. Indus
- D. Zaskar
- E. Nubra

Ans. B

Sol.

* On October 21, 2019, Defence Minister Mr. Rajnath Singh inaugurated Col. Chewang Rinchen Setu/Bridge over River Shyok, connecting Durbuk and Daulat Beg Oldie in Eastern Ladakh.

* The Bridge, which is 1400 feet span, is constructed by the Border Road Organization (BRO) and is at an altitude of 14,650 feet in the forward area of the Ladakh region.

19. Ekushey Padak winner renowned personality Kalidas Karmakar passed away on October 2019. He was a veteran _____.

- A. Musician
- B. Journalist
- C. Folk Dancer
- D. Painter
- E. Sculptor

Ans. D

Sol.

* Bangladeshi artist Kalidas Karmakar (73-years) passed away in Dhaka.

* He was specialized in viscosity printing.

* He was awarded Shilpakala Padak (2016) and the Ekushey Padak (2018) by the Government of Bangladesh for his contribution to fine arts.

20. National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on which date to remember the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties?

- A. 17th October
- B. 18th October
- C. 19th October
- D. 20th October
- E. 21st October

Ans. E

Sol.

* National Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on 21st October to remember remembering the brave policemen who sacrificed their lives while discharging their duties.

* The day commemorates the sacrifices of ten policemen while defending the borders with China in 1959.

* Prime Minister Narendra Modi has saluted the police forces, their families and remembers those brave police personnel martyred in the line of duty, on Police Commemoration Day.

21. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah has inaugurated the 14th annual convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC) in _____.

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Jaipur
- D. Dehradun

E. Bengaluru

Ans. A

Sol.

* Home Minister **Amit Shah** has inaugurated the 14th annual convention of the Central Information Commission (CIC) in New Delhi.

* All the present and former Chief Information Commissioners, Information Commissioners of the Central Information Commission, State Information Commission, RTI activists and NGOs associated with the implementation of the RTI Act will attend the Convention.

22. 'Conference of Power and Renewable Energy Ministers of States and UTs' was held at which place?

A. Ahmedabad

B. Narmada

C. Surat

D. Gandhi Nagar

E. Vadodara

Ans. B

Sol.

* Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy (I/C) Shri RK Singh inaugurated the two-day 'Conference of Power and Renewable Energy Ministers of States and UTs' at Tent City, Narmada, Gujarat.

* The Conference is being attended by the Energy Ministers and top officials of energy departments of the States.

* The Conference will see deliberation over a range of issues pertaining to power and renewable energy sector such as – 24/7 power supply for all, Ease of doing business, Sanctity of contracts, regulatory issues, implementation of various schemes.

* Power Finance Corporation (PFC) a PSU under the Ministry of Power has appointed ICRA and CARE as the designated credit rating agencies for carrying out the rating exercise.

23. The second 'informal' summit between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping was held at _____.

A. Mamallapuram

B. Tuticorin

C. Thiruvannamalai

D. Pudukottai

E. Madurai

Ans. A

Sol.

* The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and the President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping held their Second Informal Summit in Mamallapuram, India, on 11-12 October 2019.

* 2. The two Leaders had an in-depth exchange of views in a friendly atmosphere on overarching, long-term and strategic issues of global and regional importance.

* 3. They also shared their respective approaches towards national development.

* 4. They evaluated the direction of bilateral relations in a positive light and discussed how India-China bilateral interaction can be deepened to reflect the growing role of both countries on the global stage.

24. Who among the following finds top position in "The Forbes India Rich List 2019" with a net worth of \$51.4 billion, released by the business magazine Forbes?

A. Gautam Adani

B. Anil Ambani

C. Ajim Prem ji

D. Mukhesh Ambani

E. Uday Kotak

Ans. D

Sol.

* The business magazine Forbes has released "The Forbes India Rich List 2019".

* Mukesh Ambani has maintained his top position as the wealthiest person of India with \$51.4 billion.

* The Forbes India Rich List 2019 showed industrialist Gautam Adani jumped 8 spots on the list to become the second richest India with a net worth of \$15.7 billion.



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25. Which of the following states tourism department has organized a month-long City Walk Festival in its 11 cities?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has organized a month-long City Walk Festival in 11 cities (from 12th October to 10th November).

* The City Walk Festival organized in Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Panna, Vidisha, Khajuraho, Chanderi, Jabalpur, Burhanpur and Orchha.

* In a unique way to promote tourism, local, national and international tourists of all age groups is participating in the festival.

* More than 100 city walks organized during the festival on subjects including art, culture, heritage, food, textile, photography and spiritualism.

* In this festival, the tourists will be acquainted with the rich heritage, natural beauty, glorious history, traditions and ancient heritage of the Madhya Pradesh.

26. On which of the following dates World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2019 was observed?

- A. 10th October
- B. 11th October
- C. 12th October
- D. 13th October
- E. 14th October

Ans. C

Sol.

* World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) 2019 is being observed on 12th October (second Saturday of October).

* The WMBD is an annual awareness-raising campaign highlighting the need for the conservation of migratory birds and their habitats.

* The theme for 2019: Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!

27. Indian women boxer MC Mary Kom Settles for Bronze medal in the 51-kg

division after Losing Intense Semi-final at Women's World Boxing Championships 2019. It was held in which country?

- A. Russia
- B. China
- C. USA
- D. Austria
- E. Germany

Ans. A

Sol.

* Mary Kom Settles for Bronze (in 51-kg division) medal after Losing Intense Semi-final at Women's World Boxing Championships 2019 in Russia.

* She lost her semi-final bout against Turkey's Buse naz Cakiroglu.

* The 2019 AIBA Women's World Boxing Championships are held in Ulan-Ude, Russia.

28. US-based Major credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service estimated that the Indian economy will grow at _____ in the financial year 2020.

- A. 6.2%
- B. 6.0%
- C. 5.8%
- D. 5.5%
- E. 5.0%

Ans. C

Sol.

* US-based Major credit rating agency Moody's Investors Service estimated that the Indian economy expected to 5.8% from 6.2%. in the financial year 2020.

* It stated that the Indian economy is experiencing a pronounced slowdown partly due to long-lasting factors.

* Moody's Investors Service was established in 1909, headquarters in New York, USA.

* Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC: was founded in 1860, headquarters in New York, USA, subsidiary of S&P Global.

* Fitch Ratings: was founded in 1914, headquarters in New York City and London.

29. The C40 World Mayors Summit 2019 was held in which city?

- A. Hamburg, Germany
- B. Copenhagen, Denmark

- C. Paris, France
D. London, UK
E. New York, USA

Ans. B

Sol.

* Copenhagen is hosting the C40 Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark. (9th October to 12th October 2019)

* The main objective of the summit is to show how cities are delivering their strong commitments for healthier, sustainable, resilient and inclusive future.

* The 2019 summit in specific aims to build a global coalition of cities, citizens and businesses that rallies around ambitious climate action that the earth needs right now.

* The 2019 marks 14 – year establishment of C40 Leadership group.

30. Which of the following countries has won the SAFF Under-18 Football Championship 2019?

- A. Nepal
B. Bangladesh
C. Sri Lanka
D. India
E. Bhutan

Ans. D

Sol.

* India defeated Bangladesh by 2-1 in the final of **SAFF Under-18 Football Championship 2019** to lift the maiden title in Kathmandu.

* India's Ninthoinganba Meetei was declared Most Valuable Player of the championship.

* Earlier, Host Nepal had lifted two editions of the Championship but could not qualify for semi-finals this time.

* The SAFF U–18 Championship is a football championship for male footballers under the age of 18 and is organized by the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF).

31. Who among the following has won the Russian Grand Prix 2019?

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

E. Sebastian Vettel

Ans. A

Sol.

* British racing driver Lewis Hamilton (for Mercedes) has won the Russian Grand Prix 2019.

* This was Hamilton's 9th win of the season.

* Finland's Valtteri Bottas (for Ferrari) was in second, with Monaco's Charles Leclerc (Ferrari) was third.

* The 2019 Russian Grand Prix was a Formula One motor race held at the Sochi Autodrom in Sochi, Russia.

32. Famous personality Viju Khote passed away recently, he was a veteran _____.

- A. Musician
B. Lyricist
C. Actor
D. Journalist
E. Politician

Ans. C

Sol.

* Famous Bollywood actor Viju Khote passed away at the age of 77 on 30th September. He is known for his 'Kalia' character in the film 'Sholay'.

* He has worked in Marathi films as well as other languages. He had won the audience's heart by his dialogue, 'Sardar Maine Tumhara Namak Khaya hai'.

* He died of a heart attack.

* Khote featured in popular films like "Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak", "Ventilator" and the TV show "Zabaan Sambhalke".

33. Which of the following states topped in the School Education Quality Index (SEQI) released by NITI Aayog?

- A. New Delhi
B. Karnataka
C. Tamil Nadu
D. Rajasthan
E. Kerala

Ans. E

Sol.

* On 30th September, NITI Aayog has released the School Education Quality Index (SEQI) in New Delhi.

* According to the report, in the field of education, Kerala has got the first place,

while Rajasthan has got second place and Karnataka has got third place.

* At the

* **Kerala was the best performer with a score of 76.6%**, while Uttar Pradesh came in last with a score of 36.4%.

* Tamil Nadu was the top performer in access and equity outcomes, while Karnataka led in learning outcomes.

* Haryana had the best infrastructure and facilities.

* The School Education Quality Index assesses States on the basis of learning outcomes, access, equity and infrastructure and facilities, using survey data, self-reported data from States and third-party verification.

34. Which of the following has become the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria?

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

Ans. D

Sol.

* The State Bank of India opened its Melbourne office on 30th September. With this, SBI becomes the first Indian bank to have a branch in the Australian state of Victoria.

* Speaking at the inauguration, Victoria's parliamentary secretary to the treasurer, Steve Dimopoulos, said, "We are delighted to welcome the State Bank of India to Victoria – the first Indian bank to set up operations in our state."

* Victoria's financial sector employs more than 122,000 people and generates around 40 billion Australian dollars every year.

35. Who among the following has been appointed as the principal spokesperson of the government?

- A. Sitanshu Kar
- B. Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia
- C. Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- D. Sharad Kumar Saraf
- E. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra

Ans. B

Sol.

* On 30th September Kuldeep Singh Dhatwalia, an Indian Information Service (IIS) officer appointed the principal spokesperson of the government.

* Dhatwalia, a 1984-batch IIS officer, has been posted as the new principal director general of the Press Information Bureau (PIB), the publicity wing of the central government.

* He succeeded Sitanshu Kar, will function as the principal spokesperson of the government of India.

36. International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30th September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators. What is the theme of International Translation Day 2019?

- A. Translation and Indigenous Languages
- B. Translation and Foreign Languages
- C. Translation and Regional Languages
- D. Translation and International Languages
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

* Every year on 30th September **International Translation Day** observed around the world.

* The theme for this year is "**Translation and Indigenous Languages**".

* This day provides a great opportunity to spotlight the important work of translators, interpreters and others in the language service industry.

37. Defence Research and Development Organization successfully test-fired a land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from which of the following launch center?

- A. Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
- B. Space Application Centre, Ahmedabad
- C. Chandipur Test Range, Balasore
- D. Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.



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* DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organization) successfully test-fired a land-attack version of BrahMos supersonic cruise missile from Chandipur coast in Odisha's Balasore district.

* The missile (strike range of 290km) can be fired from land as well as sea-based platforms.

* The BrahMos is a medium-range ramjet supersonic cruise missile that can be launched from submarine, ships, aircraft, or land.

* It is a joint venture between the Russian Federation's NPO Mashinostroyeniya and India's Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) who together have formed BrahMos Aerospace.

* The name BrahMos is a portmanteau formed from the names of two rivers, the Brahmaputra of India and the Moskva of Russia.

38. On which of the following dates International Day of Older Persons is observed every year?

- A. 28th September
- B. 29th September
- C. 30th September
- D. 1st October
- E. 2nd October

Ans. D

Sol.

* The International Day of Older Persons is observed on 1st October every year to raise awareness about issues affecting the elderly, such as senescence and elder abuse.

* It is also a day to appreciate the contributions that older people make to society.

* The theme of the 2019 commemoration is 'The Journey to Age Equality'.

* The theme focuses on pathways of coping with existing and preventing future old age inequalities.

39. Which of the following company has won the prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category?

- A. Google India
- B. Infosys
- C. Facebook
- D. WIPRO
- E. TCS

Ans. B

Sol.

* Digital services and consulting major Infosys has won the prestigious United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the 'Climate Neutral Now' category.

* Infosys is the only corporate from India to earn the recognition for its efforts to combat climate change.

* The award will be presented to Infosys at the UN Climate Change Conference (COP25) in Santiago, Chile (December 2019).

* Infosys began its action to combat climate change in 2008 with an assessment of its carbon footprint.

* The UN Global Climate Action Awards are organized by the Momentum for Change initiative of the UN Climate Change Secretariat.

* The award-winning projects are recognized for their innovative solutions that address climate change and help drive progress on many other sustainable development goals, such as poverty alleviation, gender equality and economic opportunity.

40. The International Astronomical Union (IAU) has named an asteroid after Indian classical singer Pandit Jasraj. Where is the headquarter of IAU situated?

- A. Paris, France
- B. Geneva, Switzerland
- C. Vienna, Austria
- D. Greenwich, UK
- E. Hamburg, Germany

Ans. A

Sol.

• The **International Astronomical Union (IAU)** has named a **minor planet (asteroid)** after Indian classical singer **Pandit Jasraj**.

• The **asteroid** (located between Mars and Jupiter) was discovered on **11th November 2006**, by the **Catalina Sky Survey**, whose telescopes are based in **Arizona** in the United States.

- All names proposed are judged by the **15-member Working Group** for Small Body Nomenclature (CSBN) of the **IAU**, comprising **professional astronomers** with research interests in minor planets and/or comets from around the world.
- The International Astronomical Union is an international association of professional astronomers, at the PhD level and beyond, active in professional research and education in astronomy. Wikipedia
- Headquarters: Paris, France
- Founded: 28 July 1919
- President: Ewine van Dishoeck

41. On which of the following dates the International Translation Day is celebrated every year?

- A. 26th September
- B. 27th September
- C. 28th September
- D. 29th September
- E. 30th September

Ans. E

Sol.

- International Translation Day is celebrated every year on 30th September on the feast of St. Jerome, the Bible translator who is considered the patron saint of translators.
- International Translation Day is meant as an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of language professionals.
- The celebrations have been promoted by FIT (the International Federation of Translators) ever since it was set up in 1953.
- On 24 May 2017, the General Assembly adopted resolution 71/288 on the role of language professionals in connecting nations and fostering peace, understanding and development, and declared 30th September as International Translation Day.

42. Every year on which date the World Heart Day is observed?

- A. 26th September
- B. 27th September
- C. 28th September
- D. 29th September

E. 30th September

Ans. D

Sol.

- **World Heart Day** (WHD) is celebrated on **29th September** every year to **create awareness about heart disease** and stroke prevention.
- The theme for the World Heart Day 2019 is "My Heart, Your Heart".
- The World Heart Federation created this global campaign in the hopes of uniting people all around the world to encourage heart-healthy living across the globe.

43. Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the International Egg Commission (IEC) for the next two years?

- A. Suresh Chitturi
- B. Banda Vasudev Rao
- C. Pawan Kumar Borthakur
- D. Bijender Singh
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

- India's **Suresh Chitturi** has been appointed as chairman of the **International Egg Commission** (IEC) for the next two years.
- He will be the **first chair from Asia** in the history of the **International Egg Commission** (IEC).
- Currently, **Mr. Chitturi** is the Vice Chairman and **Managing Director** (MD) of India's leading poultry firm 'Srinivasa Farms'.
- The appointment was made at the **IEC Global Leadership Conference** in Copenhagen in Denmark.
- The **International Egg Commission** (IEC) is a membership organization (over 80 countries) dedicated to the global egg industry.
- The IEC was established in **1964** at the second International Egg Conference held in Bologna, Italy.

44. Which of the following central banks has issued commemorative coins on the 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. State Bank of Pakistan

- C. Nepal Rastra bank
D. Bangladesh Bank
E. Maldives Monetary Authority
Ans. C

Sol.

- To celebrate 550th Birth Anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev the Nepal Rastra Bank has issued commemorative coins of 2500, 1000 and 100 Nepali rupees.
- Dr. Chiranjibi Nepal (Nepal Rastra Bank Governor) and Manjeev Singh Puri (Indian Ambassador) released commemorative coins.
- Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee President Sardar Gobind Singh Longowal, Jathedar of Akal Takht Giani Harpreet Singh and many other prominent Sikh leaders from Punjab also joined the launching ceremony.
- On this occasion, a book "Sikh Heritage of Nepal" was also released.
- The book published by Indian Embassy highlights Nepal's Sikh connection which dates back to Guru Nanak Dev, who travelled through Nepal during his third Udasi.

45. Renowned personality K P S Menon (Junior) has passed away on September 2019, he was a veteran?

- A. Bureaucrat
B. Cartoonist
C. Musician
D. Politician
E. Defence personnel

Ans. A

Sol.

- Former Foreign Secretary of India **K P S Menon** (Jr.) (90 -years) passed away at his residence in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Mr. Menon (Indian Foreign Service-officer-1951) had served as the **Foreign Secretary of India** from 1987 to 1989.
- **KPS Menon** (junior) was best known for his services as an ambassador to various countries, including Bangladesh, Egypt, Japan and China.
- K P S Menon (Junior) was the son of **first Foreign Secretary of independent India** K P S Menon (senior).

46. Which of the following airports of India has been adjudged as the best airport in terms of services offered to passengers as per the annual Airport Service Quality survey conducted by the Airport Council International (ACI)?

- A. Indira Gandhi International Airport
B. Cochin International Airport
C. Kempegowda International Airport
D. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport
E. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport

Ans. B

Sol.

- As per the annual **Airport Service Quality survey** (conducted by the ACI), **Airport Council International** has recognized **Cochin International Airport Limited** (CIAL) as the best airport in terms of services offered to passengers.

- CIAL was ranked amongst the best airports in the 5-15 million categories in the Asia Pacific region for the year 2018.

- The award was presented to the authorities of Cochin International Airport at the second Annual ACI Customer Experience Global Summit held at Bali, Indonesia.

- ACI ASQ survey is a world-renowned and established airport service quality benchmarking programme measuring passengers' satisfaction.

47. The 7th annual World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in _____.

- A. Chicago, USA
B. Paris, France
C. Mumbai, India
D. London, UK
E. Kathmandu, Nepal

Ans. C

Sol.

- The 7th annual World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

- The theme of (WHEF) 2019 was "Prosperous Society: Stronger Society".

- The World Hindu Economic Forum (WHEF) describes itself as an independent international organization committed to making Hindu society

prosperous through the creation and sharing of surplus wealth.

- Earlier, The **World Hindu Economic Forum** has been organised in London, Chicago, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, and Nairobi.

48. Who among the following becomes the first Indian cricketer to bowl 3 maidens overs in T20 Internationals?

- A. Harmanpreet Kaur
- B. Jhulan Goswami
- C. Poonam Yadav
- D. Deepti Sharma
- E. Ekta Bisht

Ans. D

Sol.

- India's all-rounder **Deepti Sharma** (22-years) had an extraordinary outing in India's first T20I against South Africa in Surat.

- Deepti Sharma gave away runs only off the 19th ball that she bowled in the India Women vs South Africa Women match

- She ended with figures of **4/8 with three of the four overs** to lead India to victory.

- This is the **first time that an Indian** has bowled as many maidens in a T20I match.

49. Which Indian tennis player has won the men's singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament at Buenos Aires in Argentina?

- A. Prajnesh Gunneswaran
- B. Sumit Nagal
- C. Somdev Devvarman
- D. Ramkumar Ramanathan
- E. Saketh Myneni

Ans. B

Sol.

- Indian tennis player **Sumit Nagal** (22-year) has won the men's singles title of ATP Challenger Tournament in Buenos Aires in Argentina.

- He defeated local favourite Facundo Bognis in straight-sets 6-4, 6-2 to claim the 54,160 US dollars prize money.

- Last month, Nagal grabbed headlines after he made his **Grand Slam debut** and produced a spirited fight against the

legendary Roger Federer in the **first round** of the US Open.

50. Who among the following is the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize 2019?

- A. Greta Thunberg
- B. Jacinda Ardern
- C. Abiy Ahmed Ali
- D. Raoni Metuktire
- E. Zoran Zaev

Ans. C

Sol.

- * The Nobel Peace Prize 2019 was awarded to **Abiy Ahmed Ali** "for his efforts to achieve peace and international cooperation, and for his decisive initiative to resolve the border conflict with neighbouring Eritrea.

- * Current, Abiy Ahmed Ali is the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia (since 2 April 2018).

- * He was awarded for his work in ending the 20-year stalemate between **Ethiopia and Eritrea**.

- * The Nobel Peace Prize is one of the five Nobel Prizes (Chemistry, Physics, Physiology or Medicine, and Literature) established by the will of Swedish industrialist, inventor, and armaments manufacturer Alfred Nobel.

51. During the second informal summit between the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping, both the leaders agreed to establish a sister-state link between _____ and Fujian province of China.

- A. Gujarat
- B. Kerala
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Maharashtra
- E. Odisha

Ans. C

Sol.

- * The **second** informal summit between the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and the Chinese President Mr. Xi Jinping was held in **Mahabalipuram**, TamilNadu, on 11-12 October 2019.

- * Previously, the first informal summit between the two nations was held in Wuhan, China in April 2018.

* During the summit, the two leaders agreed to establish a sister-state link between Tamil Nadu and Fujian province of China to study the link between Mahabalipuram and Fujian on their maritime connections.

52. Who among the following is set to become the new President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Saurav Ganguly
- C. Rahul Dravid
- D. Jay Shah
- E. Brijesh Patel

Ans. B

Sol.

* Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly is set to become the new President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

* The 47-year-old Ganguly is currently the current president of the Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB).

* Sourav Ganguly will be the 2nd Indian cricketer after Maharaja of Vizianagaram to serve as the president of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).

53. Who among the following has been selected for the 31st Indira Gandhi National Integration Award for 2017 and 2018?

- A. Chandi Prasad Bhatt
- B. Sunderlal Bahuguna
- C. Sunita Narayan
- D. Vandana Shiva
- E. Rajendra Singh

Ans. A

Sol.

* Environmentalist and social activist Chandi Prasad Bhatt has been selected for the 31st Indira Gandhi National Integration Award for 2017 and 2018. This award is given by the National Congress Party.

* Congress President Sonia Gandhi will present the award on 31 October, on the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi.

* Chandi Prasad Bhatt is a pioneer of the Chipko movement a forest conservation

movement that began in the 1970s in Uttarakhand.

* Chandi Prasad Bhatt has previously received prestigious accolades such as Padma Bhushan, Ramon Magsaysay, and the Gandhi Peace Prize.

54. Name the country where typhoon 'Hagibis' hits and triggered floods and landslides with wind speeds of 225km/h?

- A. Philippines
- B. Taiwan
- C. Japan
- D. Australia
- E. China

Ans. C

Sol.

* Typhoon '**Hagibis**' triggered floods and landslides as it battered **Japan** with wind speeds of **225km/h**.

* More than **100 people** were injured **across the country** after **typhoon Hagibis made landfall** on Japan's main island of **Honshu**.

* **Bullet trains** were also seen engulfed by floodwater at East Japan Railway Co's Railyard near Nagano Station.

* Now, the typhoon has weakened to an **extra-tropical cyclone** off Japan's northeastern coast.

55. Name the Indian Industrialist who tops the list of Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019?

- A. Mukesh Ambani
- B. Ajim Premji
- C. Shiv Nadar
- D. Gautam Adani
- E. Anil Ambani

Ans. C

Sol.

* The founder and chairman of the HCL technology company, Shiv Nadar tops the list of Edelgive Hurun India Philanthropy List 2019.

* According to the list, Chairman of Wipro Azim Premji ranked second and Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani ranked third among philanthropists.

* Shiv Nadar donated Rs 826 crore while Premji gave Rs 453 crore and Mukesh Ambani donated Rs 402 crore in Corporate social responsibility (CSR)



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56. Name the mobile app launched by the Minister of State for Housing & Urban Affairs Shri Hardeep S Puri for 'Environment Protection in Government Colonies'?

- A. mEnvironment
- B. **mHariyali**
- C. mVanikaran
- D. mVanropan
- E. mKhushhali

Ans. B

Sol.

* Minister of **State for Housing & Urban Affairs** Shri Hardeep S Puri has launched the mobile app, '**mHariyali**' to encourage Public engagement in **planting trees** and other such **Green drives**.

* Now, People can **upload information/photos of any plantation done** by them, which is linked to the app and will be displayed on the website www.epgc.gov.in.

* The App provides for **automatic geotagging of plants**.

* This app will also enable nodal officers to periodically monitor the plantation.

57. Name the author of the book titled 'How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need' to be released on June 2020?

- A. Melinda Gates
- B. Vladimir Putin
- C. Bill Gates
- D. Warren Buffet
- E. Jeff Bezos

Ans. C

Sol.

* UK-based publishing house **Allen Lane** has announced, American philanthropist **Bill Gates** (founder of Microsoft Corporation) will release a new book titled '**How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need**'.

* The book will be released in **June 2020**.

* The **author's interest** in climate change is a natural outgrowth of the efforts made by the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation** to reduce poverty and disease.

58. Name the Indian shuttler who clinched his maiden BMF World Tour title by winning the Dutch Open men's singles at Almere in the Netherlands?

- A. Srikanth Kidambi
- B. Parupalli Kashyap
- C. Nikhil Kanetkar
- D. **Lakshya Sen**
- E. Dhruv Kapila

Ans. D

Sol.

* Rising Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** (18-year-old from Almora) clinched his **maiden BMF World Tour title** by winning the Dutch Open men's singles at Almere in the Netherlands.

* Lakshya defeated Japan's Yuseke Onodera 15-21, 21-14, 21-15 in the final.

* The **Dutch Open is a BWF World Tour Super 100 tournament**.

* Earlier, **Lakshya** had won the Belgian Open, Asian Junior Championships, a silver medal at Youth Olympic Gamers and a bronze medal at the world Junior Championship 2018.

59. Star sprinter Dutee Chand smashed her own national record in the women's _____ semi-finals at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi.

- A. 100 m
- B. 200 m
- C. 400 m
- D. 1000 m
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

* Star sprinter **Dutee Chand** (23-years) smashed her own national record in the **women's 100 m semi-finals** at the National Open Athletics Championships in Ranchi.

* She surpassed her previous timing of **11.26 second** (clocking -11.22 seconds) which she had set at the Asian Championships in April this year.

* Dutee clocked 11.25 seconds in the final to claim the gold, leaving **Archana Suseendran** and Himashree Roy behind.

60. Simone Biles breaks the record for most world medals in which sport?



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- A. Swimming
- B. Gymnastic
- C. Boxing
- D. Cycling
- E. Athletics

Ans. B

Sol.

* American artistic gymnast **Simone Biles** (22-years) captures all-time medal record at the **World Gymnastics Championship**.

* Biles surpassed **Belarusian Vitaly Scherbo's** record 23 world medals (won in the 1990s), winning "her 24th and 25th world medals (both gold) at the World Championship competition in Stuttgart.

* Now, **Simone Biles** holds the record for the most World Championship medals (25), as well as the most gold medals (19) in World Championship history for an athlete of any gender.

61. Joint military exercise 'KAZIND-2019' is between India and which country?

- A. Russia
- B. Kazakhstan
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Afghanistan
- E. Mongolia

Ans. B

Sol.

• KAZIND-2019, the fourth joint military exercise between India and Kazakhstan that began on 03rd October in Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand.

• The soldiers of both the countries involved in Kajind-2019 will be trained in counter-insurgency, counter-terrorism operations in forests and hilly areas.

• Along with this, there will be important lectures, demonstrations and exercises related to counter-terrorism operations during military exercises.

• The first exercise took place in Kazakhstan in the year 2016. Till now two maneuvers took place in Kazakhstan while one in Shimla. This is the fourth joint maneuver.

62. Who among the following has won the China Open women's tennis tournament 2019?

- A. Bianca Andreescu
- B. Ashleigh Barty
- C. Elise Mertens
- D. Naomi Osaka
- E. Aryna Sabalenka

Ans. D

Sol.

• Naomi Osaka won the China Open tennis tournament by defeating world number one Ashleigh Barty of Australia on 6th October 2019.

• Two-time Grand Slam champion Naomi Osaka emerged victorious after 110 minutes in chilly Beijing, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

• This was the third title of 2019 for Osaka and fifth in her short career.

63. Which Indian cricketer has become the first Indian to play hundred T20 International matches?

- A. Smriti Mandhana
- B. Harmanpreet Kaur
- C. Mithali Raj
- D. Deepti Sharma
- E. Jhulan Goswami

Ans. B

Sol.

• Indian women cricketer Harmanpreet Kaur became the first Indian to play 100 T20 International matches. Harmanpreet is the captain of India in the shortest format of the game.

• She achieves this feat in the sixth T20I against South Africa in Surat.

• Harmanpreet Kaur is among 10 female players who have reached the three-figure mark in terms of appearances. New Zealand's Suzie Bates and Australia's Ellyse Perry top the list with 111 appearances.

• Overall, Harmanpreet has two more appearances in T20Is than MS Dhoni and Rohit Sharma, who have played the highest number of matches for India in men's cricket.

64. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 12-member working group (WG) under whose chairmanship to review the product structure of title insurance?



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- A. T.L. Alamelu
B. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
C. G. R. Surya Kumar
D. K Ganesh
E. V.S. Narendra Chandra

Ans. A

Sol.

- On October 3, 2019, The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a 12-member working group (WG) chaired by T.L. Alamelu.
- The group is to examine legal and regulatory frameworks, study the structure, analyze the reasons for sluggish demand for title insurance products available in the Indian market and also recommend measures to spur the demand for the product.
- To develop a standard title insurance product suitable to the Indian market and.
- To suggest augmentation of reinsurance capacity within the domestic market.
- To examine any other aspect relating to title insurance products in India.

65. Who among the following has won the Men's Singles title in China Open tennis tournament 2019?

- A. Nicolas Mahut
B. Novak Djokovic
C. Stefanos Tsitsipas
D. Dominic Thiem
E. Rafael Nadal

Ans. D

Sol.

- The men's singles titles in China Open Tennis Tournament 2019 was won by Dominic Thiem of Austria.
- It was the 15th singles title of the career for Dominic Thiem.
- The women's singles title in this tournament was won by Naomi Osaka of Japan
- It was the third title of 2019 for Naomi Osaka and fifth in her short career.
- The China Open 2019, an annual tennis tournament, was held at the National Tennis Center in Beijing, China, from September 30 to October 6, 2019.

- It was the 21st edition for the men and the 23rd for the women.

66. Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and _____ jointly launched Youth Co:Lab which aims at accelerating social entrepreneurship and innovation in young India.

- A. United Nation Environment Programme (UNEP)
B. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
C. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
D. United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)
E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. * Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India jointly launched Youth Co:Lab which aims at accelerating social entrepreneurship and innovation in young India.

* To mark the launch, a Letter of Intent (LOI) was signed between AIM, NITI Aayog and UNDP India.

* Through Youth Co:Lab, young entrepreneurs and innovators will get a chance to connect with governments, mentors, incubators and investors, who will help equip them with entrepreneurial skills.

* AIM and UNDP, as part of UNSDF signed between NITI Aayog and UN India, are collaborating to spread awareness about different issues pertaining to youth, the future of work and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through Youth Co:Lab.

67. Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to have a permanent deployment of more than 300 highly-trained personnel at the Baglihar Hydro Electric Power plant in Jammu and Kashmir. It is built on which river?

- A. Sutlej
B. Beas
C. Ravi
D. Chenab
E. Jhelum

Ans. D

Sol. * According to sources, the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) is all set to have a permanent deployment of more than 300 highly-trained personnel at Baglihar Hydro Electric Power plant in Jammu and Kashmir.

* This Hydroelectric Power Project is one of the most sensitive hydroelectric plants. Recently, the security forces gunned down two militants along with a top Hizbul Mujahideen commander.

* Another senior government official also said that there have been consistent threats on Baglihar Dam as Pakistan has opposed its construction claiming it as a violation of the Indus Water Treaty of 1960.

* Baglihar Dam also known as Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project, is a run-of-the-river power project on the Chenab River in the Ramban district of the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir.

* Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project was conceived in 1992, approved in 1996 and construction began in 1999.

68. Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the "Trans-Fat Free" logo during the 8th International Chefs Conference in _____.

- A. Mumbai
- B. Nagpur
- C. New Delhi
- D. Noida
- E. Lucknow

Ans. C

Sol.

* Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan has launched the "Trans-Fat Free" logo during the 8th International Chefs Conference in New Delhi.

* The logo can be used by the Food establishments which use trans-fat free fats/oil and do not have industrial trans-fat more than 0.2g/100g of food, in compliance with the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018.

* The logo can be voluntarily used by food business operators in their outlets and also on food products.

* India is committed to eliminating it from the food supply and is progressing

towards its objective of trans fat elimination by 2022 in a phased manner.

* "The FSSAI is committed to reducing trans-fatty acids produced in industries by 2 per cent in a phased manner by 2022.

69. In which of the following cities India's first e-waste clinic will be set up?

- A. Indore
- B. Jabalpur
- C. Bhopal
- D. Raipur
- E. New Delhi

Ans. C

Sol. * The Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) have joined hands to set up the country's first e-waste clinic in Bhopal.

* It would enable segregation, processing and disposal of waste from both household and commercial units.

* The clinic is a three-month pilot project, if successful, would be replicated elsewhere in the country.

* Electronic waste will be collected door-to-door or could be deposited directly at the clinic in exchange for a fee.

70. Which of the following Hollywood actress has been named as UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples?

- A. Angelina Jolie
- B. Yalitza Aparicio
- C. Salma Hayek
- D. Emma Stone
- E. Priyanka Chopra

Ans. B

Sol. * The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has named Mexican actress Yalitza Aparicio as a UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for Indigenous Peoples.

* Ms. Aparicio is committed to the fight against racism and for the rights of women and indigenous peoples. She was chosen to play in Alfonso Cuarón's film Roma while studying to be a teacher.

* Her performance in the film, for which she had to learn the Mixtec language of her father's family, won her an Oscar

nomination for best actress, the first indigenous Mexican woman to be so recognized by the US Academy Awards.
* TIME magazine (USA) listed her as one of the 100 most influential people in the world in 2019.

71. Former judge of Madras High Court Justice Vinod Kumar Sharma has been appointed as the Lokpal of which state?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Haryana
- C. Punjab
- D. Kerala
- E. Telangana

Ans. C

Sol. * Punjab government has appointed Justice Vinod Kumar Sharma as Punjab Lokpal.

* This is done without amending Punjab Lokpal Act, 1996 in which CM of Punjab and cabinet ministers are out of its ambit.

* Justice Satish Kumar Mittal resigned from the post of Lokpal in April 2018 and became the chairman of Haryana Human Rights Commission, since then this post was lying vacant.

* Justice Sharma had worked as an advocate in Punjab and Haryana High Court from 1974 till his elevation as Judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court in March 2006.

* He retired as a judge of Madras High Court in May 2013. At least 3,000 of his judgments have been quoted in various law books and journals.

* The Lokpal holds the office for a term of six years.

72. Joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV started on 5th October 2019. It is between which two countries?

- A. India and Thailand
- B. India and Singapore
- C. India and Malaysia
- D. India and China
- E. India and Mongolia

Ans. E

Sol. * 14th edition of Indo – Mongolian joint military training, Exercise Nomadic Elephant-XIV started on 5th October.

* The exercise will be conducted from 05

to 18 Oct 19 at Bakloh. In this exercise, the Indian Army is being represented by a battalion of the RAJPUTANA RIFLES Regiment.

* Nomadic Elephant – XIV is the fourteenth edition between the two nations aimed at training troops in counter-insurgency & counter-terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate.

* The joint exercise will enhance defence co-operation and military relations between the two nations.

73. Who among the following has won the 2019 Japan Open single title in Tokyo, Japan?

- A. Roger Federer
- B. Rafael Nadal
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. John Millman
- E. Daniil Medvedev

Ans. C

Sol. * World number one Novak Djokovic won his first Japan Open title and the 76th of his career by defeating Australian John Millman in the final in Tokyo.

* It was a triumphant return to the tour for Djokovic, who had withdrawn from the U.S. Open in the fourth round due to a shoulder injury

* It was the 10th time Novak Djokovic had won a title on his tournament debut.

* Djokovic has already qualified for next month's season-ending ATP Finals in London.

74. Which of the following banks has launched UCash, a digital product that will enable customers to withdraw money from ATMs through mobile banking without using a debit card?

- A. Canara Bank
- B. Bank of India
- C. Uco Bank
- D. Bank of Baroda
- E. Punjab National Bank

Ans. C

Sol.

• Public sector lender, the Uco Bank has launched three new digital products namely UCash, Digilocker and an app.

- These new products were launched by the bank's managing director and CEO, A K Goel.
- UCash enables customers to withdraw money from ATMs through mobile banking without using a debit card.
- Digilocker aims to eliminate the use of physical documents and enables the sharing of verified electronic documents.
- The third product, the new mobile app, integrates four existing apps of the bank - UCO Mbanking, UCO UPI, UCO Mpassbook and UCO Secure- in a single interface.

75. Every year on which of the following dates the World Teachers' Day is celebrated?

- A. 5th September
- B. 15th September
- C. 25th September
- D. 2nd October
- E. 5th October

Ans. E

Sol.

- World Teachers' Day or International Teachers' Days is being celebrated all across the world on October 5.
- It is being held annually since 1994 to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.
- The Recommendation concerning the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted in 1997 to complement the 1966 Recommendation by covering teaching and research personnel in higher education.
- World Teachers' Day is co-convened in partnership with UNICEF, UNDP, the International Labour Organization, and Education International.
- This year's International Teachers' Day Theme is "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession."

76. Sushil Chandra Mishra is appointed as the MD & CEO of which PSUs?

- A. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
- B. Oil India Limited
- C. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited

- D. Steel Authority of India Limited
- E. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Ans. B

Sol.

- Oil India Limited has appointed Sushil Chandra Mishra as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the company.
- Mr. Mishra replaces Utpal Bora, who ceased to be Chairman & Managing Director of the company on 30th September.
- Mishra started his professional journey as an executive trainee with OIL in 1984.
- He played a key role in framing and implementing procurement policies and procedures for inventory management, vendor development, framework agreement and its related strategies.
- He acquired significant Board level exposure at corporate office at the time of launch of OIL's IPO in 2009 and developing the Strategic Plan 2020.

77. National Basketball Association (NBA) brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in which of the following places?

- A. Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Kolkata, West Bengal
- D. Bengaluru, Karnataka
- E. Cuttack, Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

- The National Basketball Association brought to India the first-ever Floating Basketball Court in the Arabian Sea near Bandra Worli Sealink.
- There were some sports enthusiasts enjoying the floating court and were accompanied by NBA legend Jason Williams.

78. Which of the following state governments has launched the 'Mo Sarkar programme' to make governance people-centric?

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Odisha
- E. West Bengal

Ans. D

Sol. • With an aim to make the governance people-centric, Odisha chief minister Naveen Patnaik has formally launched the Mo Sarkar programme, a first of its kind initiative in the country.

- The objective of the programme is to provide service to people, coming to government offices, with dignity.
- All the departments dealing with the delivery of public services will implement the Mo Sarkar programme by March 5, 2020.
- As part of the initiative, the government will collect feedback on the behavior and professionalism of government officers.
- The employees will be ranked as good and bad based on the feedback received from the people

79. Avinash Sable, who recently qualified for Tokyo Olympic is associated with which sports?

- A. Badminton
- B. Javelin Throw
- C. Steeplechase
- D. Boxing
- E. Discus Throw

Ans. C

Sol. • India's Avinash Sable has qualified for Tokyo Olympics in men's 3,000-metre steeplechase event by shattering his own national record at the World

Championships in Doha.

- Avinash clocked 8 minutes 21.37 seconds to breach the Olympics qualifying standard of 8 minutes 22 seconds. He also bettered his own national record of 8 minutes and 25.23 seconds.

- The 25-year-old Avinash is from Mandwa in Maharashtra.

80. Who among the following has inaugurated the Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019?

- A. Amit Shah
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Prakash Javadekar
- D. Ajit Doval
- E. Dr. Harshvardhan

Ans. D

Sol. • The Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC)-2019 was inaugurated by the National Security Advisor, Shri Ajit Kumar Doval, at Goa on 4th October 2019.

- The Conclave was conducted by Naval War College.
- The 31st edition of the Naval War College Journal was also released by the NSA on the occasion.
- The theme for the conclave is "Common Maritime Priorities in IOR and need for Regional Maritime Strategy".
- The sub-theme for the first session was "Opportunities and Challenges in IOR".



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