

Current Affairs (January)

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

• Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** inaugurated the **National Traders Convention** in **New Delhi**.

• The convention has been organized by the **Confederation of All India Traders** and will deliberate upon various issues concerning traders.

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

D. Dehradun, Uttarakhand

E. Panaji, Goa

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

8. The Union Home Minister Amit Shah has released a book 'Karmayoddha Granth' on the life of_____.

A. Mohan Bhagwat

B. Arun Jaitley

C. Yogi Adityanath

D. Narendra Modi

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

A. Ford

B. Honda

C. Hyundai

D. Maruti Suzuki

E. Nissan

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

10. The Central government has released _____crore to seven states which have been affected by disasters.

A. 5908

B. 6800

C. 10000

D. 8900

E. 7905

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

A. Jairam Thakur

B. Ram Nath Kovind

C. Prakash Javadekar

D. Amit Shah

Ans. D

Sol.

• Union Minister for Home Affairs, ShriAmit Shah laid foundation stone of The Delhi Cycle Walk at Tughlakabad, New Delhi.

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

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- The Gujarat government has announced to set up Vikram Sarabhai Children Innovation Center (VSCIC) in Gandhinagar.

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

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

- A. Bihar
- B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Utter Pradesh
- D. West Bengal
- E. Kerala

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has launched the Himachal

MyGov portal which will help to strengthen public participation in governance. He also launched the Chief Minister App.

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

- A. Iran
- B. Israel
- C. UAE
- D. Oman
- E. Saudi Arabia

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- Weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur has been slapped with a four-year ban for doping by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA).

- "The Anti-Doping Disciplinary Panel has found weightlifter Sarbjeet Kaur guilty of anti-doping rule violation. She has been imposed a penalty of ineligibility for a period of four years.

17. The Naseem-Al-Bahr exercise was held in_____.

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

- A. Jasbinder Bilan
- B. Malorie Blackman
- C. Nicholas Bowling
- D. Jenny Downham
- E. [Hilary McKay](#)

Ans. A
Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B
Sol.

- Two youth leaders from Bihar Kanhaiya Kumar and Prashant Kishor included in the Forbes India list of 20 people to watch in the 2020s.
- Poll strategist Prashant Kishor is Janata Dal (United) National Vice President while Kanhaiya Kumar is former President of Jawaharlal Nehru University Students Union.

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

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

Ans. D
Sol.

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

21. Who won Croatia Presidential Election 2020?

- A. Muhammadu Buhari
- B. Reuven Rivlin,
- C. Zoran Milanovic
- D. Hassan Rouhani
- E. Abdel Fattah el-Sisi

Ans. C
Sol.

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

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

- A. Yashaswini Scheme
- B. Swasthya Sahayak scheme
- C. Annapurna Scheme
- D. Udyogini Scheme
- E. Mahila Udyam Nidhi Scheme

Ans. A
Sol.

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

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

23. The Government of India has launched the first Cyber Crime Prevention Unit of India "AASHVAST" in_____.

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

* The dispute settlement body of the World Trade Organisation's (WTO) has

set up a panel to examine complaints of United States(US) against India for hiking customs duties of 28 American goods in July 2019.

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

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

- A. Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad
- B. Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
- C. Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
- D. Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- E. Chennai International Airport

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- Serbia has won the inaugural 2020 ATP Cup tennis tournament, defeating Spain 2-1 in the final in Sydney.

- Novak Djokovic (from Serbia) was the key performer in the tournament.

- Djokovic (World No. 2) claimed a straight sets victory over the Rafael Nadal (World No. 1) 6-2, 7-6 (7-4) in singles.

- In doubles, Djokovic and Viktor Troicki claimed 6-3, 6-4 straight sets victory over Feliciano Lopez and Pablo Carreno Busta.

- ATP Cup was the opener for the 2020 ATP Tour, as well as the first ATP team tournament since the last edition of the World Team Cup in 2012.

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

- A. Kento Momota
- B. Viktor Axelsen
- C. Chou Tien-chen
- D. Jonatan Christie
- E. Lee Zii Jia

Ans. A

Sol.

- Japanese badminton player Kento Momota (World number-1) has won the Malaysia Masters 2020.

- He defeated Denmark's Viktor Axelsen 24-22, 21-11.

- The victory in Malaysia lends credence to Momota's drive to win the gold in July's Tokyo Olympics.

- The reigning world champion told reporters that he eyes more success in 2020.

- Momota, currently the best player on the planet, won a record 11 titles last year.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- Around 8,000 residents were evacuated after a small active Taal volcano near Manila spewed a massive cloud of ash.

- Experts warned of another possibility of "hazardous explosive eruption."

- Taal (one of the world's smallest active volcanoes) sits in the middle of a lake about 70km (45 miles) south of the centre of Manila.

- There was a risk an eruption could cause a tsunami in the lake.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- Lawyer Robert Abela (42 years) was sworn in as the 14th Prime Minister of Malta.

- He replaced ruling PM Joseph Muscat, who resigned amid accountability over the murder of an investigative journalist.

- Abela is the son of former President of Malta George Abela.

- Robert Abela secured a surprising victory in Malta's governing party's

internal leadership contest to be elected as new leader.

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

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

Ans. A

Sol.

- Vice President of India M Venkaiah Naidu will inaugurate a new Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu on January 21 in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh.

- The centre will facilitate to focus its activities for the development of this rich classical Telugu through Research, seminars, debates and various activities.

- The Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Telugu (CESCT) came under the Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL).

- Union Human Resource Development Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' is also set to attend the event.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- India's flagship global conference on geopolitics and geo-economics Raisina Dialogue has begun in New Delhi on January 14, 2020.

- 700 international participants from over a 100 countries are expected to participate in the dialogue.

- 12 foreign ministers, including from Russia, Iran, Australia, Maldives, South Africa, Estonia, Czech Republic,

Denmark, Hungary, Latvia, Uzbekistan and the EU will participate in it.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

- The Statue of Unity at Kevadia, Gujarat has been included in 8 wonders of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

- The Statue of Unity is the statue of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, first Home Minister of the independent India.

- The 182 metre tall statue is the world's tallest statue that was inaugurated by PM Modi on 143rd birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in October 2018.

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

35. Who won Global Child Prodigy Award 2020?

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

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

- A. 50 Meter
- B. 180 Meter
- C. 182 Meter
- D. 200 Meter
- E. 112 Meter

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

- A. China
- B. USA
- C. India
- D. South Korea
- E. Japan

Ans. E

Sol.

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

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

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

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

- A. USA
- B. China
- C. Russia
- D. India
- E. Australia

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

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

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

- A. Bihar
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Punjab

Ans. C

Sol.

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

42. 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) was held in _____.

- A. Mumbai
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Kolkata
- D. Kochi
- E. New Delhi

Ans. E

Sol.

- 6th meeting of Island Development Agency (IDA) was held in New Delhi on January 13, 2020.
- The meeting was chaired by Union Minister of Home Affairs (MoHA) Shri Amit Shah.
- This is the first time such an initiative is being implemented.

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

- A. 350 Crore
- B. 250 Crore
- C. 258 Crore
- D. 400 Crore
- E. 500 Crore

Ans. C

Sol.

- The project costs ₹258 crore and is being supported by the World Bank.
- The system will be first piloted in the six States with highest fatalities from road crashes — Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.
- It was launched during 'Road Safety Stakeholders' Meet held in New Delhi.

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

- The theme of the 23rd National Youth Festival 2020 is "FIT YOUTH FIT INDIA".

The theme is in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for New India to be a fit India and Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat. The event aims to promote the knowledge and ideas of the Youth.

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

- A. Cooperation
- B. Coordination
- C. Connectivity
- D. Cultural Innovation
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

- A. MS Swaminathan

- B. N Kumar
- C. EA Siddiq
- D. Baldev Singh Dhillon
- E. Virendra Lal Chopra

Ans. B
Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C
Sol.

- Election Commission of India (ECI) awarded National Media Award for print to "The Hindu Tamil".
- The award was given on the occasion of 10th National Voters Day held at New Delhi
- It was a part of the poll panel's national awards for voter awareness and education campaign in 2019.

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

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

Ans. C
Sol.

- The state government of Maharashtra has launched the 'Shiv Bhojan' scheme on

a pilot basis, which aims to provide a meal to the poor for Rs 10.

- The scheme was launched on the occasion of the 71st Republic Day celebrations on Sunday, 26th January 2020.
- As a part of one of the promises made by the Shiv Sena at the time of the state assembly election, the scheme was launched.

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

- A. Meerut
- B. Bhopal
- C. Surat
- D. Ranchi
- E. None of these

Ans. A
Sol.

- The Government of India has planned to set up a first-of-its-kind war memorial for service animals in Meerut city in Uttar Pradesh.

- The memorial will be set up at the army's specialized breeding, rearing and training centre for animals: the Remount and Veterinary Corps (RVC) Centre and College in Meerut.

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

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

Ans. C
Sol.

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

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

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

- A. Shri Chhannulal Mishra
- B. Lata Mangeshkar
- C. Kangna Ranaut
- D. Adnan Sami
- E. Shri Anil Prakash Joshi

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. D

Sol.

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

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

- A. 41
- B. 50
- C. 51
- D. 55
- E. 11

Ans. C

Sol.

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

12th edition of the "Democracy Index 2019: A year of democratic setbacks and popular protest", released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU).

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

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

E. None of the above

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

- The summit was organized by the Department of Biotechnology.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

- The Indian Institute of Management Indore in Madhya Pradesh will teach lessons on crowd management and effective communication to Uttar Pradesh (UP) police.

- A memorandum of understanding for this project was signed by UP Director General of Police OP Singh and IIM Indore Director Professor Himanshu Rai in Lucknow.

- As per the agreement, police personnel will also receive training in the data analysis, traffic management, use of

artificial intelligence & social media management.

- Training sessions would be held to teach officers effective ways to negotiate and communicate with the mob.

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

- A. Patna
- B. Ranchi
- C. Itanagar
- D. Guwahati
- E. New Delhi

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

- A. Rippan Kapur
- B. Kanhaiya Kumar
- C. Priya Prakash
- D. Yogendra Yadav
- E. Arun Nevatia

Ans. C

Sol.

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

further their mission of accelerating global problem solving.

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

- A. Bangladesh
- B. India
- C. Malaysia
- D. Pakistan
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

Ans. C

Sol.

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

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

- A. Niranjan Bhat
- B. AS Chandok
- C. PS Narsimha

D. Sriram Panchu

E. JP Singh

Ans. A

Sol.

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

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

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

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

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

- A. Shibu Soren
- B. Hemant Soren
- C. Arjun Munda
- D. Babulal Marandi
- E. Raghuvar Das

Ans. B

Sol.

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

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

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

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

70. The 12th National Tribal youth programme was inaugurated in which state/UTs to ensure the development and empowerment of the tribal youths?

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Puducherry
- E. Delhi

Ans. D

Sol.

* The 12th National Tribal youth programme was inaugurated in Puducherry on January 2020.

* It was inaugurated by the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Puducherry Dr Kiran Bedi.

* It is a week long program in which 200 Youths from Naxal-affected districts of Chattisgarh are taking part in this programme.

* The programme has been jointly organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) and Puducherry Government to ensure development and empowerment of the tribal youths.

71. What is the deadline to implement the 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme across the country?

- A. 1st April, 2020
- B. 1st May, 2020
- C. 1st June, 2020
- D. 2nd October, 2020
- E. 1st November, 2020

Ans. C

Sol.

• The 'One Nation, One Ration Card' scheme is to be implemented by June 1, 2020 across the country.

• Under this scheme, a beneficiary will be able to avail benefits across the country using the same ration card.

• On January 1, 2020, the scheme is operational in 12 states across the country which includes Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Tripura, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Kerala, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Telangana.

72. In which of the following African countries, India opened its first Mahatma Gandhi Convention Centre?

- A. South Africa
- B. Nigeria
- C. Niger

- D. Ghana
- E. Zimbabwe

Ans. C

Sol.

* Union Minister S Jaishankar & Nigerian President Mahamadou Issoufou jointly inaugurated the first convention centre in Africa by India to honour the memory of Mahatma Gandhi.

* The Mahatma Gandhi International Convention Centre is a landmark for India-Niger friendship and a symbol of India's firm commitment towards Africa.

* It witnesses high-level and wide-ranging participation from African Union member states and other high-level conventions.

73. All passengers and crew members returning from which country are being passed through a thermal screening amidst the outbreak of the novel Corona virus (nCoV) in major airports of India?

- A. Thailand
- B. Australia
- C. China
- D. Philippines
- E. Indonesia

Ans. C

Sol.

* India expanded thermal screening of passengers arriving from China including Hong Kong to seven airports for preventing any entry of 'Novel Corona Virus Disease (nCoV) in the country.

* Ministry of Civil Aviation has called for immediate implementation of the action plan and strict adherence by identified airports and all concerned airlines

* Operational procedures recommended by IATA with regard to managing suspected communicable disease on board an aircraft

74. Which state government has launched 'Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana'?

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

Ans. C

Sol.

* Uttar Pradesh Government has launched Mukhyamantri Krishak Durghatna Kalyan Yojana.

* This scheme will provide financial assistance to the family of farmers who die or become handicapped while working in fields.

* The scheme will also include the Bataidars, who work in the field of other persons and share the crop after it is harvested. The scheme will cover farmers and their family members in the age group of 18-70 years.

75. Which of the following states topped in the Khelo India Youth Games (3rd-edition) in Guwahati?

- A. Punjab
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Assam
- D. Haryana
- E. Odisha

Ans. B

Sol.

* In the third edition of Khelo India Youth Games medal tally, Maharashtra topped with 234 medals including 74 gold medals.

* Haryana is on the second spot with 57 golds while Delhi is on third spot with 35 gold medals.

* The 3rd Khelo India Youth Games was held from 10 January 2020 and 22 January 2020 in Guwahati, Assam, India.

76. Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju flagged off the 'Fit India Cyclothon' from which city of India?

- A. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B. Bhubaneshwar, Odisha
- C. Panaji, Goa
- D. New Delhi, Delhi

E. Jaipur, Rajasthan

Ans. C

Sol.

* On January 21st, 2020, the Fit India Mission under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Goa, organized the inaugural event of 'Fit India Cyclothon'.

* The Cyclothon was flagged off by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Kiren Rijiju and Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant from the Campal Parade Ground in Panaji, Goa.

* The Cyclothon event witnessed participation by over 500 cycling enthusiasts who came together to cycle through a five-kilometer stretch within the Panaji city.

77. Name the company that acquired the Uber Eats business in India in an all-stock deal.

- A. Zomato
- B. Dominos
- C. Pizza Hut
- D. Amazon
- E. Flipkart

Ans. A

Sol.

* Food delivery startup and restaurant aggregator "Zomato" has announced the acquisition of Uber Eats business in India in an all-stock deal.

* The deals provide Uber with a 9.99% ownership in Zomato after the acquisition.

* The deal is estimated to be pegged at \$300-350 million. Uber Eats, having about 26,000 restaurant partners entered the food delivery business in 2017 in India.

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