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1. Which of the following bank has tied up with payments solution provider Hitachi Payment Services India to form a joint venture for establishing a card acceptance and digital payment platform?

- A. HDFC Bank
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Indian Overseas Bank
- D. Bank of China
- E. State Bank of India

Ans. E

Sol. State Bank of India (SBI) and Hitachi Payment Services India (payments solution provider) has entered into an agreement to form a joint venture for establishing a card acceptance and digital payment platform.

SBI will have a majority stake in the proposed joint venture.

Hitachi Payment Services India is a wholly owned subsidiary of Hitachi Group, Japan.

2. Who has been re-elected as the President of Ireland in 2018?

- A. Michael D. Higgins
- B. Mary Robinson
- C. Patrick Hillery
- D. Douglas Hyde
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Michael D Higgins has been re-elected as Irish president after receiving 56% of the country's electoral vote. Peter Casey came second with 23.1%, while none of the other four candidates polled more than 10%.

3. Justice Naresh Harishchandra Patil has been appointed as Chief Justice of which High Court?

- A. Madras High Court
- B. Bombay High Court
- C. Allahabad High Court
- D. Calcutta High Court
- E. Karnataka High Court

Ans. B

Sol. Justice Naresh Harishchandra Patil sworn-in as Chief Justice of Bombay High Court.

Bombay High Court is one of the oldest High Court of India located in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

Its jurisdiction covers the states of Maharashtra, Goa and Union Territories of Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli.

4. Who has won the Miss Grand International 2018 title of the beauty pageant in Yangon, Myanmar?

- A. Nadia Purwoko
- B. Clara Sosa
- C. Haruka Oda
- D. Kimberly Gundani
- E. Nicole Menayo

Ans. B

Sol. Miss Paraguay Clara Sosa has won the Miss Grand International 2018 title (6th edition) of the beauty pageant in Yangon, Myanmar.

FBB Colors Femina Miss Grand India 2018 Meenakshi Chaudhary was named 1st runner-up.

5. Senior composer and lyricist Yashwant Dev passed away recently. He belonged to which state?

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

Ans. C

Sol. Senior composer and lyricist Yashwant Dev (92-year) passed away in Mumbai.

He was honoured with many awards including Gan-samradni Lata Mangeshkar Award and Gadima puraskar.

6. Which of the following states hosted the 5th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems?

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

Ans. B

Sol. Sarbanand Sonowal (Assam Chief Minister) and J P Nadda (Union Health Minister) jointly inaugurated the three-day 5th National Summit on Good and Replicable Practices and Innovations in Public Health Care Systems at Kaziranga in Assam.



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The main objective of the Summit is to share and learn the good practices and innovations being implemented by several states and organizations for the betterment of the health sector.

7. Who has won a silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open?

- A. Ayhika Mukherjee
- B. Manika Batra
- C. Mouma Das
- D. Poulomi Ghatak
- E. Ankita Das

Ans. A

Sol. Indian table tennis player Ayhika Mukherjee has won a silver medal in the under-21 women's singles category of the ITTF Challenge Belgium Open. She lost to Korea's Youjin Kim in the final.

8. Who has become the first female President of Ethiopia?

- A. Sahle-Work Zewde
- B. Jane Goodall
- C. Stacey Cunningham
- D. Chris Evert
- E. Juliette Binoche

Ans. A

Sol. Ethiopian members of parliament have elected Sahle-Work Zewde as the country's first female president. She has replaced Mulatu Teshome who resigned in unclear circumstances.

9. What was the theme of Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018?

- A. Youth: The Next Wave for Change
- B. Securing our common future
- C. Connecting Farmers to Market
- D. Turning Vision into Reality for a Dynamic Relations
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The theme of the Global Agriculture Leadership Summit 2018 was 'Connecting Farmers to Market'. In the meeting, several issues to double farmers' income by 2022 were discussed.

10. Who has launched the world's first Sovereign Blue Bond?

- A. Japan
- B. Thailand
- C. Republic of Seychelles

- D. China
- E. India

Ans. C

Sol. The Republic of Seychelles has launched the world's first Sovereign Blue Bond.

Sovereign Blue Bond is a financial instrument designed to support sustainable marine and fisheries projects.

11. Who has won the 2018 World Billiards Championship title at Leeds in UK?

- A. Charles Dawson
- B. Sourav Kothari
- C. Peter Gilchrist
- D. Harry Stevenson
- E. Tom Reece

Ans. B

Sol. India's Sourav Kothari defeated Peter Gilchrist of Singapore by 1134-944 to clinch the 2018 World Billiards Championship title at Leeds in UK.

12. Who has been elected as the President of Brazil in 2018?

- A. Ali Kafashian
- B. Jair Bolsonaro
- C. Hugo Chavez
- D. Rafael Caldera
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. Far-right candidate Jair Bolsonaro has won the presidency of Latin America's largest nation Brazil. His campaign slogan was "Brazil above everything, God above everyone". The President of Brazil is both the head of state and the head of government of the Federative Republic of Brazil.

13. Which of the following cities hosted the first regional review meeting for "Sustainable Sanitation"?

- A. Patna
- B. Bhopal
- C. Dehradun
- D. Nagpur
- E. Kochi

Ans. D

Sol. The first regional review meeting for "Sustainable Sanitation" held in Nagpur. The review meeting was chaired by Mr. Parameswaran Iyer, Secretary, Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation.



14. Who has won the 2018 Panasonic Open India title at the Delhi Golf Club?

- A. Shiv Kapur
- B. Mukesh Kumar
- C. Khalin Joshi
- D. Chiragh Kumar
- E. Digvijay Singh

Ans. C

Sol. Khalin Joshi has won the Panasonic Open India title 2018 at the Delhi Golf Club.

Siddikur Rahman (Bangladesh) finished second best after finishing with a par on the 18th.

15. Which of the following West Indies cricketer has announced his retirement from International cricket?

- A. Oshane Thomas
- B. Keemo Paul
- C. Shimron Hetmyer
- D. Dwayne Bravo
- E. Kyle Hope

Ans. D

Sol. West Indies all-rounder 'Dwayne Bravo' announced his retirement from international cricket.

Currently, Bravo plays franchise cricket for Trinbago Knight Riders (CPL), Chennai Super Kings (IPL), Melbourne Renegades (BBL) and Peshawar Zalmi (PSL).

16. The world's largest airport terminal "under one roof" has been officially opened in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. New York City
- B. Rome
- C. Istanbul
- D. Barcelona
- E. Paris

Ans. C

Sol. The world's largest airport terminal "under one roof" has been officially opened in Istanbul, with a capacity to serve 90 million passengers.

The airport has been envisioned to have a total capacity of up to 200 million passengers (once all four phases are completed) in the next 10 years.

17. The National Unity Day is observed every year on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 31st October
- B. 20th October
- C. 29th October

D. 28th October

E. 10th October

Ans. A

Sol. The 'National Unity day' (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas) is celebrated every year on 31st October in India.

The objective of this event is to pay tribute to the Iron man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, on his birth anniversary by remembering his extraordinary works for the country.

18. Noted playwright and poet Ntozake Shange passed away recently. She belonged to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. UK
- B. Germany
- C. USA
- D. New Zealand
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. American playwright and poet Ntozake Shange passed away at an assisted living centre in Maryland. Ntozake Shange's most acclaimed theatre piece is the 1975 Tony Award-nominated play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide/When the Rainbow is Enuf,".

19. Which of the following country has set up a support fund for foreign workers who run into difficulties for not being paid?

- A. India
- B. Qatar
- C. Pakistan
- D. Indonesia
- E. Malesia

Ans. B

Sol. Qatar has set up a support fund for foreign workers who run into difficulties for not being paid.

The fund would support and care for workers, secure their rights and provide a healthy and safe work environment for them.

20. Which of the following state has celebrated 63rd foundation day on 1st November 2018?

- A. Bihar
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Punjab
- D. Delhi
- E. Madhya Pradesh



Ans. E

Sol. Madhya Pradesh celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day in all the districts of the state with traditional pride and grandeur.

Madhya Pradesh was founded on November 1, 1956, and now is the second largest Indian state in size with an area of 3 Lakh 8 thousand sq. km.

21. Which of the following cities will host the third edition of India International Cherry Blossom festival 2018?

- A. Shimla
- B. Chandigarh
- C. Shillong
- D. Delhi
- E. Gangtok

Ans. C

Sol. The 3rd India International Cherry Blossom Festival 2018 will celebrate the unique autumn flowering of Himalayan Cherry Blossoms with several cultural events at Shillong, Meghalaya.

22. Which of the following states will set up a vigilance academy to upgrade the knowledge of vigilance officers?

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

Ans. A

Sol. Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik has announced that a state vigilance academy will be set up in the Bhubaneswar to upgrade the knowledge of vigilance officers on a continuous basis so as to retain their professional edge.

23. Ayurveda Day 2018 is being observed on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 18<sup>th</sup> November
- B. 5<sup>th</sup> November
- C. 7<sup>th</sup> November
- D. 10<sup>th</sup> November
- E. 11<sup>th</sup> November

Ans. B

Sol. This year Ayurveda Day is being observed on 5th November 2018.

Ministry of AYUSH observes Ayurveda Day every year on Dhanawantari Jayanti (Dhanteras).

The objective of the day to encourage

entrepreneurs and Ayurveda stakeholders towards businesses opportunities in the sector.

24. Who has been selected for the highest literacy prize 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2018'?

- A. Muhammad Yunus
- B. N. K Singh
- C. Jacques Dubochet
- D. M Mukundan
- E. Joachim Frank

Ans. D

Sol. Noted Malayalam writer M Mukundan has been selected for the highest literacy prize 'Ezhuthachan Puraskaram 2018' for his overall contributions to the language and literature.

The Ezhuthachan Puraskaram is the highest literary honour named after Ezhuthachan (the father of the Malayalam language), given by the Kerala Sahitya Akademi, Government of Kerala.

25. Who has been conferred with the 'Global Education Award' in Dubai for his "pioneering" contributions to the field of education?

- A. K Chandrasekharan
- B. Anand Kumar
- C. Harish Chandra
- D. Raghuram Rajan
- E. C. Rangarajan

Ans. B

Sol. Veteran Mathematician Anand Kumar (Super 30 founder) will be awarded for his 'pioneering' contribution to the field of education and illuminating the lives of many talented students. Mr Anand will be honoured with 'Global Education Award' by 'Malabar Gold & Diamonds', a flagship company of Malabar Group, a leading Indian business conglomerate.

26. Which city hosted the 1st Indo-French Conclave 2018?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. Nagpur
- D. Mumbai
- E. Bhopal

Ans. C



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Sol. The first Indo-French Conclave signed 12 agreements worth 200 million euro held in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The Indo-French Conclave was organized by Indo French Chamber of Commerce & Industry (IFCCI) and the Embassy of France in India.

27. Which engineering institution has designed and booted up India's first microprocessor 'Shakti'?

- A. IIT Kharagpur
- B. IIT Patna
- C. IIT Guwahati
- D. IIT Madras
- E. IIT Kanpur

Ans. D

Sol. The Indian Institute of Technology-Madras (IITM) have designed and booted up India's first microprocessor 'Shakti'.

An open-source high-level synthesis language 'Bluespec' was used in making the chips.

The Shakti microprocessor can be used in low-power wireless systems and networking systems besides reducing reliance on imported microprocessors in communication and defence sectors.

28. Who has won the Paris Masters Men's Singles Tennis title 2018?

- A. Karen Khachanov
- B. Roger Federer
- C. Novak Djokovic
- D. Stan Wawrinka
- E. Rafael Nadal

Ans. A

Sol. Russian Karen Khachanov has lifted the Paris Masters Men's Singles Tennis title with a stunning win over Novak Djokovic.

He defeated Djokovic in straight sets, 7-5, 6-4 to end the Serb's 22-match unbeaten run.

29. Which of the following cities hosted the 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting?

- A. Hangzhou
- B. Durban
- C. Beijing
- D. Johannesburg
- E. Moscow

Ans. B

Sol. The 18th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers Meeting was held in Durban, South Africa.

This meeting took place during the on-going celebrations of the 150th year of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and the 100th birth anniversary of Nelson Mandela.

30. On which of the following river Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated the iconic 'Signature Bridge'?

- A. Ganga
- B. Yamuna
- C. Hindon
- D. Gomti
- E. Kaveri

Ans. B

Sol. Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has inaugurated the iconic 'Signature Bridge' over river 'Yamuna' in Delhi.

The Signature Bridge (675 metres long) is a cantilever spar cable-stayed bridge, spans Yamuna river at Wazirabad section, connecting Wazirabad to East Delhi.

31. The famous Bhajan singer Vinod Agrawal passed away in Mathura, Uttar Pradesh. He was used to sing mostly hymns of \_\_\_\_.

- A. Ram
- B. Shiva
- C. Durga
- D. Lord Krishna
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. The famous Bhajan singer Vinod Agrawal (63-year) passed away in Nayati hospital of Mathura in Uttar Pradesh. He was used to sing mostly hymns of Lord Krishna.

Vinod Agrawal had done more than 1500 live shows across the globe including Singapore, Italy, Britain, Switzerland, France, Germany, Ireland, Canada and Dubai.

32. Who among the following has become the Captain of the US national cricket team?

- A. Richard Staple
- B. Steve Massiah
- C. Sushil Nadkarni



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D. Faoud Bacchus  
E. Saurabh Netravalkar

Ans. E

Sol. Former Mumbai medium pacer Saurabh Netravalkar has become the captain of the US national cricket team. He was India's highest wicket-taker in the team's ill-fated U-19 World Cup campaign in 2010.

Netravalkar played his only Ranji Trophy game for Mumbai against Karnataka and claimed three wickets.

33. Who has been elected as the President of International Boxing Association?

- A. Gafur Rakhimov
- B. Anwar Chowdhry
- C. Jacques Dubochet
- D. Joachim Frank
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. Controversial Uzbek businessman 'Gafur Rakhimov' has been elected as the president of the International Boxing Association (AIBA).

The International Boxing Association or AIBA is a sports organization that sanctions amateur (Olympic-style) boxing matches and awards world and subordinate championships.

34. As per the latest report of global cybersecurity company, 'Kaspersky Lab', What is India's rank at worldwide when it comes to the dangers associated with surfing the web?

- A. 12<sup>th</sup>
- B. 15<sup>th</sup>
- C. 16<sup>th</sup>
- D. 17<sup>th</sup>
- E. 11<sup>th</sup>

Ans. A

Sol. According to a report by global cybersecurity company, 'Kaspersky Lab', India is ranked 12th worldwide when it comes to the dangers associated with surfing the web.

Kaspersky Lab products detected 48,093,743 Internet-borne malware incidents on the computers of KSN participants in India.

35. How many new All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS) will be opened by the AYUSH Ministry?

- A. 2
- B. 19
- C. 15
- D. 11
- E. 10

Ans. B

Sol. According to AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik, the Ayurveda Departments will be opened in the 19 new All India Institute of Medical Science (AIIMS).

Home Ministry has approved to open Ayurveda Departments in seven hospitals of BSF and other Paramilitary forces.

This year government has taken many steps to fulfil the theme 'Ayurveda for public health'.

36. Who has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) and CEO (Chief executive officer) of UCO Bank?

- A. Ashok Vajpeyi
- B. Balan Nambiar
- C. Atul Kumar Goel
- D. Biswa Sarma
- E. Uttam Pacharne

Ans. C

Sol. Atul Kumar Goel has been appointed as Managing Director (MD) and CEO (Chief executive officer) of UCO Bank. Earlier, he was executive director of Union Bank of India.

UCO Bank (formerly United Commercial Bank) established in 1943 in Kolkata.

37. Which of the following financial company has received RBI licence to start a non-banking financial company (NBFC) biz?

- A. New York Life Insurance
- B. Capital One Financial
- C. Kirloskar Capital
- D. Principal Financial Group
- E. Fidelity National Financial

Ans. C

Sol. Kirloskar Capital has received RBI licence to start a non-banking financial company (NBFC) biz

Kirloskar Capital is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kirloskar Oil Engines (KOEL), plans to lend more than Rs 1,000 crore over the next three years. Earlier, the company roped in former Indo-Star Capital Finance Managing



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Director and Chief Executive Officer, Vimal Bhandari, to head its operations.  
38. Which of the following city will host the World Corporate Games 2019?

- A. Dushanbe
- B. Astana
- C. Beijing
- D. Tashkent
- E. Doha

Ans. E

Sol. The World Corporate Games 2019 will be held for the first time in the Middle East in Doha.

The 23rd edition is held under the patronage of Prime Minister and Interior Minister H E Sheikh Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani and will bring together the local, regional and international business sporting community.

39. Which of the following countries has signed a loan agreement approximately 1817 crores with India for the construction of Turga Pumped Storage (I)?

- A. Japan
- B. Greece
- C. Poland
- D. Netherlands
- E. Norway

Ans. A

Sol. India and Japan have signed a loan agreement worth of approximately 1817 crores for the construction of Turga Pumped Storage (I).

The objective of the Project is to strengthen the capability to respond to a fluctuation in supply and demand of power and to improve the stability of the power supply.

40. Which of the following Pakistani player has announced his retirement from ODI cricket to prolong his Test Cricket career?

- A. Azhar Ali
- B. Shaheen Afridi
- C. Asif Ali
- D. Shadab Khan
- E. Hasan Ali

Ans. A

Sol. Former Pakistan captain Azhar Ali has announced his retirement from ODI cricket in order to prolong his Test

career.

Azhar has been one of Pakistan's most prolific run-scorers in Test cricket as he scored a triple century and a double hundred in Tests in the UAE and Australia in 2016 & 2017.

41. International Day of Tolerance is being observed across the world on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 15<sup>th</sup> November
- B. 16<sup>th</sup> November
- C. 13<sup>th</sup> November
- D. 14<sup>th</sup> November
- E. None of these

Ans. B

Sol. International Day of Tolerance is being observed on 16<sup>th</sup> November

**Note:** It is annually observed on 16<sup>th</sup> November to educate people about the need for tolerance in society and to help them understand the negative effects of intolerance.

42. Which of the following 'e-learning portal' has been launched by the Delhi Police to impart in-service training to its personnel?

- A. Bright storm
- B. NIPUN
- C. Coursera
- D. Big Think
- E. Busuu

Ans. B

Sol. In consonance with the spirit of digital India, the Delhi Police has launched an e-learning portal 'NIPUN' to impart in-service training to its personnel.

It will benefit the police officers investigating various cases by providing online resource and information on the law, standing orders, investigation checklists, forms for case files, latest High Court and Supreme Court rulings.

43. Which of the following banks has introduced a new savings bank (SB) scheme 'KBL SB - TASC'?

- A. State Bank of India
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. Karnataka Bank
- E. HDFC Bank

Ans. D





Sol. Karnataka Bank has introduced a new savings bank (SB) scheme 'KBL SB – TASC', a specialized product for trusts, associates, societies, and clubs.

Under the nationwide CASA campaign, the bank intends to open more than 4.18 lakh current and savings accounts with the active involvement of its 8000-plus workforce in all the 823 branches across the country.

44. Which of the following countries will take legal action against India at the WTO over sugar subsidies?

- A. Australia
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. Singapore
- E. Malaysia

Ans. A

Sol. Australia is taking legal action against India at the WTO over sugar subsidies, alleging that it caused a "significant downturn" in world prices and hurt Australian producers.

Australia alleges that the subsidies, which have seen Indian sugar production leap from an average 20 million tonnes to 35 million tonnes this year, far exceed the level of farmer assistance permitted under WTO rules.

45. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a Rs. 3-crores fine each on two lenders for non-compliance of various norms?

- A. ICICI Bank & Union Bank of India
- B. HDFC Bank & State Bank of India
- C. Deutsche Bank & Jammu and Kashmir Bank
- D. Punjab National Bank & Dena Bank
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a Rs. 3-crore fine each on two lenders Deutsche Bank and Jammu and Kashmir Bank for non-compliance of various norms, including asset classification and know your customer norms.

46. Every year November 14 is observed as the World Diabetes Day. What is the theme of the 2018 World Diabetes Day?

- A. Eyes on Diabetes
- B. Women and diabetes - Our right to a

healthy future

- C. The Family and Diabetes
- D. Healthy Living and Diabetes
- E. Protect Our Future

Ans. C

Sol. • Every year November 14 is observed as the World Diabetes Day.

• The theme for World Diabetes Day 2018 and 2019 is The Family and Diabetes.

• Over 425 million people are currently living with diabetes.

• The day is observed to spread and raise awareness and to provide affordable care to all.

• World Diabetes Day was first introduced in 1991 and founded by both the International Diabetes Federation and the World Health Organization.

47. The World Philosophy Day is observed on \_\_\_\_ in 2018.

- A. 17th November
- B. 16th November
- C. 14th November
- D. 15th November
- E. 10th November

Ans. D

Sol. World Philosophy Day was proclaimed by UNESCO to be celebrated every 3rd Thursday of November (15th Nov 2018).

It is a day for people to share thoughts, openly explore and discuss new ideas and inspire public debate or discussion on society's challenges.

48. According to the TeamLease Employment Outlook report 2018-19, India's job outlook drops by how much percent in second half of this financial year?

- A. 4%
- B. 3%
- C. 4.5%
- D. 5.3%
- E. 2.3%

Ans. B

Sol. • According to the TeamLease Employment Outlook report 2018-19, India's job outlook drops by 3 percent to 92% in second half of this financial year.

• It was 95 percent in the preceding half-year (April-September 2018),



according to Team Lease Employment Outlook report 2018-19.

49. John Hastings announced his retirement from all forms of cricket. He is a fast bowler of which cricket team?

- A. South Africa
- B. England
- C. New Zealand
- D. Australia
- E. None of these

Ans. D

Sol. • Australian fast bowler **John Hastings** has retired from all forms of cricket fearing a mystery ailment could lead him to bleed to death on the field.

- Hastings made his debut for Australia in one-day and Twenty20 internationals in 2010.

- He played a lone Test in 2012, while the last of his 29 appearances for Australia in one-day internationals was against New Zealand in the 2017 Champions Trophy.

50. Which among the following Public Sector Banks celebrated its 100th Foundation Day on 11th November 2018?

- A. Bank of India
- B. Union Bank of India
- C. Syndicate Bank
- D. Indian Overseas Bank
- E. Allahabad Bank

Ans. B

Sol. • Union Bank of India on 11th Nov 2018 celebrated its 100th Foundation Day in Mumbai.

- Established on November 11, 1919, the bank's corporate office in Mumbai was inaugurated by Mahatma Gandhi.

51. Samudra Shakti 2018 is a naval exercise between India and which country?

- A. Nepal
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Russia
- D. Indonesia
- E. Myanmar

Ans. D

Sol. \* "Samudra Shakti" is a bilateral Navy exercise between India and Indonesia. It was held at the port of Surabaya in Indonesia.

52. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'APIX' a banking technology platform designed to reach nearly two billion people worldwide who are still without bank accounts. What is the expanded form of 'APIX'?

- A. Account Programming Interface Exchange
- B. Application Programming Interface Exchange
- C. Application Protocol Interface Exchange
- D. Application Programming Interbank Exchange
- E. Account Programme Interbank Exchange

Ans. B

Sol. • Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the APIX (Application Programming Interface Exchange), a banking technology platform designed to reach nearly two billion people worldwide who are still without bank accounts.

- He launched the APIX platform in Singapore during the Fintech Festival 2018.

- APIX is a banking technology platform designed to reach two billion people worldwide who are still without bank accounts.

53. What is the theme of the 2018 World Science Day for Peace & Development?

- A. Science for Global Understanding
- B. Science, a Human Right
- C. Discover Your World
- D. Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums
- E. A Science for Society

Ans. B

Sol. \* The theme for 2018 is "Science, a Human Right".

- \* World Science Day for Peace & Development celebrated every year on 10 Nov.

- \* The day is observed to highlight the important role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues.

54. According to the report of National Bureau of economic research (NBER), which among the following cities is the most congested of India?



- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Pune
- D. Bengaluru
- E. Kolkata

Ans. D

Sol. \* According to the National bureau of economic research (NBER) Bengaluru is the country's most congested and second slowest city.

\* Bengaluru tops the index for most congested city in the country followed by Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai and Kolkata.

\* When it comes to traffic speed, Kolkata is the slowest city, followed by Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Varanasi.

55. Stan Lee who passed away recently was the creator of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Keyboard
- B. Supercomputer
- C. Marvel comics
- D. Wifi
- E. Tablet pen

Ans. C

Sol. \* Stan Lee, one of the masterminds of the Marvel comics universe, has died at the age of 95.

\* Lee created the Fantastic Four for Marvel Comics in 1961.

\* Lee was the creator of dozens of now-iconic comics-book heroes, including Spider-Man, X-Men, the Avengers, the Fantastic Four and Black Panther.

56. Who among the following won the Brazilian Grand Prix 2018?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Lewis Hamilton
- C. Daniel Ricciardo
- D. Kimi Räikkönen
- E. Valtteri Bottas

Ans. B

Sol. \* Lewis Hamilton took a lucky win in the Brazilian Grand Prix after Red Bull's Max Verstappen lost the lead in a collision with backmarker Esteban Ocon.

\* The win was Hamilton's 10th of the season and 72nd of his career.

57. In 2019, the 34th edition of the ASEAN Summit will be held in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Vietnam
- B. Cambodia
- C. Myanmar

- D. Philippines
- E. Thailand

Ans. E

Sol. \* In 2019, the 34th edition of the ASEAN Summit will be held in Thailand.

\* The 33rd edition of the ASEAN Summit was held in Singapore.

58. Which Indian journalist wins Press Freedom Award for Courage in UK?

- A. Sahar Zaman
- B. Siddharth Varadarajan
- C. Rajat Sharma
- D. Swati Chaturvedi
- E. Sudhir Chaudhary

Ans. D

Sol. \* Freelance journalist Swati Chaturvedi won the Press Freedom Award for Courage for her book, I am a Troll: Inside The Secret World of The Bharatiya Janata Party's Digital Army

\* The award was presented at the Getty Images Gallery in London's Fitzrovia on November 8.

\* The award ceremony organized by the UK chapter of Paris-based Reporters Sans Frontiers (RSF) or Reporters Without Borders in London.

59. The nation celebrates the National Education Day on November 11 as a mark of respect to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- B. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- C. Sarojini Naidu
- D. Vallabhbhai Patel
- E. Rajendra Prasad

Ans. B

Sol. \* The nation celebrates the National Education Day on November 11 as a mark of respect to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

\* Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was a freedom fighter and independent India's first Education Minister (served from 1947 to 1958).

60. Who has been appointed as the new chairman of 'Competition Commission of India'?

- A. Shashi Shekhar
- B. S.K. Jain
- C. Ashok Kumar Gupta
- D. Sudhir Mital
- E. Ajay Srivastava

Ans. C



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Sol. Former IAS officer Ashok Kumar Gupta has been appointed as the chairperson of the Competition Commission of India.

He replaced Sudhir Mital.

61. Which of the following city hosted the 14th edition of international children's theatre festival?

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

Ans. C

Sol. The 14th edition of JashneBachpan (theatre festival for children) was held at the Sammukh, Abhimanch, Abhikalp and Little Theatre Group (LTG) auditorium in New Delhi.

The main aim of conducting Jashnebachpan is to bring theatre into prominence.

62. What is the theme of Universal Children's Day 2018?

- A. Children are taking over and turning the world blue
- B. Investing in teenage girls
- C. Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies
- D. Focus is on Adolescent Pregnancy
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The theme of 2018 Universal Children's Day (UCD) is 'Children are taking over and turning the world blue'. The Universal Children's Day (UCD) has been observed across the world on 20th November every year to promote international awareness among children worldwide

63. Who has been appointed the new chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)?

- A. Jalaj Srivastava
- B. Talmiz Ahmad
- C. TCA Raghavan
- D. Sudhir T Devare
- E. Rajiv Kumar Bhatia

Ans. A

Sol. Jalaj Srivastava (IAS-officer 1984 batch) has been appointed as chairman of the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI). The IWAI comes under the

Union Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport and Highways.

64. 'Fuego' is an active volcano situated in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. China
- B. Japan
- C. Indonesia
- D. Sri Lanka
- E. Guatemala

Ans. E

Sol. Fuego volcano of Guatemala has erupted for the fifth time this year, sending bursts of ash and lava down the mountain.

A column of ash rose about a kilometre above the crater and areas around the volcano, near Guatemala City, were under a barrage of gas-ash and fiery rocks.

65. Which of the following ministry is celebrating its first Naturopathy Day across the country?

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- C. Ministry of Environment
- D. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- E. Ministry of AYUSH

Ans. E

Sol. The AYUSH Ministry is celebrating its first Naturopathy Day across the country.

More than 1,000 Naturopathy specialist doctors from all over the country participated in the event, which was organised by International Naturopathy Organisation in association with Ministry of AYUSH.

66. Which cities hosted the fifteen days Aadi Mahotsav festival?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Pune
- C. Bhopal
- D. Allahabad
- E. None of these

Ans. A

Sol. The fifteen days Aadi Mahotsav festival has begun in the national capital Delhi. More than 600 artisans from 23 states will participate in the event. The theme of the festival is 'celebration of the spirit of tribal culture, craft, cuisine and commerce'.



67. Which of the following banks has approved 105-million Dollar loan agreement to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in Himachal Pradesh for increased supply of hydropower?

- A. SoftBank Group Corp
- B. HDFC Bank
- C. Indian Overseas Bank
- D. Bank of China
- E. Asian Development Bank

Ans. E

Sol. India and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 105-million Dollar loan agreement to continue financing the transmission system upgrades in Himachal Pradesh for increased supply of hydropower.

68. Which of the following organisation has won the Indira Gandhi Peace Prize for the year 2018?

- A. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- B. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C. Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)
- D. International Court of Justice (ICJ)
- E. International Labour Organization (ILO)

Ans. C

Sol. The Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) has won 2018 Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development.

The award, comprising a cash prize of Rs.25 lakh and a citation.

The CSE was established in 1980 under the leadership of the late Anil Agarwal and is presently headed by Sunita Narain.

69. World Toilet Day being observed on 19th November across the world to raise awareness and inspire action to tackle the global sanitation crisis. What is the theme of the 2018 World Toilet Day?

- A. Wastewater
- B. To tackle Global Sanitation Crisis
- C. Toilets and Flush
- D. Environment Friendly Toilets
- E. When Nature Calls

Ans. E

Sol. The World Toilet Day is observed across the world on 19th November with an aim to motivate millions across the world on issues of sanitation.

The theme for 2018 is 'When Nature Calls' (based on Nature Based solutions).

70. Who has won the bronze medal in the Under-21 singles category at the International Table Tennis Federation Challenge Belgosstrakh Belarus Open in Minsk, Belarus?

- A. Soumyajit Ghosh
- B. Anthony Amalraj
- C. Sanil Shetty
- D. Manav Thakkar
- E. Subhajit Saha

Ans. D

Sol. India's Manav Thakkar settled for a bronze medal in the Under-21 singles category in the International Table Tennis Federation Challenge Belgosstrakh Belarus Open in Minsk, Belarus.

Manav lost to Russia's Denis Ivonin in the semifinals to miss out on the gold.

71. Which of the following country will be the focused country at the 2018 International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in Panaji, Goa?

- A. South Korea
- B. Brazil
- C. Japan
- D. Israel
- E. France

Ans. D

Sol. Israel will be the focus country of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2018.

Veteran Israeli filmmaker Dan Wolman will be given the Lifetime Achievement Award.

72. Which Australian stadium will host the final match of both the men's and women's World Twenty20 cricket in 2020?

- A. Adelaide Oval
- B. Sydney Cricket Ground
- C. Melbourne Cricket Ground
- D. The Gabba
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Australia's biggest stadium Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) will



host the final match of both the men's and women's World Twenty20 cricket in 2020.

The eight host cities will be Adelaide, Brisbane, Canberra, Geelong, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney.

The MCG is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register and was included on the Australian National Heritage List in 2005.

73. Which of the following countries hosted the annual meeting of Asia-Pacific economic Co-operation (APEC) Summit 2018?

- A. China
- B. Singapore
- C. Japan
- D. Papua New Guinea
- E. Thailand

Ans. D

Sol. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit ended with its leaders failing to agree on a formal joint statement in Papua New Guinea. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) is a regional economic forum established in 1989 to leverage the growing interdependence of the Asia-Pacific. APEC has 21 members.

74. India's first specialized hospital for elephants was formally opened in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Gorakhpur
- B. Kochi
- C. Patna
- D. Mathura
- E. Ranchi

Ans. D

Sol. India's first specialized hospital for elephants has been formally opened at Farah block's Churmura village in Mathura District of Uttar Pradesh State.

75. Asia's first woman neurosurgeon T.S. Kanaka passes away after a brief illness. She belonged to which state?

- A. Punjab
- B. Bihar
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Uttar Pradesh
- E. Tamil Nadu

Ans. E

Sol. Asia's first woman neurosurgeon, T.S. Kanaka (86-years) passed away in

Chennai (Tamil Nadu) after a brief illness.

Kanaka, who retired as professor of Neurosurgery, Institute of Neurology, Madras Medical College (MMC), in 1990, was known to have inspired many women to take to the field of neurosurgery in the country.

She was the third woman neurosurgeon in the whole world.

76. Cyclone 'Gaja' has recently hit which states?

- A. Punjab & Himachal Pradesh
- B. Karnataka & Andhra Pradesh
- C. Odisha & Andhra Pradesh
- D. Tamil Nadu & Puducherry
- E. Goa & Maharashtra

Ans. D

Sol. Parts of coastal Tamil Nadu and Puducherry got widespread rainfall as Cyclone Gaja came closer to the Tamil Nadu coast. This cyclone too was unique and variations in the movement were one of its characteristics.

77. Who has been sworn-in as the Chief Justice of Patna High Court?

- A. Justice Amareshwar Pratap Sahi
- B. Justice L Narasimha Reddy
- C. Justice Iqbal Ahmed Ansari
- D. Justice Rekha Manharlal Doshit
- E. Justice Shri Dipak Misra

Ans. A

Sol. Justice Amareshwar Pratap Sahi was sworn in as the new chief justice of Patna High Court.

Prior to his appointment Justice Sahi was a judge of the Allahabad High Court.

78. Who has been conferred with the coveted Global Education Leaders Award 2018?

- A. Muhammad Yunus
- B. M K Singh
- C. Jacques Dubochet
- D. Dr Saroj Suman Gulati
- E. Joachim Frank

Ans. D

Sol. An educationist Dr Saroj Suman Gulati has been conferred with the coveted Global Education Leaders Award 2018 by His Highness Nahyan Bin Mubarak Al Nahyan (member of the Cabinet and Minister of State for Tolerance) UAE.



The award has been conferred on Dr Gulati in recognition of her exemplary contribution to 'K-12 education and promotion of Art and Culture'.

79. Brigadier Mr. Kuldip Singh Chandpuri (retd) passed away in Punjab. Mr Chandpuri is known as the hero of the historic 1971 battle of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Kargil War
- B. Sino-Indian War
- C. Longewala
- D. Battle of Chawinda
- E. None of these

Ans. C

Sol. Mr Chandpuri is known as the hero of the historic 1971 battle of Longewala. The battle of Longewala (1971) was one of the first major engagements in the western sector during the Indo-Pak war of 1971, fought between assaulting

Pakistani forces and Indian defenders at the Indian border post of Longewala in the Thar desert of Rajasthan.

80. Who has been elected as the new President of International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)?

- A. Xu Bing
- B. Meng Hongwei
- C. Mel Chin
- D. Sam Chang
- E. Kim Jong Yang

Ans. E

Sol. South Korea Kim Jong Yang has been elected as the new President of International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL) for a two-year term.

The headquarters of INTERPOL is located at Lyon, France.



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