



# IBPS Guide

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## Monthly Current Affairs Quiz – October 2018

**1. The Prime Minister has inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi Museum in which city?**

- a) Rajkot
- b) Ahmedabad
- c) Surat
- d) Pune
- e) Mumbai

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi Museum in Rajkot.

**2. Which state government is constructing India's biggest war memorial?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Odisha
- d) Jharkhand
- e) Haryana

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das has said their government is constructing India's biggest war memorial. Stories of the slain soldiers' bravery will be written in the war memorial which will have a replica of the Kargil War so that the youth can understand their duties towards the nation.

**3. Recently which state government has inked A Memorandum of understanding with Portuguese Environment Ministry on water management?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Goa
- c) Tamilnadu
- d) Odisha
- e) Gujarat

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Portuguese Environment Ministry and the Public Works Department of Goa will help the State manage its water resources better.

**4. Recently who has been elected president of Indian Newspaper Society?**

- a) Lav Saksena
- b) Shailesh Gupta
- c) Sharad Saxena
- d) Mahendra Mohan Gupta



e) Jayant Mammen Mathew

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Jayant Mammen Mathew, Executive Editor of Malayala Manorama, was elected as the president of the prestigious Indian Newspaper Society, an apex body of the country's print media industry.

**5. Recently who has won Business World's '40 Under 40' title?**

- a) Chiranjiv Patel
- b) Mark Zuckerberg
- c) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- d) Sachin Bansal
- e) Binny Bansal

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Prominent entrepreneur Chiranjiv Patel has bagged the prestigious "BW 40 under 40" award in BW Business World's second edition of 40 Under 40 awards held in Gurgaon.

**6. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred this bank from opening new branches.**

- a) RBL Bank
- b) Bandhan Bank
- c) Dena Bank
- d) Vijaya Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) barred Bandhan Bank from opening new branches and also ordered freezing of the bank's CEO salary over failure to stick to shareholding rules. The Bank was not able to bring down the shareholding of Non-Operative Financial Holding Company (NOFHC) to 40% as required under the licensing condition, general permission to open new branches stands withdrawn.

**7. With which IT giant Government launches Rail heritage digitisation project in collaboration?**

- a) Google
- b) HCL
- c) Facebook
- d) YouTube
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Union Railway Ministry has launched Rail Heritage Digitisation Project in collaboration with Google Arts and Culture Association. It can be accessed at "https://artsandculture.google.com/project/indian-railways". It is first-of-its-kind project that aims to showcase India's rail heritage to the national and international audience in an online story-telling platform. It is also largest cultural heritage digitisation project in India and possibly in entire Asia Pacific Region.

**8. Who has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI)?**

- a) N. Ravi
- b) Mark Zuckerberg
- c) Vijay Shekhar Sharma
- d) Mahendra Mohan Gupta
- e) Jayant Mammen Mathew

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**



**N. Ravi**, Publisher and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu, has been unanimously elected **Chairman of the Press Trust of India (PTI)**. Also, **Vijay Kumar Chopra**, Chief Editor of the Punjab Kesari Group of newspapers, was elected **Vice-Chairman**.

**9. Which state going set up flute performance research institute?**

- a) Goa
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Karnataka
- d) Tripura
- e) Assam

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Tripura Government would set up a flute performance research institute to take out the traditional musical act and its eminence as a traditional musical instrument across the world, Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb said.

**10. Where did India's first flood forecast system inaugurated?**

- a) Chennai
- b) Mumbai
- c) New Delhi
- d) Bangalore
- e) Kolkata

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The Kolkata Municipal Corporation, with the support of the Asian Development Bank, has launched the country's first flood forecasting and early-warning system. It will provide real-time data on inundation, rainfall intensity, temperature, air quality and other climate-related data This is expected to help policy-makers make informed decisions during disasters.

**11. Which of the following is the first Indian state to offer a Wage Compensation Scheme for pregnant women working in the tea gardens?**

- a) Arunachal Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Karnataka
- d) Assam
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Assam Government has become the first Indian state to offer a Wage Compensation Scheme for pregnant women working in the tea gardens of the state. The scheme will be launched by Assam Chief Minister Sarbanand Sonowal in Guwahati. The announcement was made by the state's Health and Finance Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma.

**12. Who won 2018 Nobel Medicine or Physiology Prize?**

- a) Carl H. June and Timothy Ray Brown
- b) Steven Rosenberg and Zelig Eshhar
- c) James Reyniers and Ragnar Granit
- d) James P Allison and Tasaku Honjo
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The Nobel Medicine or Physiology Prize has been awarded to James P Allison and Tasaku Honjo "for their discovery of cancer therapy by inhibition of negative immune regulation". This is for the first time that no Literature Prize will be given in 70 years because of a #MeToo scandal. The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine was awarded by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, Sweden.



**13. Which group has announced that it is to invest Rs.180 crore in India to improve farmers' livelihood?**

- a) Facebook
- b) Microsoft
- c) Walmart
- d) Infosys
- e) Reliance

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Walmart Foundation announced that it is to invest Rs.180 crore in India over the next five years to improve farmers' livelihood. The funds would be used to support farmer organisations to develop knowledge of sustainable farming practices, share business best practices and add value to primary agricultural commodities. The money will also be used to improve access to finance and markets.

**14. Which state tops in the list with the maximum penetration and Assets Under Management (AUM)?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Karnataka
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Goa
- e) Tamil Nadu

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

According to Association of Mutual Funds of India's (AMFI) statistics, Maharashtra tops the chart for state with the maximum penetration and Assets Under Management (AUM). Also, as per August, average assets under management (AUM) of mutual funds rose to an all-time high of Rs 25.2 lakh crore across the country. For Maharashtra, it touched Rs 10.35 lakh crore, about 41.1% of the all-India total. It is followed by Delhi having Rs 2.35 lakh crore and Karnataka having Rs 1.76 lakh crore.

**15. Which of the following replaces Madhya Pradesh Gaupalan Evam Pashudhan Samvardhan (MPGEPS) Board ?**

- a) Ministry of cows
- b) Ministry of fertilizers
- c) Ministry of aviation
- d) Ministry of Coal
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Madhya Pradesh CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the setting up of a Ministry for cows. The Cow Ministry will replace the existing Madhya Pradesh Gaupalan Evam Pashudhan Samvardhan (MPGEPS) Board because it has limitations.

**16. Which country join hands with India for developing ICT Sector ?**

- a) Uzbekistan
- b) Pakistan
- c) Saudi Arabia
- d) Albania
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Minister for Electronics & Information Technology, Ravi Shankar Prasad and his counterpart Shuhrat Sadikov was held for strengthening the ICT sector. Union IT Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad assured his counterpart that India will provide all possible technical support from the Indian side in the digital growth of Uzbekistan.

**17. How many cities have been Locate Public Toilets On Google Maps With LooReview Campaign ?**

- a) 3400
- b) 560



- c) 850
- d) 2500
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Locate Public Toilets On Google Maps With LooReview Campaign will be around 3400 cities.

**18. Where did AICTE to establish country's first AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Chennai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Jaipur
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

All India Council for Technical Education will establish country's first AICTE Training and Learning (ATAL) Academy in Jaipur, capital of Rajasthan. Moreover, three more ATAL academies will come at Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala), Guwahati (Assam) and Baroda (Gujarat) by next year.

**19. Which state has launched 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestham aims at creating more employable youth?'**

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Kerala
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Goa
- e) None of These

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Andhra Pradesh IT Minister Nara Lokesh has said that the state government's 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestham' scheme is aimed at creating more employable youth.

**20. Where was India's first Corn Festival started?**

- a) Maharashtra
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Assam
- e) Bihar

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

In Madhya Pradesh, the first corn festival of the country is being held in Chhindwara. The festival is one of a kind international event. Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest corn producing states in India, with Chhindwara being the highest corn producing district.

**21. Which of the following became first stock exchange in the country to launch commodity derivative contracts?**

- a) NSC
- b) BSE
- c) NASDAC
- d) Tokyo stock exchange
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

India's leading bourse Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) became first stock exchange in the country to launch commodity derivative contracts. It has launched contracts in popular commodities like gold (1kg) and silver (30kg). This launch comes after unified exchange regime kicked off from 1 October 2018.



**22. In which country India releases commemorative stamps to mark Gandhi Jayanti?**

- a) China
- b) South Africa
- c) Netherlands
- d) Indonesia
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Indian embassy in the Netherlands released commemorative stamps in honour of Mahatma Gandhi's 150th birth anniversary. The stamps were released in the country's iconic Peace Palace, home to the International Court of Justice, by the Indian Postal Department and were presented by India's ambassador to the Netherlands, Venu Rajamony

**23. Which state became first state give legal protection to good Samaritans who help accidents victims?**

- a) Kerala
- b) Tamilnadu
- c) Orissa
- d) Maharashtra
- e) Karnataka

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

President Ram Nath Kovind has given assent Karnataka Good Samaritan and Medical Professional (Protection and Regulation during Emergency Situations) Bill, 2016 under Article 200 of Constitution. With this, Karnataka became first state give legal protection to good Samaritans who help accidents victims with emergency medical care within golden hour. This law will ensure that good samaritans are not harassed in any manner and face any criminal or civil liability.

**24. What is the India's GDP growth, according to UNCTAD?**

- a) 7.0
- b) 7.1
- c) 7.2
- d) 7.6
- e) 7.5

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has expected India's economy to grow 7.0% in calendar year 2018 compared with 6.2% in 2017. As per the report "Trade and Development", the effects of demonetization are still evident in private consumption trends within the economy.

**25. Who was appointed as new Director-General of Railway Protection Force (RPF)?**

- a) Arun Kumar
- b) Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad
- c) Adam Mosseri
- d) Sanya Richards-Ross
- e) Mile Jedinak

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Arun Kumar, a 1985 batch officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has been appointed the new Director-General of Railway Protection Force (RPF). He will hold the charge as RPF's DG till his superannuation on June 30, 2021. He succeeded Dharmendra Kumar.

**26. Who won 2018 UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award?**

- a) Arun Kumar
- b) Dr. Evan Atar Adaha
- c) Adam Mosseri



- d) Sanya Richards-Ross
- e) Mile Jedinak

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Dr. Evan Atar Adaha, surgeon and medical director at a hospital in Bunj of north-eastern South Sudan, has won the prestigious the 2018 UNHCR Nansen Refugee for his outstanding 20-year commitment in providing medical services to people forced to flee conflict. He also provides health services to locals as well as refugees from Sudan's neighbouring Blue Nile State, in the small town of Bunj.

**27. Where did Sustainable mountain development summit 2018 going to held?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Kolkata
- c) New Delhi
- d) Noida
- e) Shimla

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Deliberations on ecological, social and economic drivers of change will mark the Sustainable Mountain Development Summit VII to be held in Shimla from October 3 to 5.

**28. What is the rank of India in world terms of largest pictorial warning on cigarette packs?**

- a) 6
- b) 15
- c) 12
- d) 5
- e) 7

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

India was ranked 5th among 206 countries in Cigarette Package Health Warnings: International Status Report 2018 released by Canadian Cancer Society. The ranking of the countries was in terms of largest pictorial warning on cigarette packs. In India, 85% of both sides of cigarette packets are covered with warnings.

**29. Which countries participated in IBSAMAR a joint Multi-National Maritime Exercise is being held at Simons Town, South Africa?**

- a) India
- b) Brazil
- c) South Africa
- d) Both a and b
- e) All of the above

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The sixth edition of IBSAMAR, a joint Multi-National Maritime Exercise between the Indian, Brazilian and South African Navies, is being held at Simons Town, South Africa.

**30. Who will be captain of Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy 2018?**

- a) Sardar Singh
- b) Sreejesh
- c) Manpreet Singh
- d) Yuvaraj
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**



Indian midfielder Manpreet Singh will be captain of the 18-member Indian team at the 5th edition of Asian Men's Hockey Champions Trophy 2018

**31. Union Cabinet hikes the minimum support prices (MSP) of wheat by how much amount per quintal?**

- a) 85
- b) 95
- c) 105
- d) 125
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in its meeting approved the hike in minimum support prices (MSP) of wheat by Rs. 105 per quintal, masaur Rs. 225,/quintal, safflower by Rs. 845/quintal, and gram by Rs. 220/quintal.

**32. Which bank approved a proposal for issuance of preferential shares in favour of LIC?**

- a) IDBI Bank
- b) Dena Bank
- c) Canara Bank
- d) Punjab National Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

IDBI Bank board approved a proposal for issuance of preferential shares in favour of LIC with a view to increase the share of insurer in the bank up to 51 per cent.

**33. Which bank to become a plastic-free organisation in the next 12 months as part of its sustainability commitment?**

- a) Bank of Baroda
- b) State Bank of India
- c) Union Bank of India
- d) IDBI Bank
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

State Bank of India (SBI) on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary pledged to become a plastic-free organisation in the next 12 months as part of its sustainability commitment.

**34. Aditya Birla Finance, the NBFC arm of Aditya Birla Group, has received a ₹1,000-crore term loan for seven years from which organisation?**

- a) International Monetary Fund
- b) Asian Development Bank
- c) New Development Bank
- d) International Finance Corporation
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Aditya Birla Finance, the NBFC arm of Aditya Birla Group, has received a ₹1,000-crore term loan for seven years from the International Finance Corporation, a member of the World Bank Group.

**35. Justice Ranjan Gogoi took oath as the \_\_\_\_\_ Chief Justice of India**

- a) 44th
- b) 45th
- c) 46th
- d) 47th
- e) None of these



**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Justice Ranjan Gogoi took oath as the 46th Chief Justice of India (CJI) in front of President Ram Nath Kovind at the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

**36. Which company has hired former Expedia executive Nikki Krishnamurthy as the ride-hailing startup's Chief People Officer (CPO)?**

- a) Ola
- b) Uber
- c) Lyft
- d) Meru
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Uber has hired former Expedia executive Nikki Krishnamurthy as the ride-hailing startup's Chief People Officer (CPO).

**37. Who has been appointed as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Bank?**

- a) Mahesh Jain
- b) Ashish Gupta
- c) Rajnath Varma
- d) Sandeep Bakhshi
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

ICICI Bank has appointed Sandeep Bakhshi as Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer with immediate effect and accepted Chanda Kochhar's request for early retirement.

**38. Who has been presented with United Nations' highest environmental honour 'Champions of the Earth'?**

- a) Ram Nath Kovind
- b) Vladimir Putin
- c) Narendra Modi
- d) Barack Obama
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

PM Narendra Modi was presented with United Nations' highest environmental honour 'Champions of the Earth' in Delhi by UN Secretary-General António Guterres.

**39. Who among the following is not the winner of Nobel Prize for Chemistry 2018?**

- a) Frances Arnold
- b) George Smith
- c) Gregory Winter
- d) All of the above
- e) None of these

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Scientists Frances Arnold, George Smith and Gregory Winter won the 2018 Nobel Prize for Chemistry for research using directed evolution to produce enzymes for new chemicals and pharmaceuticals.

**40. Who has become the first-ever cricketer to smash a century each on Ranji Trophy, Duleep Trophy and Test cricket debut?**

- a) Prithvi Shaw
- b) Rishabh Pant
- c) Shreyas Iyer



- d) KL Rahul
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Eighteen-year-old opener Prithvi Shaw has become the first-ever cricketer to smash a century each on Ranji Trophy, Duleep Trophy and Test cricket debut.

**41. Who was named as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent for the 3rd Youth Olympic Games to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6-18?**

- a) Manu Bhaker
- b) Rani rampal
- c) Neeraj Chopra
- d) Abhinav Bindra
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Teenage shooting star Manu Bhaker was named as the flag bearer of the Indian contingent for the 3rd Youth Olympic Games to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from October 6-18.

**42. Who were awarded the Noble Prize in Chemistry?**

- a) Frances H Arnold
- b) George P Smith
- c) Sir Gregory P Winter
- d) Both a and b
- e) All of these

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Frances H Arnold and George P Smith from the US and Sir Gregory P Winter from UK were awarded the Noble Prize in Chemistry.

**43. In which country India launched a massive operation “Samudra Maitri” for which country to provide assistance to the earthquake and tsunami victims?**

- a) Indonesia
- b) Argentina
- c) Nepal
- d) Australia
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

India has launched a massive operation to provide assistance to the earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia, dispatching two aircraft and three naval ships carrying relief material to the country.

**44. India’s first National Dolphin Research Centre will soon be opened in which city?**

- a) Lucknow
- b) New Delhi
- c) Patna
- d) Surat
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

With the population of the endangered Gangetic river dolphin decreasing and its habitat changing, the much-awaited National Dolphin Research Centre, India’s and Asia’s first, would be a reality in Patna on October 5.



**45. Which organization has launched a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign “Udyam Abhilasha” in 115 aspirational districts?**

- a) IRDA
- b) SIDBI
- c) NHB
- d) RBI
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

SIDBI has launched a national level entrepreneurship awareness campaign “Udyam Abhilasha” in 115 aspirational districts identified by NITI Aayog in 28 States reaching to around 15,000 youth.

**46. Which university has been declared the cleanest government varsity by the HRD Ministry in “Swachh Campus Rankings” ?**

- a) Banaras Hindu University
- b) Aligarh Muslim University
- c) Maharishi Dayanand University
- d) Integral University
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Haryana’s Maharishi Dayanand University has been declared the cleanest government varsity by the HRD Ministry, followed by Guru Nanak Dev University in Punjab’s Amritsar. Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar announced the “Swachh Campus Rankings” under different categories.

**47. Which has inaugurated the city’s “ Dravyavati River Rejuvenation Project” executed by Tata Projects Ltd?**

- a) Bihar
- b) Haryana
- c) Rajasthan
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) Goa

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Chief Minister Vasudhara Raje inaugurated the city’s “ Dravyavati River Rejuvenation Project” executed by Tata Projects Ltd. spread over 47.5 km rain-fed riverfront.

**48. Who is the new President of Iraq?**

- a) Jalal Talabani
- b) Fuad Masum
- c) Barham Salih
- d) Abdul Salam
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Veteran Kurdish leader Barham Salih has been elected as the President of Iraq.

**49. For Which state India signed how much million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank to provide safe drinking water?**

- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Telangana
- d) West Bengal
- e) None of these



**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

India and Asian Development Bank signed a \$240 million loan agreement to provide safe drinking water to about 1.65 million people in three districts of West Bengal.

**50. UNICEF appointed whom as its special representative of young people?**

- a) Sujoy Ghosh
- b) Deepak singh
- c) Ravi Venkatesan
- d) Ravi Ranjan
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The UNICEF has appointed Ravi Venkatesan as its special representative of young people.

**51. India has aiming to generate 40 percent power from non fossil fuel by which year?**

- a) 2022
- b) 2020
- c) 2025
- d) 2030
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Stressing that India would generate 40 percent of power from non-fossil fuels by 2030, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for connecting solar energy supply across borders giving the mantra of “One World One Sun One Grid”.

**52. MobiKwik's new product to offer instant loan within 90 seconds was named as:**

- a) FastCash
- b) SME
- c) Mortgage Origination Program
- d) Boost
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

MobiKwik launched an instant loan approval and disbursement product called 'Boost'. As per the offer, loans of upto Rs 60,000 can be sanctioned as well as disbursed in a matter of 90 seconds. The approval time for the loan would be 30 seconds based on an innovative risk scoring model called 'Mobiscore'. The minimum amount of loans that can be approved is for Rs. 5000 and the users will have the option to transfer the amount in their bank accounts. They can pay the loan in easy monthly installments of 6-9 months. It is the first-of-its-kind of credit disbursement product that disburses loan amount in the user's mobile wallet.

**53. The Cabinet approve to set up the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation in which state?**

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Himachal Pradesh
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Goa

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Union Cabinet approved the setting up of the National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR) in Sehore district, Madhya Pradesh. The NIMHR at Madhya Pradesh will be the first of its kind in India in the area of mental health rehabilitation. The institute will also serve as recommending body suggesting models and protocols for effective rehabilitation of persons with mental illness.



**54. As per the Trade and Development Report of UNCTAD, what is the GDP growth of India for 2018?**

- a) 7.0%
- b) 7.2%
- c) 6.8%
- d) 6.2%
- e) 6.5%

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in its Trade and Development Report predicted the GDP growth of India for 2018 to be at 7%. Previously in 2017, it was 6.2%. According to the report, India's GDP grew 8.2% in the April-June quarter especially due to manufacturing and better farm sector performance. The main reasons for overall 7% growth are: Expansion in services and higher demand for exports.

**55. Which Institute was named as the national coordinating institute of the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) is?**

- a) IIT-Roorkee
- b) IIT-New Delhi
- c) IIT-Mumbai
- d) IIT-Kharagpur
- e) IIT-Madras

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

IIT-Kharagpur was named the national coordinating institute of the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) under the Ministry of Human Resource Development. As a national coordinating institute, it would do Managing the online portal, Coordinating with the other nodal institutes of India, Organising two annual SPARC conferences and Managing the intellectual output of SPARC.

**56. Where did Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestham scheme was launched?**

- a) Assam
- b) Tamil Nadu
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Manipur
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Recently, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Nestham' scheme in Amaravati. According to the scheme, an amount of Rs. 1000 will be given as monthly unemployment allowance to eligible jobless youth of the state. It would also provide skill training to 10 lakh youth and 260 training partners have been appointed for this purpose. The training partners are from the countries of: Singapore, UK and Germany.

**57. India has launched which humanitarian assistance operation to provide assistance to the earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia?**

- a) Operation Trident
- b) Operation Samudra Parakram
- c) Operation Maitri
- d) Operation Samudra Maitri
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

India launched 'Operation Samudra Maitri' in Central Sulawesi Province of the Republic of Indonesia to provide massive humanitarian assistance to the earthquake and tsunami victims in Indonesia. Two Indian Air Force aircrafts - C-130J and C-17 - departed recently with medical personnel and relief material. The C-130J aircraft is carrying a medical team along with



tents and equipment to set up a field hospital. The C-17 aircraft is carrying medicines, generators, tents and water to provide immediate assistance. Three Indian Naval Ships - INS Tir, INS Sujatha and INS Shardul - have also been mobilised to carry out Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).

**58. Vikram Limaye has been appointed the chairman of the working committee and director for which organisation?**

- a) TSX
- b) NYSE
- c) WFE
- d) NASDAQ
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The National Stock Exchange's (NSE) MD and CEO Vikram Limaye has been appointed the chairman of the working committee and director on the board by the international industry body-World Federation of Exchanges (WFE). The decision was taken at the global body's 58th general assembly and annual meeting that is currently underway in Athens, Greece.

**59. Sahyog-Hop Tac 2018 is a joint exercise between which two countries?**

- a) Vietnam and India
- b) Bangladesh and Nepal
- c) Nepal and Russia
- d) Myanmar and Pakistan
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

A joint exercise of 'Sahyog-Hop Tac 2018' commenced off Chennai coast between Vietnam and India. In this bilateral exercise, Vietnam Coast Guard ship CSB 8001 took part in it for the first time. A vessel 'Sagar Manjusha', owned by National Institute of Ocean Technology and vessels from Indian coast guard took part in it as well. This exercise enhance cooperation between the two Coast Guards in areas of maritime safety and security. It is part of an MoU for cooperation was signed between the countries in 2015.

**60. Who has been appointed as the ambassador and India's permanent representative to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament (UNCD)?**

- a) Pankaj Sharma
- b) Navtej Sarna
- c) Pratik Mathur
- d) Gopalakrishnan S
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Pankaj Sharma has been appointed as the ambassador and India's permanent representative to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament (UNCD) in Geneva, Switzerland. Mr Sharma will replace Amandeep Gill. He is currently the joint secretary (Disarmament and International Security Division) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

**61. Which company become the top brand in the world in 2018?**

- a) Facebook
- b) Google
- c) Apple
- d) Microsoft
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Apple displaced Google to become the top brand in the world in 2018 while Facebook, mired in data breach controversies, fell to ninth place in the top 100 brands globally. According to global brand consultancy Interbrand's "Best 100 Global



Brands 2018" report, Amazon achieved a 56% growth to become the third top brand globally. According to the ranking, Apple's brand value grew 16 per cent (year-on-year) to \$214.5 billion. It went on to become the first company in the US to hit the \$1 trillion market cap. Google stood at second place while Amazon is third.

**62. Which company has appointed as Ramon Laguarta took charge as the chief executive officer (CEO)?**

- a) McDonald
- b) Tropicana Products
- c) Nestle
- d) PepsiCo
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Ramon Laguarta took charge as the chief executive officer (CEO) of PepsiCo. Ramon Laguarta succeeds India-born Indra Nooyi, who was the CEO of PepsiCo for 12 years. Indra Nooyi will be chairman of PepsiCo till early 2019. Ramon Laguarta has served as President of PepsiCo since 2017. He has also been elected to PepsiCo's Board of Directors with effect from October 3, 2018.

**63. Under which scheme Union Government has decided to cover damages to crops in wild animal attacks?**

- a) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- b) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojna
- c) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna
- d) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dan Yojna
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Union Government has decided to cover damages to crops in wild animal attacks under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojna in select districts on an experimental basis. In this regard, Government has amended provisions of crop insurance scheme in consultation with various stakeholders after review of its working for the last two years. The amended provisions of the scheme have been implemented from October 2018.

**64. Where did NASSCOM unveils the Centre of Excellence for IoT?**

- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Haryana
- c) Andhra Pradesh
- d) Himachal Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) in collaboration with Haryana government, launched its Centre of Excellence for Internet of Things (CoE - IoT) at Gurugram, Haryana. The centre was inaugurated by Haryana commerce and industries minister Vipul Goyal.

**65. By which year Earth will reach 1.5 degrees Celsius threshold, according to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report ?**

- a) 2020
- b) 2025
- c) 2022
- d) 2028
- e) 2030

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**



The UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report said the planet will reach the crucial threshold of 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels by 2030, precipitating the risk of extreme drought, wildfires, floods and food shortages for hundreds of millions of people.

**66. Which state going to set up anti-terror force Kavach?**

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Goa
- c) Orissa
- d) Haryana
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said an anti-terrorist force ‘Kavach’ — will be set up to further strengthen the security arrangements in the state. Kavach, which is being constituted to deal with terrorist activities, would have 150 police personnel who would be provided 14 weeks training by the National Security Guard (NSG) at Manesar.

**67. What is the name of Agriculture scheme launched by Arunachal Pradesh?**

- a) Chief Minister’s Sashakt Kisan Yojana (CMSKY)
- b) Chief Minister’s Krishi Samuh Yojana (CMKSY)
- c) Chief Minister’s Krishi Kishan Yojana (CMKKY)
- d) Both a and b
- e) Both a and c

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Arunachal Pradesh Agriculture Minister Dr. Mohesh Chai launched Chief Minister’s Sashakt Kisan Yojana (CMSKY) and the Chief Minister’s Krishi Samuh Yojana (CMKSY) schemes. The schemes are to support the farmers to increase production and their income. The schemes are to fulfil the vision of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to double farmer's income by 2022.

**68. To which state Centre granted Rs.450 crore for backward districts?**

- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Andhra Pradesh
- c) Telangana
- d) Jharkhand
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Centre has released Rs.450 crore as special grant to Telangana government as it took up the developmental work in the former nine backward districts of the State. The fund has been granted upon the recommendations of the NITI Ayog.

**69. Who was conferred the prestigious Dhanvantari Award?**

- a) Sultan A. Pradhan
- b) James P. Allison
- c) George Smith
- d) Greg Winter
- e) Paul Romer

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Eminent surgical oncologist of Mumbai Sultan A. Pradhan was conferred the prestigious Dhanvantari Award at a function held in Mumbai.

**70. Where does Sumitra Mahajan inaugurated Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of India Region, Zone III?**

- a) Pune
- b) Noida



- c) Guwahati
- d) Hyderabad
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan inaugurated the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference of India Region, Zone III in Guwahati. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference plays an important role in promoting democracy.

**71. National Housing Bank, a wholly owned subsidiary of which of the following?**

- a) SBI
- b) RBI
- c) PNB
- d) BOB
- e) OBC

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Keeping in view the current scenario, National Housing Bank (NHB) which is owned by RBI, has decided to increase the Refinance limit to Rs.30,000 crore. Now, eligible Housing Finance Companies & Other entities will have increased availability of funds. National Housing Bank had set an initial limit to sanction Rs. 24,000 crore this year (July 2018-June 2019) towards refinancing eligible institutions.

**72. Who has been newly appointed as India's Ambassador to UN Conference on Disarmament?**

- a) Pankaj Sharma
- b) Nirupama Rao
- c) Navtej Sarna
- d) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Pankaj Sharma was appointed as the Ambassador and India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. Sharma is currently the Joint Secretary (Disarmament and International Security Division) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

**73. Which country recently dedicated Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium?**

- a) India
- b) Srilanka
- c) Maldives
- d) Nepal
- e) Bangladesh

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Auditorium built with Indian grant assistance of Rs. 300 million at the University of Ruhuna, Matara in the Southern Province, was dedicated to the people of Sri Lanka. The auditorium named after Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore is a symbol of cultural links with India.

**74. To which of the following country China has sell 48 high end armed drones?**

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Pakistan
- d) Srilanka
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**



China is to sell 48 high-end armed drones to Pakistan. This will be the largest deal of its kind. The cost of the major defence deal hasn't been revealed yet. Wing Loong II is a high-end reconnaissance, strike and multi-role endurance unmanned aerial system, capable of being fitted with air-to-surface weapons.

**75. In which state Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve is located?**

- a) Andhra Pradesh
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamilnadu
- d) Rajasthan
- e) Karnataka

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Nilgiris district administration has proposed a 10 km road that would cut through the core area of the Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve in Erode and the buffer zone of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in Udhagamandalam

**76. What is the GDP of India in 2018, according to IMF?**

- a) 7.0
- b) 7.1
- c) 7.3
- d) 7.5
- e) 7.4

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecast a growth rate of 7.3% for India in the 7.4% the next year. Because of the recent increase in oil prices and the tightening of global financial conditions], up from 6.7% in 2017

**77. What is the current interest rate for the non-government provident, superannuation, and gratuity funds?**

- a) 7%
- b) 7.6%
- c) 8.5%
- d) 8%
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Current interest rate for the non-government provident, superannuation, and gratuity funds is 8%.

**78. Who is the chairman of Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA)?**

- a) Ganeshi Lal
- b) Bhure Lal
- c) Bahadur Shah
- d) Ganesh Saha
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Union Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has reconstituted Supreme Court-empowered Environment Pollution (Prevention and Control) Authority (EPCA). This comes after tenure of the last EPCA expired on October 3, 2018. Former IAS officers Bhure Lal will continue to be Chairman of reconstituted EPCA.

**79. What is the rank of India in world's Powerful Passport?**

- a) 80
- b) 81
- c) 82
- d) 83
- e) None of these



**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Japan's passport has been named the most powerful in the world, overtaking Singapore, according to the Henley Passport Index 2018.

**80. Who is the head of the Security Policy Group under NSA to assist National Security Council?**

- a) Ajit Doval
- b) Subash Chandra Garg
- c) Sunil Mittal
- d) Balbir singh sugha
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Union Government has reconstituted Security Policy Group (SPG) under chairmanship of National Security Advisor Ajit Doval to assist National Security Council (NSC) in strategising on matters dealing with external, internal and economic security of the country.

**81. Which state has to become partner state at Goa International Film Festival?**

- a) Tamilnadu
- b) Maharashtra
- c) Gujarat
- d) Madhya Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

This year Goa International Film Festival from 20th to 28th of November will have Jharkhand's partner state. It was also decided to organize Jharkhand Film Festival, under Indian Panorama, in two towns of Jharkhand in the first month of next year.

**82. Which country has successfully test-fired Ghauri ballistic missile capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads up to a distance of 1,300 kilometres?**

- a) India
- b) China
- c) US
- d) Israel
- e) Pakistan

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Pakistan successfully test-fired Ghauri ballistic missile capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads up to a distance of 1,300 kilometers. The launch was conducted by Army Strategic Forces Command and was aimed at testing the operational and technical readiness.

**83. The 29th edition of Accountants General Conference was held in which city?**

- a) New Delhi
- b) Lucknow
- c) Bengaluru
- d) Pune
- e) Chennai

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The 29th Accountants General conference was inaugurated by President Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi. The conference comprised deliberations on adopting most modern audit techniques to further improve audit effectiveness and enhance accountability in public spending.



**84. India has offered USD 20 mn grant to which nation for development projects?**

- a) Afghanistan
- b) Sri Lanka
- c) Tajikistan
- d) Lebanon
- e) Bangladesh

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

India offered a grant of USD 20 million to Tajikistan for financing development projects in the resource-rich Central Asian country as Indian President Ram Nath Kovind and Tajik President Emamoli Rahmon held talks and reaffirmed their determination to counter all forms of terrorism and violent extremism.

**85. Which state has flagged off the test run of its first electric bus?**

- a) Himachal Pradesh
- b) Uttar Pradesh
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Orissa
- e) Goa

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat flagged off the test run of the state's first electric bus. In the recent Investors Summit, an MoU worth Rs 700 crore was signed for the operation of electric buses in the state. In this connection a bus has been provided by a Hyderabad based company for test run on Dehradun-Mussoorie and Haldwani-Nainital road for one month.

**86. In which year India's first National Environment Survey will kick off?**

- a) 2020
- b) 2030
- c) 2021
- d) 2019
- e) 2022

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

India's first ever National Environment Survey (NES) will be kicked off in January, 2019 to map environment data of 55 districts across 24 states and 3 Union Territories. The NES will rank all districts on their environmental performance and document their best green practices based on various environmental parameters. The earliest first set of complete green data from this survey will be available in 2020.

**87. Which ministry has launched *India for Humanity initiative* to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and honour of his service to humanity?**

- a) Power Ministry
- b) Finance Ministry
- c) Home Ministry
- d) External Ministry
- e) Civil Aviation Ministry

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Union Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has launched *India for Humanity initiative* to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and honour of his service to humanity. It will feature year-long series of artificial limb fitment camps in a number of countries spanning globe.

**88. In which state Nitin Gadkari laid the foundation stone for the development of National Waterway 40 (river Ghaghra)?**



- a) Uttar Pradesh
- b) Uttarakhand
- c) Orissa
- d) Bihar
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Gadkari laid the foundation stone for the development of National Waterway 40 (river Ghaghra). This project undertakes development work of 354 km stretch of Ghagra river under the Sagarmala Programme of Ministry of Shipping.

**89. With which city Delhi government has signed a twin city agreement?**

- a) Tokyo
- b) Moscow
- c) London
- d) Dublin
- e) Washington DC

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Delhi government signed a twin city agreement with the Moscow administration for cooperation in the fields of education, healthcare, sports, tourism, transport and environment for a period of three years.

**90. What is the name of cyclone has intensified into a “very severe cyclonic storm” and will make a landfall in areas bordering Odisha and Andhra Pradesh along the eastern coast?**

- a) Nelam
- b) Titli
- c) Vardha
- d) Hurricane
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Cyclone Titli has intensified into a “very severe cyclonic storm” and will make a landfall in areas bordering Odisha and Andhra Pradesh along the eastern coast.

**91. Who has launched ‘MedWatch’ mobile health app to provide health information to users, including first-aid and other health and nutritional topics?**

- a) Indian Army
- b) Indian Navy
- c) Indian Air Force
- d) Health Ministry
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Indian Air Force (IAF) has launched ‘MedWatch’ mobile health app to provide health information to users, including first-aid and other health and nutritional topics. It was launched on 8 October on the occasion of IAF’s 85th anniversary. *It is first of its kind mobile health app built by any of the three armed forces.*

**92. Where organics and Millets International Trade Fair 2019 will be held?**

- a) Chennai
- b) Bengaluru
- c) Pune
- d) Surat
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**



### Explanation:

The Organics and Millets International Trade Fair 2019, organised by the Karnataka's Department of Agriculture, will be held in Bengaluru from 18-20 January. The three-day fair, primarily for farmers, buyers, sellers and exporters of organic produces and millets, will have about 250 exhibitors occupying an exhibition space of 10,000 square meters including stalls from other states, countries, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and farmer federations.

### 93. With which organisation NASSCOM signs MoU to Strengthen Child Rights?

- a) Oxfam
- b) UNICEF
- c) UNESCO
- d) WFP
- e) UNESCO

**Answer: B**

### Explanation:

UNICEF and NASSCOM Foundation have signed an agreement to strengthen child rights through "meaningful business interventions. With this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the two organisations will work collaboratively on two key areas including national sensitisation on child online protection and encouraging innovations for child rights' in the country.

### 94. Who is the author of the book “The Paradoxical Prime Minister: Narendra Modi And His India”?

- a) Shashi Tharoor
- b) Sanjay Baru
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Ravi Mantha
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

### Explanation:

The book “The Paradoxical Prime Minister: Narendra Modi And His India” has been authored by Congress parliamentarian Shashi Tharoor. It is divided in five sections comprising 50 chapters & will release on 26th October 2018. The first section takes a close look at Modi’s life and times.

### 95. Which sports personality has been honoured with the Ramineni Foundation’s outstanding person award?

- a) Sakshi Malik
- b) Pullela Gopichand
- c) Dipa Karmakar
- d) P V Sindhu
- e) Saina Nehwal

**Answer: B**

### Explanation:

On October 7, Badminton coach Pullela Gopichand has been honoured with the Ramineni Foundation’s Outstanding Person award. The award was presented by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu. He also presented special awards to Telugu literary wizard Garikapati Narasimha Rao, film director Nag Ashwin Reddy and writer C Venkata Ramana.

### 96. Which Indian organisation has recently organised Workshop on ‘Best Practices in International Arbitration’ in New Delhi?

- a) NABARD
- b) NASSCOM
- c) Press Council of India
- d) NITI Aayog
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

### Explanation:

NITI Aayog has organised Workshop on ‘Best Practices in International Arbitration’ in collaboration with ICC International Court of Arbitration in New Delhi on 10 October 2018. Its purpose is to strengthen dispute resolution mechanisms and to not



only encourage 'Make in India' but also to 'Resolve in India'. The workshop would cover basic concepts of international arbitration and include best practices on drafting, selection of arbitrators, enforcement of arbitral awards, role of courts in the arbitration life cycle, among other topics, with information sharing sessions to be conducted by world class faculty and practitioners from the United Kingdom, Singapore, Paris and India.

**97. Who has been chosen as India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'?**

- a) Harshini
- b) Sania Sood
- c) Namita Ammu
- d) Veena Sendre
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Veena Sendre from Chhattisgarh has been chosen as India's first 'Miss Trans Queen'. Veena defeated Namita Ammu of Tamil Nadu to claim the title at the national-level beauty contest organised in Mumbai. Sendre, a former Miss Chhattisgarh, belongs to Mandir Hasaud village in Raipur.

**98. What is the rank of India in Oxfam World Inequality Index 2018?**

- a) 152th
- b) 147th
- c) 108th
- d) 92<sup>nd</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

UK-based charity 'Oxfam International's report named 'Commitment to Reducing Inequality (CRI) Index was released in which India ranked 147th among 157 countries analysed and was labeled as "a very worrying situation" with respect to the rising inequality in the country. Out of 157 countries measured, Denmark topped the list based on its high and progressive taxation, high social spending and good protection of workers. Ranking at 11th, Japan became the topper among the Asian countries. Among the BRICS nations, China was ranked 81st on the list, Brazil 39th and Russia 50th.

**99. Rakesh Sharma has taken charge as the MD and CEO of which bank?**

- a) IDBI Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) Bank Of Baroda
- d) Andhra Bank
- e) SBI

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

State-run IDBI Bank has announced that Rakesh Sharma has taken charge as the managing director and chief executive officer of the bank. He has replaced B Sriram. Mr Sharma has been appointed for the period of six months. He retired from Canara Bank as the MD and CEO after serving for a period of three years.

**100. Which country scientists created a 3D-printed meals?**

- a) British
- b) Poland
- c) Netherlands
- d) Belgium
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

British scientists have created 3D-printed meals for St Helen's Primary School in Canning Town, London, to develop an interest in science subjects among students. Scientists from the annual Big Bang Fair that promotes science, technology and



maths (STEM) subjects worked with St Helen's Primary School. They created dishes like geometric fish and chips, cauliflower cogs and mathematical constant 'Pi' shaped pie, etc.

**101. In which state health ministry confirms 22 Zika cases?**

- a) Gujarat
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Orissa
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has confirmed 22 positive laboratory-confirmed cases of Zika virus in Rajasthan's capital Jaipur. It was detected through Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) surveillance system and all suspected cases in defined area and mosquito samples are being tested.

**102. For which department Union Cabinet has approved the payment of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages?**

- a) Postal
- b) MSME
- c) Railways
- d) Army
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Union Cabinet has approved the payment of Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) equivalent to 78 days' wages for financial year 2017-18 for all eligible non-gazetted Railway employees. It will be not available to Railway Protection Force (RPF) personnel. This decision will benefit about 11.91 lakh non-gazetted Railway employees.

**103. In which state Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is set to launch a Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) service?**

- a) Bihar
- b) Assam
- c) Sikkim
- d) Meghalaya
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) is set to launch a Roll on-Roll off (Ro-Ro) service in Assam from Neamati to Manjuli island, the Ministry of Shipping This service will reduce the road route distance of 423 km that trucks take from Neamati to Majuli Island via Tezpur Road Bridge to only 12.7 km with the use of river route.

**104. NITI Aayog has signed pact with which technological giant for AI tools in agriculture & healthcare?**

- a) Google
- b) Microsoft
- c) Infosys
- d) Facebook
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

NITI Aayog has signed pact with Microsoft India to deploy Artificial Intelligence (AI) technologies to address challenges various sectors such as agriculture and healthcare. As per the pact, Microsoft will support NITI Aayog by combining the cloud, AI, research and its vertical expertise for new initiatives and solutions across several core area.

**105. India's first-ever India-Israel Innovation Centre (IIIC) has launched in which city?**



- a) Bengaluru
- b) New Delhi
- c) Pune
- d) Chennai
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

India's first-ever India-Israel Innovation Centre (IIIC), an entrepreneurial technology hub, was launched at the 3rd edition of IoT India Congress in Bengaluru, Karnataka on October 10, 2018. The IIIC is a significant step towards facilitating penetration of Israeli companies in India and aims to forge local partnerships and joint ventures between companies from the two countries.

**106. Who is the author of the biography of late Anumolu Ramakrishna titled 'Building a Legacy' ?**

- a) V Pattabhi Ram
- b) Sashi Tharur
- c) Chetan Bahat
- d) Amithav Gosh
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The biography of late Anumolu Ramakrishna titled 'Building a Legacy' is authored by city-based Chartered Accountant V Pattabhi Ram. It was recently released by Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu. Ramakrishna, former President and MD at Larsen and Toubro (L&T), was posthumously awarded Padma Bhushan in 2014. He was instrumental in constructing several path breaking buildings including Tirumala queue complex, Hitech city, and Nehru Indoor Stadium. Ramakrishna was born in December 1939 and died on August 20, 2013 at Hyderabad.

**107. Which IIT has signed pact with Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) in research and education?**

- a) IIT Kanpur
- b) IIT Kharagpur
- c) IIT Madras
- d) IIT Bombay
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The IIT Kharagpur and Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) have signed an MoU to facilitate cooperation in research and education between the two institutes in New Delhi on October 11. NTNU is an expert in Hydro Power, Ocean Modelling, Deep Sea Resources and Marine Technology which will be key areas of focus under this MoU.

**108. Which Indian state has won the FAO's Future Policy Gold Award for 100% organic farming?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Sikkim
- d) Kerala
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Sikkim has won the Gold at the 2018 FAO's Future Policy Award (FPA) for its achievement in becoming the world's first totally organic agriculture state. All of its farmland is certified organic. At the same time, Sikkim's approach reaches beyond organic production and has proven truly transformational for the state and its citizens. Uniquely, the state has totally banned the sale and use of chemical pesticides. The transition has benefitted more than 66 000 farming families.

**109. The World Bank has ranked India at which position in its first-ever Human Capital Index (HCI)?**



- a) 135th
- b) 115th
- c) 125th
- d) 145<sup>th</sup>
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The World Bank (WB) has recently released its first-ever Human Capital Index (HCI), which ranked 157 economies on parameters like child mortality, health and education. India is ranked at 115th position in the index with its score of 0.44 on a scale of 0 to 1 coming even below the average score for South Asia. Though, Government of India (GoI) has rejected the findings of the index. India's neighbours Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka were better placed at 106th, 102nd and 74th position, respectively. Singapore topped the poll after it was highly rated for its universal healthcare system, education exams results and life expectancy figures. It is followed by South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong and Finland.

**110. The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has recently signed pact with which state government to fuel MSMEs growth in state?**

- a) West Bengal
- b) Odisha
- c) Uttarakhand
- d) Assam
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The National Stock Exchange (NSE) has recently signed pact with the Uttarakhand government to provide access to capital to MSMEs, which will fuel growth of such entities in the state. The bourse will play an active role in nurturing the SMEs and start-ups by increasing awareness along with the government on the opportunities to raise capital, SME exchange guidelines, listing processes, compliances with listing agreement among others.

**111. Which of the following musicians has recently won the special lifetime achievement award from the Music Academy?**

- a) Lalgudi G Jayaraman
- b) Vikku Vinayakram
- c) Hariprasad Chaurasia
- d) Kamala Lakshminarayanan
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Ghatam maestro Vikku Vinayakram has recently won the special lifetime achievement award from the Music Academy in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Vinayakram is one of the best-known faces of percussion from South India. He plays Carnatic music with the ghatam (an earthen pot), and is credited with popularising the ghatam.

**112. Which state government to launch a new scheme 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' ?**

- a) Goa
- b) Arunachal Pradesh
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Meghalaya
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The Meghalaya government will launch a new scheme 'Blue Revolution: Integrated Development and Management of Fisheries' on 26th October 2018. The Blue Revolution is being implemented to achieve economic prosperity of fishermen



and fish farmers and contribute towards food and nutritional security through optimum utilisation of water resources in a sustainable manner keeping in view the bio-security and environmental concerns.

**113. Who partners with payments platform PhonePe?**

- a) OYO
- b) Mobikwik
- c) Flipkart
- d) Amazon
- e) Facebook

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

OYO users can easily book a room through the PhonePe app. Through PhonePe app users can book more than 125,000 exclusive rooms that are part of OYO's chain of hotels in India.

**114. Which country launch first joint programme with India to train Afghanistan diplomats?**

- a) Saudi Arabia
- b) Indonesia
- c) China
- d) Albania
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan Vinay Kumar hosted 10 Afghan Diplomats who will be traveling to India for the 1st India-China joint training programme. This will be under the Trilateral Cooperation between India, China, and Afghanistan.

**115. What is the name of the emergency action plan launched by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)?**

- a) General Response Active Plan (GRAP)
- b) Government Response Action Plan (GRAP)
- c) Graded Reverse Action Plan (GRAP)
- d) Green Response Active Project (GRAP)
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) is to implement an emergency action plan called the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP). It aimed at combating air pollution that has begun to show a trend towards very poor category.

**116. In which state Central Government to Provide Rs 7.8 Crore Textile Tourism Complex?**

- a) Meghalaya
- b) Sikkim
- c) Bhutan
- d) Nagaland
- e) Goa

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Central Government to Provide Rs 7.8 Crore Textile Tourism Complex in Meghalaya

**117. Which country was elected to UNHCR securing Maximum Votes ?**

- a) India
- b) Pakistan
- c) Indonesia
- d) Saudi Arabia
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**



India was elected to UNHCR securing Maximum Votes.

**118. Who wins Social Entrepreneur of the Year award 2018?**

- a) S B Zaware
- b) Zahur Khayyam Hashmi
- c) Prema Gopalan
- d) Nimesh Shah
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Prema Gopalan was presented the 8th Social Entrepreneur of the Year award (SEOY) 2018, by Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman, National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog, in New Delhi.

**119. Who has won the 2018 Shanghai Masters Tennis tournament?**

- a) Roger Federer
- b) Borna Coric
- c) Novak Djokovic
- d) Andy Murray
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Novak Djokovic, a Serbian professional tennis player. has recently won the 2018 Shanghai Masters Tennis tournament in Shanghai, China. In the final, he beat Croatia's Borna Coric by 6-3, 6-4 to claim his fourth Shanghai title and second Masters title of the year. Djokovic now has 18 consecutive wins. With this win, he overtook Roger Federer and returned to the #2 ranking for the first time since the 2017 French Open.

**120. Which noted historian has authored the book "Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior"?**

- a) Irfan Habib
- b) Sumit Sarkar
- c) Rima Hooja
- d) Uma Chakravarti
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The book "Maharana Pratap: The Invincible Warrior" is authored by noted historian Rima Hooja, who describes in detail how Maharana Pratap managed to elude capture by the mighty Mughal army for so long and never bowed down to Akbar. This new book on Maharana Pratap examines the life of the great Rajput warrior and also revisits the famous battle of Haldighati with the Mughals saying it remained inconclusive and there was no clear winner.

**121. Which of the following country is/are establishing a new Global Risk with support from the World Bank?**

- a) Germany
- b) US
- c) UK
- d) Both a and b
- e) Both a and c

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

The governments of Germany and the UK, with support from the World Bank, are establishing a new Global Risk Financing Facility (GRiF) to pilot and scale up support to strengthen the resilience of vulnerable countries to climate and disaster shocks.

**122. How much amount did Vaishno Devi shrine board enhanced the free insurance cover to pilgrims?**

- a) Rs 10 lakh
- b) Rs 15 lakh



- c) Rs 5 lakh
- d) Rs 25 lakh
- e) Rs 20 lakh

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Vaishno Devi shrine board enhanced the free insurance cover to pilgrims to Rs five lakh.

**123. Recently RBI has cut the minting which denomination coins half due to non-availability of raw material?**

- a) Rs 1 coins
- b) Rs 2 coins
- c) Rs 5 coins
- d) Rs 10 coins
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

A delay in procurement of raw material for coins has forced Reserve Bank of India to cut its demand for Rs 10 coins by half, raising the specter of shortage in circulation. RBI, which manages the supply, adjusted the entire coin indent plan for FY19 by raising the demand for smaller denomination of coins in lieu of Rs 10 coins, following India Government Mints' failure to procure Rs 10 coin blocks on time, according to official documents.

**124. Who has elected new chairman of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI)?**

- a) Nimesh Shah
- b) Shaker Bashu
- c) Arundhati Bhattacharyya
- d) Harsh Kumar Banwala
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

ICICI Prudential Asset Management Company MD & CEO Nimesh Shah was elected as the chairperson of Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI).

**125. Who is the head of the committee to study issues at IL&FS?**

- a) S B Zaware
- b) Zahur Khayyam Hashmi
- c) Prema Gopalan
- d) Nimesh Shah
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Chartered accountants' apex body The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) has constituted a nine-member panel to study the systemic issues in the IL&FS crisis, amid the government intensifying efforts to address the problems at the diversified group. The nine-member panel is headed by S B Zaware and has two past ICAI presidents – Ved Jain and Nilesh Shivji Vikamsey-as members.

**126. Which country's team has won the 2018 Sultan Johar Cup Junior Hockey?**

- a) India
- b) Britain
- c) New Zealand
- d) Malaysia
- e) Australia

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**



Great Britain lifted the 8th edition of Sultan Johar Cup Junior Hockey tournament in Johor Bahru, Malaysia on October 13, 2018. In the final, Great Britain defeated India 3-2. The other teams in the tournament were Japan, Australia, Malaysia and New Zealand.

**127. Where did 6th India International Silk Fair held?**

- a) Pune
- b) New Delhi
- c) Noida
- d) Bangalore
- e) Kolkata

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Textile ministry announced that the Union Minister of Textiles, Smriti Zubin Irani, will inaugurate the 6th edition of India International Silk Fair (IISF) in New Delhi

**128. What is the rank of India in global RTI rating?**

- a) 5
- b) 6
- c) 124
- d) 123
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

India has slipped four positions in the last seven years, to settle at the sixth rank in the latest global index on Right to Information. Afghanistan topped the list followed by Mexico while Austria was placed at the bottom. The Right to Information Rating is a programme founded by Access Info Europe (AIE) and the Centre for Law and Democracy (CLD).

**129. Which country to host the 2019 IAAF World Relays?**

- a) Indonesia
- b) South Korea
- c) Japan
- d) China
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The 4th edition of International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Relays 2019 will be hosted by Japan Association of Athletics Federations (JAAF) at Nissan Stadium in Yokohama (near Tokyo), which is scheduled to begin from May 11-12, 2019. The 2019 edition of IAAF World Relays will serve as a qualifier for the 2019 IAAF World Athletics Championships in Doha and the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo. Top 12 teams in world rankings will be qualified for the competitions in Doha while the best eight will make their way to Tokyo.

**130. Name the co-founded Microsoft who passed away recently?**

- a) Paul Allen
- b) Bill Gates
- c) Donald Tucker
- d) Sunder Pitchai
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Paul Allen (65), who co-founded Microsoft with his childhood friend Bill Gates, has passed away in Seattle on October 15, 2018. In 1975, they founded the Microsoft at Albuquerque in New Mexico to develop and sell BASIC interpreters for the Altair 8800 hobby-kit personal computer.

**131. India's first agri and food business online learning platform has launched in which city?**



- a) Kochi
- b) Agartala
- c) Warangal
- d) Nagpur
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The SRiX Agri-Business Academy, which is an Indo-UK collaborative initiative, has been launched at SR Innovation Exchange (SRiX) Campus in Warangal. It is India's first agri and food business online learning platform and was launched by Andrew Fleming, the British Deputy High Commissioner at Hyderabad. SRiX is a technology business incubator under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India.

**132. By which year Government committed to achieving goal of zero hunger?**

- a) 2020
- b) 2025
- c) 2022
- d) 2030
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The government is continuously working on achieving the goal of zero hunger by 2030 in a systematic manner, Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh said. He said, this year's world food day aims at showcasing centre's global commitment towards zero hunger. Mr. Singh was addressing a two-day Agri-Startup and Entrepreneurship Conclave in New Delhi on the occasion of World Food Day. Mr Singh said, 45 models on integrated farming.

**133. Which is the second country to legalises use of cannabis?**

- a) UAE
- b) Canada
- c) USA
- d) Britain
- e) India

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Canada has legalised the possession and use of recreational cannabis. After Uruguay, it has become the second country and the largest country to do so. The Canadian government will also pardon the Canadians convicted of possession of marijuana. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau would pardon individuals convicted in the past for possession of up to 30 grams of marijuana.

**134. From which country India to set up special desk to facilitate investments?**

- a) UAE
- b) Canada
- c) USA
- d) Britain
- e) India

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

India will soon set up a special UAE desk to facilitate investments and resolve any business issues between the two nations. The announcement was made by Union Commerce Minister Suresh Prabhu after co-chairing the sixth meeting of UAE-India High-Level Joint Task Force on Investments in Mumbai on October 15, 2018. The meeting was also attended by Chairman of the Abu Dhabi Crown Prince's Court, Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

**135. Where did India's first agriculture and food business online learning platform has launched?**

- a) Noida
- b) Warangal



- c) Bangalore
- d) Delhi
- e) Chennai

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The SRIx Agri-Business Academy, which is an Indo-UK collaborative initiative, has been launched at SR Innovation Exchange (SRIx) Campus in Warangal. It is India's first agri and food business online learning platform and was launched by Andrew Fleming, the British Deputy High Commissioner at Hyderabad.

**136. In which state Electric auto rickshaws are set to be launched?**

- a) Karnataka
- b) Kerala
- c) Tamilnadu
- d) Andhra Pradesh
- e) Goa

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Electric auto rickshaws are set to be launched in Kerala. A committee of six auto rickshaw driver unions signed a pact with a Kinetic Green, a private firm, to roll out 200 Electric auto rickshaws in Kochi. These vehicles are expected to be on the road in November. It will primarily operate as feeder services to Kochi metro and buses, providing last-mile connectivity to commuters.

**137. For which of the following company RBI has approved the license to start NBFC?**

- a) Kreditech
- b) Flipkart
- c) Amazon
- d) Snap Deal
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

RBI approved the license for Kreditech, the Germany-based company to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC) licence for digital lending business and app-based financing. The approval is with the first-of-its-kind. Kreditech's product suite for India will offer individualised direct-to-consumer loans as well as its Lending-as-a-Service Solution for vendors, which allows partners to offer customised credit products to their customers.

**138. Who is appointed as advisor of BankBazaar?**

- a) HR Khan
- b) SS Mundra
- c) Kanhoo
- d) NS Vishwanathan
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

BankBazaar appoints former RBI deputy governor SS Mundra as advisor He will help BankBazaar achieve 100 percent paperless and presence-less financing in India. He was a deputy governor at the RBI (Reserve Bank of India) for three years till July 2017.

**139. How many Indian companies participating in Expo Cihac in Mexico City?**

- a) 40
- b) 45
- c) 30
- d) 35
- e) None of these



**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) is leading a contingent of 45 exhibitors, representing various sectors of the construction industry like building materials, construction equipment, interior furnishing, manufacturing and marketing of ceramic vitrified tiles to Expo Cihacin Mexico City.

**140. Who is appointed as additional director, designated as independent director, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)?**

- a) SS Mundra
- b) HR Khan
- c) Arundhati Bhattacharya
- d) Rahuram Rajan
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Arundhati Bhattacharya, former chairman of State Bank of India (SBI), is appointed as additional director, designated as independent director, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL).

**141. Which of the following is the world's most depressed country?**

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Russia
- d) USA
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

According to a World Health Organization report, India is the world's most depressed country, closely followed by China and the US. According to the 2015-16 National Mental Health Survey (NMHS), every sixth person in India needs mental health help of some sort.

**142. What is the rank of India in most competitive economy in WEF index?**

- a) 50
- b) 52
- c) 55
- d) 58
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

India has been ranked as the 58th most competitive economy on the World Economic Forum's global competitiveness index for 2018, which was topped by the US.

**143. What is the name of Centre of Women Collectives led Social Action that Ministry of Rural Development and Lady Irwin College, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)?**

- a) POSHAN
- b) ROSHNI
- c) ROHINI
- d) PRITHIV
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Ministry of Rural Development and Lady Irwin College, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for establishing ROSHNI – Centre of Women Collectives led Social Action. ROSHNI is technically and financially supported by UNICEF India serving as a technical support unit at national level.

**144. Muzaffarpur's Shahi Litchi Gets GI Tag, For which state Muzaffarpur belongs to?**



- a) Bihar
- b) Orissa
- c) Assam
- d) Goa
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

After huge efforts for a year, now Shahi Litchi of Muzaffarpur, Bihar has got official recognition as it receives the geographical indication (GI) tag. The sweet, pulpy and juicy Litchi of Bihar is mostly grown in Muzaffarpur, and adjoining areas including East Champaran, Vaishali, Samastipur, and Begusarai districts. The GI registration was done in the name of Litchi Growers Association of Bihar, who had applied for the tag.

**145. Which state has announced formation of Kodagu Development Authority?**

- a) Tamil Nadu
- b) Orissa
- c) Karnataka
- d) Goa
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Karnataka Chief Minister H.D.Kumaraswamy announced the formation of the Kodagu Development Authority. The authority is to enable speedy reconstruction of the district, parts of which were ravaged by floods and landslips. So far, the State government funded Rs.127 crore for the rehabilitation works in the district. The objective of the interaction programme was to infuse confidence among the victims and elicit their views and expectations from the authorities. Mr.Kumaraswamy will visit the district again to review the rehabilitation.

**146. Where did India's first Cryptocurrency ATM opens?**

- a) New Delhi
- b) Mumbai
- c) Kolkata
- d) Bangalore
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Despite the government and Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) crackdown on cryptocurrency in India, virtual currency exchange Unocoin has installed a currency deposit and dispensing ATM at Kemp Fort Mall in Bengaluru. The kiosk, installed by Unocoin, allows its customers to deposit and withdraw minimum amount of Rs 1000 from the platform.

**147. Name the Minister of State For External Affairs who was resigned recently?**

- a) Kiren Rijiju
- b) Krishan Pal
- c) Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan
- d) Mansukhbhai Dhanjibhai Vasava
- e) Akbar

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

MJ Akbar, Minister of State For External Affairs, has resigned from his post in the wake of allegations of sexual harassment made by several women against him. MJ Akbar said in a statement that he would "seek justice in a court of law" in a "personal capacity".

**148. Which company is the world's largest pure-play information technology (IT) and consulting firm servicing megabanks and insurers?**

- a) Infosys



- b) TCS
- c) HCL
- d) Accenture
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) Ltd's quarterly earnings from the financial sector have edged past that of Accenture Plc, which is nearly double its size, making company the world's largest pure-play information technology (IT) and consulting firm servicing megabanks and insurers.

**149. Who is the head of the IRDA panel to study feasibility of paying claims in instalments?**

- a) Suresh Kumar
- b) Sridhar rao
- c) Vignesh Rajan
- d) S.Mathur
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) formed a panel to examine claims in instalments. This panel is headed by Suresh Mathur, ED (Health), IRDAI. This will look into the feasibility of the proposal of general and health insurance companies for payment of claims in instalments as against lump sum payments.

**150. Where did World Diamond Council 14th Annual general meeting to be held?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Pune
- d) Surat
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The World Diamond Council (WDC) is to hold its 14th annual general meeting (AGM) in Mumbai on October 22 -23, 2018. It will focus on reform of the Kimberley Process and WDC System of Warranties in support of a commitment to sustainable development by the diamond industry. Kimberley process is established in 2000 to prevent 'conflict diamonds' from entering the mainstream rough diamond market. The meeting will be hosted by the Gems and Jewellery Export Promotion Council and the agenda will be to continue to focus on a push for reform.

**151. How many Himalayan Peaks have been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee?**

- a) 2
- b) 3
- c) 4
- d) 5
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Four Himalayan peaks near Gangotri glacier of Uttarkashi district have been named after former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. Located near Sudarshan and Saifi peaks in Raktvan valley, the peaks have been named Atal-1, 2, 3 and 4. The peaks are located at 6,557m, 6,566m, 6,160m and 6,100m on the right flank of Gangotri glacier. The team, which returned after the climb, had hoisted the national tricolor on each of the peaks.

**152. What is the rank of India out of 50 valuable national brands released by Brand Finance?**

- a) 9
- b) 15
- c) 28



- d) 35
- e) 40

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

India has secured 9th rank out of top 50 valuable national brands, according to a report titled 'Nation Brands 2018' released by Brand Finance, a leading brand valuation and strategy consultancy. India was ranked 8th in last year's report but slipped by a spot to the 9th rank, despite its brand value rose by 5%.

**153. Which Indian institute tops in the "QS India University Rankings 2019"?**

- a) Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi
- b) Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay
- c) Indian Institute of Technology, Mumbai
- d) Indian Institute of Technology, Bengaluru
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

QS Quacquarelli Symonds, the global higher education think tank, has released "QS India University Rankings 2019", its first standalone ranking of India's higher education institutions. The rankings include Public Universities, Private Universities and H.E. Institutions or Deemed Universities. IIT Bombay has been named India's leading institution.

**154. Which union Minister will receive the prestigious Carnot Prize from the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania?**

- a) Dharmendra Pradhan
- b) Nirmala Sitharaman
- c) Piyush Goyal
- d) Nitin Gadkari
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Union Minister Piyush Goyal will receive the prestigious Carnot Prize from the Ivy League University of Pennsylvania in recognition of his work for rural electrification while he held the power and renewable energy portfolios. The Carnot Prize is given "for distinguished contributions to energy policy".

**155. Who of the following is the author of the book "Indian Sports: Conversations and Reflections"?**

- a) Harsha Bhogle
- b) Sanjay Manjrekar
- c) Rameez Raja
- d) Vijayan Bala
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The book titled "Indian Sports: Conversations and Reflections" has been authored by Vijayan Bala, the veteran commentator and cricket statistician. The book is a compilation of interviews of eminent sports-persons he has conducted since 1971.

**156. Which two countries launched Ariane 5 rocket successfully?**

- a) France, China
- b) Europe, Japan
- c) China, Russia
- d) US, Russia
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**



European and Japanese space agencies stated that an Ariane 5 rocket successfully lifted a spacecraft carrying two probes into orbit for a joint mission to Mercury, the closest planet to the sun. The unmanned BepiColombo spacecraft successfully separated and was sent into orbit from French Guiana as planned to begin a seven-year journey to Mercury.

**157. This country has successfully tested world's largest unmanned transport drone "FH-98"?**

- a) Germany
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) India
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

China has successfully tested the world's largest unmanned transport drone "Feihong-98 (FH-98)", which can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes, at Baotou test site in North China's Inner Mongolia autonomous region. The Feihong-98 has a maximum takeoff weight of 5.25 tonnes, a flight height of 4,500m, a cruising speed of 180 km/hr and a maximum range of 1,200 kms. The FH-98 was adapted from the prototype of the Shifei Y5B, a China-developed transport plane. It is developed and modified by the China Academy of Aerospace Electronics Technology (CAAET).

**158. Which state signs MOU with Centre for implementation of PMJAY, recently?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Odisha
- c) Madhya Pradesh
- d) Uttarakhand
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Punjab government signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Centre to implement the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY) in Punjab. By implementing PMJAY in Punjab, the scheme will be extended to cover more than 43 lakh families, instead of the proposed 14.96 lakh families. Punjab cabinet approved the merger of Punjab's Bhagat Puran Singh Sehat Bima Yojana (BPSSBY), with PMJAY. Through this, the existing cover of Rs 50,000 per year per family was extended to Rs 5 lakh per year per family. The period of BPSSBY, expiring on October 31, has been extended to December 31, 2018.

**159. CSIR-IITR has developed an innovative technology for "Drinking Water Disinfection System", recently. Name the technology?**

- a) W-Fresh
- b) Wacfy
- c) OneerTM
- d) Aqua beat
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (CSIR-IITR), Lucknow, has developed an innovative technology for "Drinking Water Disinfection System" with the trade name "OneerTM". The "OneerTM" technology was transferred to M/s Bluebird Water Purifiers, New Delhi, on 17th October 2018. It will be used in continuous treatment of water and will eliminate disease causing pathogens like virus, bacteria, fungi, protozoa and cyst. It will provide safe drinking water to domestic use and communities as per National and International standards for potable water (BIS, WHO etc..

**160. Which country is working on creating an artificial moon?**

- a) India
- b) US
- c) China



- d) Canada
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

China is in the process of creating an "artificial moon" that would be bright enough to replace the streetlights in the south-western city of Chengdu by 2020. Chinese scientists plan to send three artificial moons into space in the next four years, and the moons - made from reflective material like a mirror - are expected to orbit at 500 kilometres above the Earth and light up an area with a diameter of 10 to 80 kilometres. The artificial moon will have a reflective coating that can deflect sunlight back to Earth, similar to how the moon shines.

**161. As per the report of US, which country name is removed from the currency monitoring list?**

- a) South Korea
- b) India
- c) Switzerland
- d) Germany

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

In its latest report, the US has said that it could remove India from its currency monitoring list of major trading partners citing certain developments and steps taken by New Delhi, which address some of its major concerns. India was for the first time, in April, placed by the US in its currency monitoring list of countries with potentially questionable foreign exchange policies along with five other countries - China, Germany, Japan, South Korea and Switzerland. This represented a notable change from 2017, when purchases over the first three quarters of the year pushed net purchases of foreign exchange above 2% of GDP. Recent sales came amid a turnaround in foreign portfolio inflows, as foreign investors pulled portfolio capital out of India (and many other emerging markets) over the first half of the year.

**162. The first-ever joint maritime exercise will be conducted between ASEAN and which country?**

- a) Brazil
- b) China
- c) Japan
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The first-ever joint maritime exercise will be conducted between ASEAN and China in the South China Sea near the city of Zhanjiang in an effort to reduce tensions in the disputed region. This exercise will provide very good opportunities from the navies of ASEAN and China to work together using the CUES (Code for Unplanned Encounters at Sea. Four ASEAN members — Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines and Vietnam — have conflicting claims in the South China Sea with Beijing.

**163. Which of the following space agencies have successfully launched an unmanned Bepi Colombo spacecraft to Mercury?**

- a) European Space Agency and JAXA
- b) ISRO and NASA
- c) JAXA and NASA
- d) ISRO and European Space Agency
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

The European Space Agency and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) have successfully launched an unmanned Bepi Colombo spacecraft into orbit from an Ariane 5 rocket for a joint mission to Mercury, the planet closest to the sun. The spacecraft has been named after Italian scientist Giuseppe "Bepi" Colombo. The unmanned spacecraft will have to follow an elliptical path that involves a fly-by of Earth, two of Venus and six of Mercury itself so it can slow down before arriving at its destination in December 2025.



**164. Who won Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award?**

- a) T H Vinayakram
- b) Tarun Bhattacharya
- c) Vishwa Mohan Bhatt
- d) Hariprasad Chaurasia
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana announced Grammy-winning Hindustani classical music instrumentalist Pandit Vishwa Mohan Bhatt as the recipient of the annual Ustad Chand Khan Lifetime Achievement Award. The award will be given at the two-day Indian classical music festival scheduled to be held on October 21-22, 2018 and organized by Sursagar Society of Dilli Gharana. Mr. Bhatt is known for his Grammy award winning album "A Meeting by the River" with Ry Cooder.

**165. Which state government stated Man-animal conflict as a 'State Declared Disaster'?**

- a) Madhya Pradesh
- b) Karnataka
- c) Kerala
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The Uttar Pradesh government made the man-animal conflict a 'State Declared Disaster'. These incidents would be under the ambit of State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF). According to the provisions of the order, a compensatory amount of Rs.5 lakh would be given to the family of the deceased if the victim of the animal attack dies. The disbursement of compensation for injury would be in accordance to SDRF guidelines.

**166. What is the new name proposed by Himachal Pradesh government to rename the state capital Shimla?**

- a) Simla
- b) Shyamala
- c) Shoghi
- d) Shamla
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

BJP-ruled Himachal Pradesh government is considering a proposal to rename state capital Shimla to Shyamala. The demand was made by right-wing Hindu groups as part of efforts to remove symbols of British rule. Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that his government will seek public opinion on the demand for Shimla's renaming. A Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) functionary claimed that Shyamala was the original name of Shimla city. State Health Minister Vipin Singh said that he feels that there would not be any harm in changing the name.

**167. Which organisation has signs MoU with Dubai Internet City (DIC) to expand Indian SMEs in MENA region?**

- a) NASSCOM
- b) DSCI
- c) COAI
- d) FICCI
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has signed a MoU with the Dubai Internet City (DIC) to help small and medium-sized Indian enterprises expand their operations in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. The MoU between NASSCOM and the Dubai Internet City DIC is the first of its kind in the MENA region. The MoU was signed by Ammar al-Malik, Managing Director of DIC and Dubai Outsource City (DOC) and Kamal



Agarwala, SME Council Chair, NASSCOM. As per the MoU, DIC will give NASSCOM's, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) members opportunity to develop their operations by offering support and a platform to expand in the MENA region

**168. Name the first bank which launches Wealth Hub in Mangalore?**

- a) ICICI Bank
- b) Central Bank of India
- c) State Bank of India
- d) Axis Bank
- e) Yes Bank

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

State Bank of India is the first bank to introduce wealth business services for its customers. The wealth hub was launched by SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar.

**169. How much amount did Green Climate Fund approves to assist poor countries to tackle climate change?**

- a) \$2 billion
- b) \$1 billion
- c) \$4 billion
- d) \$5 billion
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Green Climate Fund approves \$1 billion to assist poor countries to tackle climate change.

**170. What is the name of Artificial Intelligence launched by Finnish firm Pöyry and Infosys?**

- a) Krti 4.0
- b) NetReveal
- c) Kirthi 4.0
- d) NetRevolt
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Finnish firm Pöyry and Infosys has announced the release of a new data-driven framework “Krti 4.0” for Artificial Intelligence that overcomes complex and expensive life cycle management challenges faced by industry, utilities and infrastructure organisations across operational technology systems.

**171. Which country will be the global host of UNICEF’s Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health stakeholders meeting?**

- a) India
- b) Bangladesh
- c) Russia
- d) China
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

India will be the global host of UNICEF’s Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health stakeholders meeting, including participation from nearly hundred countries, this December.

**172. Who is the author of the book “Nehru and Bose: Parallel Lives”?**

- a) Arpita Ghosh
- b) Abhijit Mukherjee
- c) Rudrangshu Mukherjee
- d) Sudip Bandyopadhyay



e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The book “Nehru and Bose: Parallel Lives” has been authored by Rudrangshu Mukherjee. It brings to light the riveting story of two contrasting personalities – Subhas Chandra Bose and Jawaharlal Nehru – who would go on to define modern India.

**173. Where did Nasscom signed MOU for Japan-India IT corridor?**

- a) Hiroshima
- b) Nagasaki
- c) Tokyo
- d) Shangai
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Indian IT industry’s apex body National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) entered into a partnership with the Hiroshima government for co-creating a Japan-India IT Corridor in Hiroshima.

**174. Which bank obtained Seven hundred and twenty eight crores capital infusion from union government?**

- a) Syndicate Bank
- b) Yes Bank
- c) Dena Bank
- d) State Bank of India
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Syndicate Bank obtained Seven hundred and twenty eight crores capital infusion from union government.

**175. Which is the only Indian Firm Among Top 10 To Get Foreign Labour Certification ?**

- a) Tata Consultancy Services
- b) Infosys
- c) Ashok Leyland
- d) Reliance Communications
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is the only Indian company among the top 10 firms to get foreign labour certification for the H-1B visas for the fiscal year 2018 by receiving over 20,000 such certifications, according to official data in which Ernst & Young was ranked No 1.

**176. Which of the following app does the Tea Board of India plans to launch?**

- a) Chai Sahay
- b) E-tea service
- c) Tea-serv
- d) Chai-service
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Tea Board of India is planning to launch an app aimed at guiding small growers, whose share in total tea production is increasing. The proposed name of the app is Chai Sahay (tea help).

**177. Which state Hosts 4-Day International Dance Festival?**

- a) Bihar
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Mumbai



- d) Kerala
- e) Tamilnadu

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Uzbekistan Ambassador to India Farhod Arziev inaugurated a four-day international dance festival titled “Udbhav Utsav” in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

**178. Which Ministry launches Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali campaign ?**

- a) Environment Ministry
- b) Finance Ministry
- c) Defence Ministry
- d) Home Ministry
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Environment Ministry has launched Harit Diwali, Swasth Diwali campaign. This campaign was initiated in 2017-18 wherein large number of school children participated and took pledge to minimize bursting of crackers.

**179. Which state lift Vijay Hazare Trophy title for 3rd time?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) Jharkhand
- c) Delhi
- d) West Bengal
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Mumbai beat Delhi to lift Vijay Hazare Trophy title for 3rd time.

**180. Name of the Indian wrestler who won the silver medal of the Wrestling World Championships in Hungary.**

- a) Bajrang Punia
- b) Rahul Aware
- c) Sushil Kumar
- d) Parveen Rana
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Wrestler Bajrang Punia won the silver medal after he went down against Japan's Takuto Otoguro in the 65kg final of the Wrestling World Championships in Budapest, Hungary. It is his second medal at the Worlds. Only the fourth Indian ever to make it to the World Championship gold medal match, 24-year-old Bajrang was rattled by the 19-year old Otoguro.

**181. Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated Vishwa Shanti Ahimsa Sammelan in which of the following state?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Rajasthan
- c) Gujarat
- d) Maharashtra
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

President Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated three-day Vishwa Shanti Ahimsa Sammelan in Maharashtra. The conference was organized by the Bhagwan Rishabhdev Murti Nirman Samiti. The President presented the 1st international "Bhagwan Rishabhdev Award" to the Teerthanker Mahaveer University of Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh. The award consisted of a cash prize of Rs. 11 lakh, a memento, and a citation. It was received by the chancellor of Teerthanker Mahaveer University Suresh Jain.



**182. Druzhba-III is a Joint Military Exercise between Pakistan and \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) France
- b) US
- c) India
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

A contingent of the Russian Army arrived in Pakistan to participate in joint training exercise 'Druzhba-III'. According to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), this will be the third joint military drill between Islamabad and Moscow under the bilateral training cooperation agreement. Russia and Pakistan have been holding the "Friendship" drills since 2016. In October 2016, they held their first-ever joint military exercise in Pakistan.

**183. Where did the first India-China high-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation was held?**

- a) Mumbai
- b) New Delhi
- c) Chennai
- d) Kolkata
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The first India-China high-level meeting on bilateral security cooperation held in New Delhi recently. During the meeting, the two sides discussed issues of mutual interest including bilateral cooperation on counter-terrorism and welcomed increased cooperation between India and China in the area of security. An Agreement on security cooperation was also signed by Home Minister Rajnath Singh and State Councilor and Minister of Public Security of China, Zhao Kezhi.

**184. Who of the following won the MotoGP world champion for the fifth time recently?**

- a) Marc Marquez
- b) Cal Crutchlow
- c) Valentino Rossi
- d) Johann Zarco
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Spain's Marc Marquez won MotoGP world champion for the fifth time in six years in the Japanese MotoGP. Honda factory rider becomes the youngest rider to win five premier class titles. Marquez's Repsol Honda teammate Cal Crutchlow of Britain finished second.

**185. Where did the first trilateral meeting among India, Afghanistan and Iran of the Coordination Council of the Chabahar Agreement was held?**

- a) New Delhi
- b) Istanbul
- c) Tehran
- d) Mersin
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The first trilateral meeting among India, Afghanistan and Iran of the Coordination Council of the Chabahar Agreement took place on in Tehran, Iran. The Indian delegation was led by Secretary (Economic Relations) TS Tirumurti.

**186. Who among the following has been conferred with the Seoul Peace Prize for 2018?**

- a) Rachel Brathen
- b) Bunker Roy
- c) Jeff Kurtzman



- d) Narendra Modi
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with the Seoul Peace Prize for 2018 for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth. The Seoul Peace Prize was established in 1990 to commemorate the success of the 24th Olympic Games held in Seoul.

**187. Nishtha Dudeja won the Miss Deaf Asia 2018. She hailed from which state?**

- a) Telanagana
- b) Punjab
- c) Odisha
- d) Haryana
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Haryana girl Nishtha Dudeja won the Miss Deaf Asia 2018 title at an international pageant held in Prague. He is the first Indian to have won any title at the Miss Deaf World Pageant. She is the brand ambassador for Sivantos India Pvt Ltd. (Formerly Siemens hearing Instruments Pvt Ltd.), the world's leading brand of hearing aids. She had also participated in Deaflympics 2013 (held in Sofia, Bulgaria), World Deaf Tennis Championship 2015 (held in Nottingham, UK) and Deaflympics 2017 (held in Samsun, Turkey).

**188. Who will receive the first World Agriculture Prize?**

- a) Vikram Sarabhai
- b) Mina Swaminatan
- c) M.S.Swaminathan
- d) Verghese Kurien
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

M.S.Swaminathan, an Agricultural scientist, will be receiving the first World Agriculture Prize instituted by the Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) in New Delhi.

**189. Paul Biya elected as the President of which country?**

- a) Nigeria
- b) Cameroon
- c) Guinea
- d) Gambia
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Paul Biya, won the 7th term as President of Cameroon. Paul Biya has been ruling Cameroon since 1982. He is 85 years old. He had won 71.3 % of the ballot in the presidential election. His rival Maurice Kamto came second with 14.2 % of the vote.

**190. Which company has hired former British Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg to lead its global affairs and communications team?**

- a) Instagram
- b) Amazon
- c) Google
- d) Facebook
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**



Facebook has hired former British Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg to lead its global affairs and communications team. The appointment makes Clegg the most senior European politician ever in a leadership role in Silicon Valley. In March, the company faced new scrutiny over how it protects personal information after acknowledging that the data of up to 87 million people ended up in the hands of political consultancy Cambridge Analytica.

**191. To which department M Nageshwar Rao was appointed as a Director?**

- a) CID
- b) Intelligence Bureau
- c) CBI
- d) NIA
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

M Nageshwar Rao was appointed as a Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). Rao is presently working as Joint Director at the CBI. Rao will take over the duties and functions of CBI Director with immediate effect.

**192. Who is the head of four member Group of committee to crackdown on workplace sexual harassment?**

- a) Narendra Modi
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Rajnath Singh
- d) Maneka Sanjay Gandhi
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The Bharatiya Janata Party-led central government constituted a four member Group of Ministers headed by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh “to strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks to deal with and prevent sexual harassment at workplace.

**193. Where did North East Olympics begins?**

- a) Manipal
- b) Gangtok
- c) Impal
- d) Patna
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh declared open the first edition of North East Olympic Games 2018 at Main Stadium Khuman Lampak Sports Complex, Imphal.

**194. Which of the following will be awarded with the 2018 FICCI?**

- a) Railways Sports Promotion Board
- b) Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India
- c) Sports federation of india
- d) Athletics Federation of India
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Athletics Federation of India will be awarded the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards 2018 for the category of Best National Sports Federation (NSF). The award will be presented at the India Sports Awards ceremony, at Federation House, New Delhi. The Jury for the awards was chaired by Justice (retd) Mukul Mudgal. Pankaj Singh is the sports head of FICCI.

**195. In which state TECH 2018 will organized by UNESCO MGIEP?**

- a) Andhra Pradesh



- b) Goa
- c) Karnataka
- d) Uttar Pradesh
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

UNESCO MGIEP (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education) in association with Government of Andhra Pradesh announces TECH 2018, an international conference which aims to showcase the role of games and digital learning in enabling a shift from "transmissive pedagogies" to "transformative pedagogies" to create peaceful and sustainable societies.

**196. Which country tested the world's largest cargo drone Feihong-98 (FH-98)?**

- a) India
- b) China
- c) Germany
- d) Brazil
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

A Chinese company has tested the 'world's largest' cargo drone Feihong-98 (FH-98) which can carry a payload of 1.5 tonnes (1,500kg). The FH-98 has a maximum takeoff weight of 5.25 tonnes (5,250 kg) and maximum range of 1,200 km. Further, it is capable of reaching a flying altitude of 4.5 km and a cruising speed of 180 kmph.

**197. Who launched "Main Nahin Hum" in New Delhi?**

- a) Rajnath Singh
- b) Arun Jaitley
- c) Amit Shah
- d) Narendra Modi
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with IT and electronic manufacturing professionals and key industry leaders from across the country in New Delhi. The Prime Minister launched the "Main Nahin Hum" Portal and app on the occasion. The portal which works on the theme "Self for Society" will enable IT professionals and organizations to bring together their efforts towards social causes, and service to society, on one platform.

**198. What is the name of India's first made-in-India engineless train?**

- a) Fastrack 18
- b) Train 18
- c) Quix 18
- d) Bullet 18
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

India's first made-in-India engineless train 'Train 18' is set to hit the tracks for trials on October 29, 2018. The train will be unveiled on October 29 for three to four days trial outside the Coach Factory's premises. After successful trials, the train will be handed over to Research Design and Standards Organisation (RDSO) for further trials.

**199. Which of the following cities is the venue of the 2018 WETEX (Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition)?**

- a) New Delhi
- b) Dubai
- c) Paris
- d) New York



e) Mumbai

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The 2018 WETEX (Water, Energy, Technology, and Environment Exhibition) has started at the Dubai International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Dubai from October 23. It is considered as one of the leading sustainability exhibitions in the Middle East and North Africa region.

**200. Where did India Mobile Congress 2018 held?**

a) Kolkata

b) Mumbai

c) New Delhi

d) Noida

e) Pune

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

The second edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC-2018) was held New Delhi from October 25-27, 2018. It was organised by Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). The theme was “New Digital Horizons. Connect. Create. Innovate”.

**201. Which of the following country is tops list for travel destination in 2019?**

a) India

b) Singapore

c) Srilanka

d) USA

e) None of these

**Answer: C**

**Explanation:**

Sri Lanka was chosen as the best travel destination among the list of countries to visit in 2019 with Germany and Zimbabwe just behind. The country topped the list primarily because travel becomes much easier there since the civil war ended in 2009.

**202. Which country has launched Soyuz-2.1B rocket?**

a) USA

b) Israel

c) China

d) Japan

e) Russia

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Russia has successfully launched a Soyuz-2.1B rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket aborted a manned take-off to the International Space Station (ISS). According to Russia's space agency chief Dmitry Rogozin, this was the first launch of a rocket from the Soyuz family since the October 11 accident.

**203. What is the new name of IDFC Bank?**

a) Capital IDFC

b) IDFC First

c) IDFC Capital

d) First IDFC

e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

IDFC Bank on proposed to change its name to 'IDFC First Bank Ltd' in the wake of its amalgamation with the non-banking financial company Capital First. The decision was taken during the meeting of the Board of Directors of IDFC Bank.



**204. Who has been appointed as India's ambassador to Myanmar?**

- a) Saurabh Kumar
- b) Sangeeta Bahadur
- c) Naveen Srivastava
- d) Tsewang Topden
- e) None of these

**Answer: A**

**Explanation:**

Senior diplomat Saurabh Kumar has been appointed India's ambassador to Myanmar. Saurabh Kumar, a 1989 batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is currently serving as the Indian envoy in Iran. Kumar will succeed Vikram Misri who has been serving as Indian envoy in Myanmar since August 31, 2016.

**205. Soyuz-2.1B rocket is successfully launched by which country?**

- a) Italy
- b) US
- c) China
- d) Russia
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Russia has successfully launched a Soyuz-2.1B rocket for the first time since the failure of a similar rocket aborted a manned take-off to the International Space Station (ISS). According to Russia's space agency chief Dmitry Rogozin, this was the first launch of a rocket from the Soyuz family since the October 11 accident.

**206. Which company launched a 3,000-tonne training ship for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG)?**

- a) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
- b) Mazagon Dock Limited
- c) Dredging Corporation Of India
- d) Reliance Naval and Engineering
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Reliance Naval and Engineering (RNEL) launched a 3,000-tonne training ship for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). The state-of-the-art training vessel will be delivered to the ICG in May next year. The 105-metre long training vessel, the largest ship ever built for the ICG. The ship, built at a cost of Rs 220 crore, was named by Urmila Singh as ICGS Varuna at a ceremony attended by a large gathering of Coast Guard officers and government officials.

**207. The Punjab government has banned this chemical compound which is consider as a Group 2A cancer-causing material.**

- a) Dicamba
- b) Glyphosate
- c) Atrazine
- d) Chlorpyrifos
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

The Punjab government has banned the sale of glyphosate. Glyphosate is a herbicide which is extensively used in the State to control a wide variety of weeds in almost all the crops. The chemical has been observed to be a Group 2A cancer-causing material. This chemical is also known for causing other health problems and has the potential to damage human DNA.

**208. China and Japan are partnering to develop \_\_\_\_\_.**

- a) Trade and financial purpose
- b) Infrastructure in Asia



- c) Missile treaty
- d) Banking resources
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

China and Japan to partner in building Asia infrastructure. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has arrived in China. His visit is expected to trigger significant collaboration between Tokyo and Beijing in developing infrastructure in Asia. He was received by his Chinese counterpart Li Keqiang, at the Great Hall of the People.

**209. Gogha- Dahej Ro-Pax Ferry service will be inaugurated in which of the following state?**

- a) Punjab
- b) Haryana
- c) Maharashtra
- d) Gujarat
- e) None of these

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

Gogha- Dahej Ro-Pax Ferry service will be inaugurated in Gujarat on 27 October 2018. The ferry service is a part of Sagarmala programme of the Ministry of Shipping. The ferry service has a carrying capacity of 100 vehicles and 500 passengers. The ferry will travel through the sea route by crossing the Gulf in Cambay.

**210. How much amount does Kerala will need for recovery and reconstruction following the century's worst floods, according to a UN report?**

- a) Rs 30,000 crore
- b) Rs 31,000 crore
- c) Rs 32,000 crore
- d) Rs 33,000 crore
- e) None of these

**Answer: B**

**Explanation:**

Kerala will need about Rs 31,000 crore for recovery and reconstruction following the century's worst floods, according to a UN report presented to the Chief Minister by UN Resident Coordinator in India Yuri Afanasiev. Afanasiev presented the Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) report to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Thiruvananthapuram. This is the first time the UN has prepared such a report in India.

**211. Who is posthumously awarded UN Human Rights Prize?**

- a) M.Karunanithi
- b) J.Jayalalitha
- c) Atal Bihari Vajpai
- d) APJ Abdul Kalam
- e) Asma Jahangir

**Answer: E**

**Explanation:**

Late Pakistani human rights activist and lawyer Asma Jahangir was announced as one of the four winners of the 2018 UN Human Rights Prize. She became the fourth Pakistani woman to be awarded the UN Human Rights Prize.

**212. Where did Maneka Gandhi inaugurates 5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018?**

- a) Chennai
- b) Bangalore
- c) New Delhi
- d) Mumbai
- e) None of these

**Answer: C**



**Explanation:**

Women and Child Development Minister Maneka Gandhi inaugurated the 5th edition of Women of India National Organic Fest 2018 in New Delhi. The fest will continue till 4th of next month.

**213. What is the rank of India in FIFA ranking released by Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)?**

- a) 50
- b) 92
- c) 95
- d) 97
- e) 99

**Answer: D**

**Explanation:**

The Indian men's football ranking is unfazed, as it continues to be placed at the 97th spot in the latest rankings released by Federation International de Football Association (FIFA). Belgium have retained the pole position ahead of World Cup champions France.