1. When is the International Jazz Day observed?
A. April 30
B. April 29
C. April 28
D. April 27
E. April 26

Answer: A

International Jazz Day was observed on 30th April 2019, globally, to recognize jazz and its diplomatic role in uniting people. The day was designated in 2011 by UNESCO. Jazz Day is chaired by Audrey Azoulay, Director general of the UNESCO along with UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Herbert Jeffrey Hancock.

2. Which day is observed on 1st May?
A. International Labour Day
B. World Water Day
C. World Radio Day
D. World Milk Day
E. None of these

Answer: A

International Labour Day is also called the International Day of Workers and also the Day of May on 1st of May. Theme for the year 2019: Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners. It is used to celebrate to encourage many Labours which are on the National as well as International Level. On the Festival of the International Labour Day mainly 80 Nations of the World are given Holiday.

3. Recently, which state government approved the proposal for creation of a new Directorate of Dairy Development in the state to increase milk production.
A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Meghalaya
C. Maharashtra
D. Mizoram
E. Tripura

Answer: B

The Meghalaya Cabinet approved the proposal for creation of a new Directorate of Dairy Development in the state to increase milk production. Home Minister James K Sangma had launched the Meghalaya Milk Mission and Rs 215 crore has been sanctioned. The state Cabinet has also approved a proposal for enhancing the grant-in-aid to night and morning ad-hoc secondary schools in the state.

4. What is the expected GDP growth of India for the year 2019-20 as per the latest prediction by India Ratings?
A. 7.5%
B. 7.4%
C. 7.3%
D. 7.2%
E. 7.1%

Answer: C

India Ratings and Research marginally lowered country’s GDP growth projection for 2019-20 fiscal to 7.3 per cent mainly due to below normal monsoon
prediction and loss of momentum in industrial output. The Fitch group company had earlier projected India’s gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 7.5 per cent.

5. Which General Insurance company announced that it is going to sell policies through social media messaging platform WhatsApp?
A. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
B. Cholamandalam MS General Insurance
C. Bharti AXA General Insurance
D. Apollo Munich Insurance
E. Reliance General Insurance

Answer: C

Bharti AXA General Insurance will sell policies through social media messaging platform WhatsApp and has tied up with web aggregator Wishfin Insurance for speedy delivery of two-wheeler cover. Bharti AXA General Insurance, a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises and global insurance firm AXA, will sell the policies on the website of Wishfin’s insurance arm Wishpolicy. Wishfin has launched ‘Buy Two-Wheeler Insurance on WhatsApp’ through web aggregator Wishfin Insurance, which is available on (Wishpolicy’s) site, provided by Bharti AXA General Insurance

6. Which digital wallet company launches recurring payments service for merchants?
A. Paytm
B. PhonePe
C. PayPal
D. AmazonPay
E. MobiKwik

Answer: A

Paytm has launched recurring payment (auto pay) service for merchants that are working on a digital subscription model. The move will allow the subscription-based businesses to collect payments from their subscribers effortlessly. The auto pay service is targeted at people who use Paytm for bill payments, content subscription, grocery purchases, membership fees, housing society payments etc. The service is being offered as an additional mode of payment other than credit/debit cards, internet banking and other Paytm proprietary instruments.

7. What is the rank of India in terms of military spender in the year 2018 as per the report of SIPRI?
A. First
B. Second
C. Third
D. Fourth
E. Fifth

Answer: D

India was the world’s fourth biggest military spender last year behind the United States, China, and Saudi Arabia, according to new data think tank Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released. India was the fifth largest military spender in 2017. According to the SIPRI data, China was the second-largest military spender last year. Beijing increased its military expenditure by 5% to $250 billion in 2018. It accounted for 14% of global military spending. In contrast, India’s military spending went up by 3.1% to $66.5 billion. India accounts for 3.7% of the global defence spending.

8. Who is the author of the biography Chequered Brilliance: The Many Lives of V K Krishna Menon?
A. Anand Sharma
B. P. Chidambaram
C. Jairam Ramesh
D. Salman Khurshid
E. None of these
Answer: C

9. GRSE to build 8 anti-submarine warfare shallow watercraft for Indian Navy. Where does GRSE headquartered?
A. Mumbai
B. Kolkata
C. Vishakapatnam
D. Chennai
E. Mangalore
Answer: B
Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE) and India’s defence ministry signed a contract for construction and supply of eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water crafts (ASWSWCs) for Indian Navy. The contract worth Rs. 6,311.32 crore was signed today by Joint Secretary and Acquisition Manager (Maritime Systems) Ravi Kant on behalf of Ministry of Defence and S S Dogra, Director (Finance), on behalf of GRSE, in New Delhi The first ship is to be delivered within 42 months from contract signing date and subsequent balance ships delivery schedule will be two ships per year. The project will have to completed within 84 months from date of signing the contract. Kolkata based GRSE has been a pioneer warship builder of the nation having delivered the highest number of warships till date since its inception as a DPSU in 1960

10. Raheem Sterling has been named as the Football Writers' Association (FWA) Footballer of the Year 2019. He plays for which team?
A. Liverpool F.C
B. Manchester City
C. FC Barcelona
D. Arsenal F.C
E. None of these
Answer: B
Manchester City’s forward Raheem Sterling has been named as the Football Writers’ Association (FWA) Footballer of the Year 2019. With this win, Sterling became the first Manchester City player to win the football’s oldest individual award. The player also received praise for his courageous stance against racism in the game.

11. Indian para-athletes win how many silver medals at Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019?
A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. 5
E. 9
Answer: A
Indian para-athletes put up a brilliant performance to secure 1 silver and 2 bronze at the Asian Road Para-Cycling Championships 2019 that saw 28 countries vying for the podium at Tashkent, Uzbekistan from 23-28 April.Divij Shah continued his remarkable record at this prestigious tournament by clinching his third consecutive silver medal in the C5 category. Hand cyclist Sudhakar Marathe from Maharashtra made a
debuted to remember when he got hold of the bronze medal in H5 category. Asian Para Games bronze medallist Gurlal Singh, who is the only Indian cyclist (able-bodied or otherwise) to win a medal at the Asian Games level helped swell India’s medal tally further by grabbing the bronze in the C4 section.

12. Who becomes first Indian to break into top-25 of table tennis world rankings?
A. R Maruthi Raj
B. K Kamalesh
C. G Sathiyan
D. Y K Pillia
E. Sharath Kamal

Answer: C
G Sathiyan became first Indian to break into the top-25 of ITTF rankings. Sathiyan rose four spots to be 24th in the latest ITTF rankings. Sharath Kamal dropped 9 spots to be in 46th position

13. Which of the Cyclonic storms has recently hit the North Indian Ocean countries and Indian states having coastlines with the Bay of Bengal?
A. Cyclone Fani
B. Cyclone Lorna
C. Cyclone Megh
D. Cyclone Nilam
E. None of these

Answer: A
Cyclonic storm ‘Fani’ is likely to hit Coastal Andhra Pradesh by April 30 as it intensified into a severe storm and trigger thunderstorms, gusty winds and moderate rains in coastal districts and some parts of Rayalaseema.

14. Who will be the Chairman of the committee formed by CPWD to bring out the Safety Manual of the department?
A. Prabhakar Singh
B. Sunil Kumar Garg
C. K M Soni
D. Ravindra Kumar Thathu
E. None of these

Answer: D
The Central Public Works Department (CPWD) has constituted a 10-member committee to bring out ‘Safety Manual’ of the department. According to a CPWD official, the committee, headed by Additional Director General (ADG) K M Soni. The move is aimed at ensuring safety of engineers and workers working in various projects of the agency which comes under the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry

15. Which coloured number plates are now mandatory for electric vehicles.
A. Red
B. Yellow
C. Orange
D. Blue
E. Green

Answer: E
The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) has announced a green registration mark for all battery-operated vehicles, where private vehicles will bear white fonts on a green background on the number plate and commercial vehicles will have a yellow font on a green background. The new mandate is supposed to help provide a preferential treatment to the vehicles with no carbon emissions, like parking, free entry in congested areas as well as a concessional toll on highways.

16. Which city police launched an all-women police patrol unit “Rani Abbakka Force”.
A. Bengaluru
B. Mysore
C. Hyderabad
D. Mangaluru
E. Chennai

**Answer: D**

Mangaluru City Police has launched an all-women police patrol unit in the city. Flagging off the ‘Rani Abbakka Force’ in Mangaluru. Karnataka police is giving utmost importance to the protection of women and children.

17. What is the new interest rate of Savings bank account in SBI for balances above Rs 1 lakh that is effective from 1st May 2019?

A. 3.25%
B. 3.5%
C. 2.75%
D. 2.5%
E. 2.25%

**Answer: C**

Earlier, the savings bank account of SBI carried an interest rate of 3.50 per cent for deposits up to Rs 1 crore and 4 per cent for deposits above Rs 1 crore. From May 1, only deposits in savings account above Rs 1 lakh will be impacted and will henceforth carry a flexible interest rate. Savings account balance below Rs 1 lakh will continue to carry the fixed rate of interest of 3.5 per cent. Savings bank interest rate for balances above Rs 1 lakh w.e.f 1st May 2019 will be 2.75 per cent below RBI’s repo rate i.e. 3.25 per cent. The RBI repo rate is currently at 6 per cent. SBI home loan to continue being linked to its MCLR Small depositors will not be impacted.

18. GST collections in April stood at □

A. 1 lakh crore
B. 1.13 lakh crore
C. 1.06 lakh crore
D. 98,114 crore
E. 95,753 crore

**Answer: B**

The Goods and Services Tax, GST collection scaled all-time high of over 1.13 lakh crore rupees in April, up from 1.06 lakh crore rupees in the previous month. Out of the total gross GST revenue collected in April, Central GST is 21 thousand 163 crore rupees, State GST is 28 thousand 801 crore rupees, Integrated GST is 54 thousand 733 crore and cess is 9 thousand 168 crore rupees. Revenue in April 2019 was 10.05 per cent higher than April 2018 (Rs. 1,03,459 crore). The total number of GSTR 3B Returns filed for March up to April 30 is 72.13 lakh. The revenue in April 2019 is 16.05 per cent higher than the monthly average GST revenue reported in financial year 2018-19 (Rs. 98,114 crore).The total revenue earned by the central government and state governments after regular and provisional settlement in April 2019 is 47 thousand 533 crore rupees for CGST and 50 thousand 776 crore rupees for SGST. For FY20, GST collection has been budgeted at Rs. 13.71 lakh crore, which means the average monthly collection should be slightly over Rs. 1.14 lakh crore.

19. Who among the following has been appointed as the first independent woman director by BSE?

A. Jayshree Vyas
B. Minush Vyas
C. Sukanya Vyas
20. The Goldman Environmental Prize is given by which country?
A. France
B. Germany
C. Russia
D. Mexico
E. United States
Answer: E

Six grassroots environmental activists will receive the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize. Dubbed the Green Nobel Prize, the Goldman Prize honors environmental activists from each of the six continental regions: Europe, Asia, North America, Central and South America, Africa, and islands and island nations. This year is the 30th anniversary of the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize. This year’s winners are Alfred Brownell from Liberia, Bayarjargal Agvaantseren from Mongolia, Ana Colovic Lesoska from North Macedonia, Jacqueline Evans from the Cook Islands, Alberto Curamil from Chile, and Linda Garcia from the United States.

21. With which Maharatna company did Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), signed an MoU for cooperation on various projects related to e-mobility?
A. SAIL
B. BHEL
C. CIL
D. BPCL
E. NTPC
Answer: B

Bharat Heavy Electricals and Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), an autonomous body affiliated to the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises have signed an MoU for cooperation on various projects related to e-mobility. BHEL’s unique strength as technology developer and implementer and ARAI’s advanced facilities and expertise in design, testing and certification of mobility products, will generate synergies in implementing solutions for Electric & Trolley Bus, EV Chargers, Battery & Charger testing, etc.

22. The phase I of Indo-French joint naval exercise, “Varuna-19” is organised in which state?
A. Tamil Nadu
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Odisha
D. Karnataka
E. Goa
Answer: E

The first part of the Indo-French joint naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 is being held off the Goa coast from 1 to 10 May 2019. The exercise will see the participation of the French Navy’s aircraft carrier FNS Charles de Gaulle, two destroyers, FNS Forbin and FNS Provence, the frigate FNS Latouche-Treville, the tanker FNS Marne and a nuclear submarine. From the Indian side, the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, destroyer INS Mumbai, the Teg-class frigate, INS Tarkash, the Shishumar-class submarine, INS Shankul, and the Deepak-class fleet tanker, INS Deepak, are taking part.
in the exercise. Varuna 19.2, the second part of the exercise, is scheduled to be held in May end in Djibouti.

23. Name the Indian Riffel shotter who attains world number one spot in Women’s 10m Air Rifle Event.
A. Rani Sarnobat  
B. Heena Sidhu  
C. Apurvi Chandela  
D. Anjum Moudgil  
E. Manu Bhaker

Answer: C

Indian shooting ace Apurvi Chandela attained the world number one position in the women’s 10 metres air rifle event while compatriot Anjum Moudgil rose to number two. The rifle ace from Jaipur is among the five Indian shooters to have already secured 2020 Olympics quotas for the country. Anish Bhanwala, another of India’s talented young shooter, secured the 10th spot in 25 metres Rapid Fire Pistol category.

24. What was the profession of B Subhashan Reddy who passed away recently?
A. Judge  
B. Journalist  
C. Politician  
D. Author  
E. Film Maker

Answer: A

Former Chief Justice of the Madras and Kerala High Courts, Justice B Subhashan Reddy passed away. His areas of practice included Constitutional, Civil, Criminal, Revenue and Taxation laws. He also practiced in the Supreme Court of India.

25. Name the Japan's new emperor, who has formally ascended to the Chrysanthemum Throne?
A. Naruhito  
B. Katerveto  
C. Vinejesho  
D. Saranvikuto  
E. None of these

Answer: A

Japan’s new emperor, Naruhito, has formally ascended to the Chrysanthemum Throne, replacing his father, Akihito. Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe congratulated Naruhito and also pointed to Akihito’s role in transforming the role.

26. Which Indian Open University is going to launch an awareness programme on Goods and Services Tax (GST) in collaboration with Bombay Stock Exchange Institute Limited from its July 2019?
A. BRAOU  
B. KKHSOU  
C. IGNOU  
D. SSOU  
E. None of these

Answer: C

The Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) will launch an awareness programme on Goods and Services Tax (GST) in collaboration with Bombay Stock Exchange Institute Limited from its July 2019. The programme, which will be launched by IGNOU’s School of Management Studies aims to impart basic knowledge and skills required to fulfil various requirements under the GST Act. This programme would be beneficial to people who are engaged in maintaining accounts and filing of various indirect tax returns.

27. When is the World Tuna Day celebrated?
A. May 1  
B. May 2
C. April 30
D. First Thursday of May
E. First Saturday of May

**Answer: B**
The World Tuna Day is held on 2 May since 2017 to highlight the importance of Tuna fish to the marine ecosystem and the global economy and raise awareness about proper conservation and management to prevent them from crashing. The United Nations General Assembly officially recognized the Day in December 2016.

28. Which day is observed on 3rd May?
A. World Press Freedom Day
B. World Refugee Day
C. CISF Raising Day
D. World Laughter Day
E. World Radio Day

**Answer: A**
World Press Freedom Day was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in December 1993, following the recommendation of UNESCO’s General Conference. Since then, 3 May, the anniversary of the Declaration of Windhoek is celebrated worldwide as World Press Freedom Day. Theme for 2019 is Media for Democracy: Journalism and Elections in Times of Disinformation. The 26th celebration of World Press Freedom Day is jointly organized by UNESCO, the African Union Commission and the Government of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The main event will take place in Addis Ababa.

29. The parliament of which country has become the first in the world to declare Environment and Climate Emergency?
A. France
B. United States
C. United Kingdom
D. Germany
E. Australia

**Answer: C**
The UK Parliament has passed a declaration for Environment and Climate Emergency on May 01, 2019. Hence the Parliament of the UK has become the first parliament, or the UK has become the first country to pass a declaration on climate emergency. This was a lot of pressure from the opposition Labour leaders for “rapid and dramatic action” to protect the environment for generations to come. The fight for this Climate Emergency was lead by a group called Extinction Rebellion. What does Climate Emergency mean: It means that from now climate and the environment would be at the very centre of all government policy, rather than being on the fringe of political decisions.

30. Who launched the postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan.
A. Ram Nath Kovind
B. Narendra Modi
C. Rajnath Singh
D. Arun Jaitley
E. Venkaiah Naidu

**Answer: E**
Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu released a postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan in New Delhi. Sri Vedanta Desikan called for world peace and said that peace and humanity formed the basis of the spiritual teachings of great saints.
31. Recently, LIC HFL launched Udyam centre at which city?
A. New Delhi
B. Bengaluru
C. Chennai
D. Lucknow
E. Mumbai
Answer: B

LIC Housing Finance (LIC HFL) has launched ‘Udyam’, a skilling centre in Bengaluru. It was launched in association with Lok Bharti Education Society, the implementing partner. Centres of Excellence (CoE) have been launched in Delhi and Bengaluru, and later on will expand to other cities.

32. Which country was the biggest recipient of funds from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the year 2018?
A. India
B. South Africa
C. China
D. Japan
E. Russia
Answer: A

India was the biggest recipient of funds from Asian Development Bank last year and would continue to get sovereign loans in excess of USD 3 billion in 2019. ADB will continue to make investment in rural connectivity, urban development and skill development, among others. India received nearly 25 per cent of the total loans sanctioned last year. New commitments included USD 21.6 billion in loans, grants and investments from ADB’s own resources, exceeding the target of USD 19.71 billion and up 10 per cent from 2017.

33. Which has emerged as the Third Largest Foreign Direct Investor in India during 2017-18?
A. UAE
B. Iraq
C. Iran
D. Netherlands
E. USA
Answer: D

The Netherlands has emerged as the third largest foreign direct investor in India during 2017-18, with investments pegged at about $2.67 billion across sectors. The Netherlands was also the second largest destination for foreign investment by Indian companies, after Singapore, with investments worth $12.8 billion in 2017.

34. Who has taken charge as Zonal Manager of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in the south?
A. Manoj Sharma
B. K. Kadiresan
C. Pratap Rudra
D. Kasinadh Choudary
E. None of these
Answer: B

Kadiresan has taken charge as Zonal Manager of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in the south. He will oversee the operations of 13 divisional offices, 261 branch offices and 262 satellite offices covering Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Union Territories of Puducherry and Lakshadweep. Prior to this posting, he was the executive director (pension and group schemes), LIC, Central Office, Mumbai.

35. Name the singer to win record breaking number of Billboard Music Awards in its history?
A. Beyoncé
B. Chris Brown
C. Justin Bieber
D. Drake
E. None of these

**Answer: D**

The Billboard Music Awards took place at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. The 32-year-old Drake has broken yet another record for his album ‘Scorpion’, as he now has the distinction of having won the most Billboard Music Awards ever. After taking home 12 awards, Drake’s number of wins reached a total of 27. He surpasses Taylor Swift, who has won 23 BBMAs overall.

36. Who wins the gold medal at the Ali Aliyev Wrestling Tournament.
A. Bajrang Punia
B. Sushil Kumar
C. Yogeshwar Dutt
D. Mahaveer Singh Phogat
E. Pawan Kumar

**Answer: A**

World number one Bajrang Punia won the gold medal as he defeated Viktor Rassadin in the finals of men’s 65kg freestyle in the Ali Aliyev wrestling tournament in Kaspisk, Russia. The 25-year-old Indian grappler had won a gold medal at the Asian Championships in Xi’an, China.

37. Who has been named as the first non – British President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?
A. Kumar Sangakkara
B. Saurav Ganguly
C. Sanath Jayasuriya
D. Mahela Jayawardane
E. Sunil Gavaskar

**Answer: A**

Kumar Sangakkara named as first non-British President of MCC. Kumar Sangakkara, the former Sri Lanka captain, has been announced as the first non-British President of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), and will take up his one-year post on October 1, 2019. Sangakkara’s nomination was announced by current president, Anthony Wreford, at the MCC annual general meeting at Lord’s.

38. Master Hirannaiah who died recently was a well known artist of which film industry?
A. Bengali
B. Malayalam
C. Kannada
D. Hindi
E. Telugu

**Answer: C**

Noted Kannada theatre personality Master Hirannaiah died. He was 85 years old and was suffering from a liver complication. His mega hit play ‘Lanchavatara’ had a free form where Master Hirannaiah included a commentary on the day’s politics making the play new with every staging.

39. When is the International Firefighters’ Day observed?
A. May 1
B. May 2
C. May 3
D. May 4
E. May First Saturday

**Answer: D**

International Firefighters’ Day is observed each year on 4th May. It was instituted after a proposal was emailed out across the world on January 4, 1999 due to the
deaths of five firefighters in tragic circumstances in a
bushfire in Australia. The IFFD ribbons are linked to
colours symbolic of the main elements firefighters work
with – red for fire and blue for water. These colours also
are internationally recognised as representing
emergency service.

40. Huawei Technologies Co. has taken over which
company to become second largest smartphone
maker in the world?
A. Xiaomi
B. Apple
C. Samsung
D. Nokia
E. Oppo

Answer: B

Huawei Technologies Co overtook Apple Inc to claim
the No. 2 spot in smartphones in the first quarter,
moving a step closer to its avowed ambition of
displacing Samsung at the top of the market. Huawei’s
been steadily gaining on Apple and Samsung
Electronics Co. with an increasingly high-end line-up of
devices, particularly in its home market of China.

Huawei grew shipments 50% from a year earlier

41. According to ADB, Asia-Pacific region is
expected to power ahead growing at what percentage
this year?
A. 5.5
B. 5.7
C. 6.7
D. 7.1
E. 6.9

Answer: B

According to the bank’s Asian Development Outlook
2019 report released in April, developing Asia — which
comprises 45 nations ranging from China to Tuvalu —
is projected to grow by 5.7 percent this year. However,
the growth outlook for developing Asia is expected to
moderate to 5.6 percent in 2020, according to the report

The bank’s lending grew to a record $21.6 billion in
2018, 10% higher compared to 2017. Mr. Nakao
elaborated on the Strategy 2030 plan of ADB which will
focus on six key areas — operational and action plans
for the private sector, addressing remaining poverty and
inequality, accelerating progress in gender equality,
continuing to foster regional cooperation and
integration, expanding private sector operations and
using concessional resources effectively. Addressing the
opening session of the Board of Governors at ADB’s
52nd Annual Meeting in Nadi, Fiji, Mr. Nakao stated
that consumer and investor behaviour could be
undermined by trade tensions between countries

42. Who was appointed as the head coach for the
men's national volleyball team?
A. Dragan Mihailovic
B. Dave Shoji
C. Marv Dunphy
D. Mick Haley
E. Hugh McCutcheon

Answer: A

The Volleyball Federation of India Friday appointed
Serbian Dragan Mihailovic as head coach of the men’s
national team. He will take over as head coach and will
be joined by Pryemyslaw Gaszyoski (Poland) and
Valadimir Radosevic (Serbia) as the team’s physio and
physiotherapist respectively. Apart from the men’s
team, the three will also be working closely with the U-23
men’s and other junior India teams. All the three
have been appointed for five months and will work with
the team for the Asian Championships scheduled to be held in Iran in September.

43. Who has been sworn in as the top military officer of the 29-nation NATO military alliance?
A. David Goldfein
B. Charles Q. Brown
C. Tod Wolters
D. Maryanne Miller
E. None of these

Answer: C

U.S. Air Force General Tod D. Wolters has been sworn in as the top military officer of the 29-nation NATO military alliance. The former pilot, who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, became Supreme Allied Commander Europe at NATO’s military headquarters in Mons, southern Belgium. Wolters, who replaces U.S. Army General Curtis M. Scaparrotti for a term likely to run two to three years, will also be commander of U.S. forces in Europe.

44. Who among the following Indian has received the France’s highest civilian award - Chevalier of the Order of the Legion of Honour recently?
A. Vikram Sarabhai
B. K. Radhakrishnan
C. A S Kiran Kumar
D. B.N. Suresh
E. Kailasavadivoo Sivan

Answer: C

Former ISRO chairman A S Kiran Kumar was conferred with France’s highest civilian award – Chevalier de l’Ordre national de la Légion d’Honneur – for his contribution to India-France space cooperation. Ambassador of France to India, Alexandre Ziegler conferred Kumar with the highest civilian honour of France on behalf of the President of France. The Ordre national de la Légion d’Honneur (National Order of the Legion of Honour), was created in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is the highest civilian award given by the French for outstanding service to France, regardless of the nationality of the recipient.

45. The article titled ‘Coalgate 2.0’ has won the ACJ (Asian College of Journalism) Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. Who is the author of the article?
A. Nileena M S
B. Arnab Goswami
C. Rajdeep Sardesai
D. Shreen Bhan
E. Nidhi Razdon

Answer: A

The article titled ‘Coalgate 2.0’ authored by Nileena M S and published in The Caravan magazine in March last year has won the ACJ (Asian College of Journalism) Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. Nileena’s story investigates the allotment of ‘captive coal blocks’ in Chhattisgarh’s Parba East and Kanta Basan regions. The article explores deforestation, re-locations of people, loss of livelihood, and denial of forest rights to tribal. The award comprises a trophy, a citation and prize money of Rs 2 lakh. The award was presented to the winner by John Micklethwait, editor-in-chief of Bloomberg News, who was the chief guest at the journalism school’s annual convocation ceremony in Chennai.

46. Which IIT is going to build a Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies?
A. IIT Roorkee
B. IIT Kharkpur
Principal Scientific Advisor (PSA) to the Government, Prof K. Vijay Raghavan, and Director, IIT Delhi, Prof V. Ramgopal Rao, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in New Delhi for setting up the CoE. The waste to wealth mission project has been approved under the recently constituted Prime Minister’s Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC), which is an overarching body for assessment, creation and implementation of major scientific, technology and innovation interventions for India.

47. Which city is going to host Asian youth Women Handball Championship 2019?
A. Pune
B. Kolkata
C. Udaipur
D. Jaipur
E. New Delhi
Answer: D
Jaipur will host the 8th Asian Youth Women Handball Championship in which 10 teams, including defending champions South Korea, will be participating. It is the first time that the tournament will be hosted by Pink city Jaipur. Earlier Delhi had hosted it in 2015 where the hosts India had finished seventh. The previous edition in 2017 was held at Jakarta in Indonesia where South Korea was the champion while Japan and China were placed second and third respectively.

48. Peter Mayhew was a renowned __________
A. Singer
B. Actor
C. Journalist
D. Author
E. Sports Person
Answer: B
Actor Peter Mayhew, who played Chewbacca in “Star Wars”, has passed away. The British-US actor played the giant Wookiee warrior in several Star Wars films from 1977 until 2015.

49. The Reserve Bank of India has imposed penalties on how many prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers, for violation of regulatory norms?
A. Two
B. Three
C. Four
D. Five
E. Six
Answer: D
The Reserve Bank of India has imposed penalties on five prepaid payment instrument (PPI) issuers, including Vodafone m-pesa and PhonePe, for violation of regulatory norms. Also, penalties have been imposed on Western Union Financial Services Inc and MoneyGram Payment Systems Inc, both US firms, for non-compliance of guidelines. A penalty of Rs. 3.05 crore has been imposed on Vodafone m-pesa and Rs. 1 crore each on Mobile Payments, PhonePe and G.I. Technology Private Ltd. Also, a penalty of Rs. 5 lakh has been imposed on Y-Cash Software Solutions. In a separate statement, the central bank said it had imposed a penalty of Rs. 29.67 lakh on Western Union Financial Services Inc., USA., and Rs. 10.12 lakh on MoneyGram Payment Systems Inc, USA, for non-compliance of regulatory guidelines. RBI also imposed a penalty of Rs. 11.25 lakh on private sector lender Yes Bank for
violation of norms pertaining to issuance and operations of PPIs. According to the section 30 of the Payment and Settlement System Act, 2007, the penalty has to be paid within 30 days of the order being passed.

50. Name the player to win gold at Ali Aliyev Wrestling Tournament in men’s 65kg freestyle event?
A. Sushil Kumar
B. Yogeshwar Dutt
C. Rahul Aware
D. Bajrang Punia
E. None of these

Answer: D

World number one Bajrang Punia won the gold medal as he defeated Viktor Rassadin in the finals of men’s 65kg freestyle in the Ali Aliyev wrestling tournament in Kaspisk, Russia. Earlier on April 23, Bajrang had won a gold in the same category, beating Kazakhstan’s Sayatbek Okassov 12-7 in the final of the Asian Wrestling Championships in China. Bajrang to participate in the ‘Beat the Streets’ competition at the Madison Square Garden, New York, on May 6.

51. When is the Coal Miners Day celebrated?
A. May 2
B. May 3
C. May 5
D. May 4
E. May 6

Answer: D

Coal Miners Day was observed on may 4th of every year to highlight the toughest profession and the people working in coal mines. Several communities raise awareness and funds on this day for other organizations in the coal mining area and workers. This day was established to show the appreciation for the sacrifices, honour the accomplishments and remember the tragedies that these hardworking individuals experience.

The annual celebration of Coal Miners Day began in 1975.

52. When is World Laughter Day celebrated?
A. May 04
B. May 05
C. May 06
D. May First Saturday
E. May First Sunday

Answer: E

World Laughter Day is celebrated on the first Sunday of May of every year. The first celebration was on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai, India. The celebration of World Laughter Day was meant to be a positive manifestation for world peace and to build up a global consciousness of brotherhood and friendship through laughter and run-on sentences.

53. Which of these countries currency has been awarded with the best bank note for 2018 by the International Bank Note Society (IBNS)?
A. Canada
B. India
C. Singapore
D. Germany
E. Russia

Answer: A

Canada’s redesigned $10 bill has earned the Bank of Canada a Bank Note of the Year Award from the International Bank Note Society (IBNS). The competition came from Mexico’s 500-peso note, Russia’s 100-ruble note, Norway’s 500-krone note and China’s 50-yuan note, among many others.
54. Which country is set to become the site of the world’s first crypto city, where cash will be shunned in favor of a new cryptocurrency called DMI?
A. Singapore  
B. Malaysia  
C. Taiwan  
D. South Korea  
E. Germany
Answer: B
Malaysia is set to become the site of the world’s first crypto city, where cash will be shunned in favor of a new cryptocurrency called DMI. DMI is a company that provides mobile enterprise, business intelligence and cybersecurity services and it has collaborated with the Melaka Straits City on this project. Visitors will be able to exchange normal money for DMI coins when they arrive in the city.

55. Which e-commerce company announces Virat Kohli & Anushka Sharma as first official brand ambassadors?
A. Jobang  
B. Myntra  
C. Amazon  
D. Koovs  
E. Limeroad
Answer: B
Myntra has announced the launch of ‘Go Myntra-la-la’ with an ad film starring Myntra’s first official brand ambassadors, cricketer Virat Kohli and actor Anushka Sharma.

56. Who among the following has been recently inducted as the member in the Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission?
A. Raghuram Rajan  
B. Krishnamurthy Subramanian  
C. Luigi Zingales  
D. Arvind Subramanian  
E. None of these
Answer: B
The Chief Economic Advisor to Central government, Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian has been included as the member of the Advisory Council of the Fifteenth Finance Commission. Fifteenth Finance Commission had constituted an Advisory Council with the following Members– Dr. D.K. Srivastava, Dr. Indira Rajaraman, Dr. Arvind Virmani, Dr. Surjit S. Bhalla, Dr. Sanjeev Gupta, Prof. Pinaki Chakraborty, Sajjid Chinoy, Neelkanth Mishra, Prachi Mishra, Dr M. Govinda Rao, and Dr. Omkar Goswami. Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian will be the twelfth Member of the Council.

57. Bhushan Patil has stepped from the post of the President of which company?
A. Paytm  
B. Amazon India  
C. Red Bus  
D. BSNL  
E. Just Dail
Answer: A
Paytm, India’s mobile payment and commerce platform’s President, Bhushan Patil, has quit the company. He had joined Paytm in March 2016 after serving five years at the Chinese company Alibaba.com.

58. Who has been named as the acting President of the Archery Association of India (AAI)?
A. Sunil Sharma  
B. Niketan Srivastava  
C. Arun Chaudhary  
D. Vikas Verma

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Archery Association of India named its senior vice president Sunil Sharma as its acting president. This comes after AAI President B.V.P. Rao resigned.

59. IMF economist Reza Baqir has been appointed as the Governor of the State Bank of which country?
A. Russia  
B. Pakistan  
C. Afghanistan  
D. China  
E. Nepal

Answer: B  
Reza Baqir, an economist with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), has been appointed as Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) for three years. Dr Baqir earned his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley, in Economics and has worked with the IMF for the last 16 years. He has been the chief of the IMF’s Debt Policy Division and worked on IMF policies on external debt sustainability and restructuring of member countries. Before the IMF, Dr Baqir worked at the World Bank, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and the Union Bank of Switzerland. Baqir will be the second IMF staffer to head the SBP. Before him, Mohammad Yaqub was also brought in from the IMF to head the State Bank from 1993 to 1999.

60. Nepal based Bandana Nepal has recently created Guinness World Records in which of the following fields?
A. Mountain Climbing  
B. Singing  
C. Cycling  
D. Dancing  
E. Weightlifting

Answer: D  
A Nepali teenager danced continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness World Records on ‘Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual’. Bandana beat the record set by Kalamandalam Hemlatha, who danced continuously for 123 hours and 15 minutes in 2011.

61. With which IT company did the India's largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal?
A. TCS  
B. Infosys  
C. IBM  
D. Apple  
E. Dell

Answer: C  
India’s largest telecom operator Vodafone Idea Ltd announced a five-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with tech giant IBM. Vodafone Idea is collaborating with leading global technology partners including IBM to deploy new age technologies with built-in customisations and novel innovations. This five-year collaboration with IBM, opens new opportunities for us to partner together in domains like cloud, AI (Artificial Intelligence) and IoT (Internet of Things). We will also be able to leverage collateral from the cloud partnership already announced between Vodafone and IBM in Europe.

62. Indian Navy is set to receive 10 ‘Kamov Ka-31’ Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter from which country?
A. United States  
B. Russia  
C. Scotland
D. Germany
E. Canada

**Answer: B**

Defence ministry has approved the procurement of 10 Kamov Ka-31 Airborne Early Warning and Control helicopters for the Indian Navy. The cost of the deal would be around Rs 3,600 crore and the 10 helicopters would be deployed on the aircraft carriers and warships of the Navy including the INS Vikrant and Grigorovich-class frigates. The aim of the choppers is to sanitise the air space around the battle groups led by the aircraft carriers while carrying out operations in the sea or anti-submarine warfare operations.

**63. Indian sports person Saurav Ghoshal is related to which sport?**
A. Tennis
B. Table Tennis
C. Badminton
D. Squash
E. Running

**Answer: D**

Ace Indian squash players Saurav Ghoshal and Joshna Chinappa won their respective Asian Individual Squash Championship titles in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Saurav Ghoshal defeated Leo Au Chun Ming of Hong Kong. Joshna Chinappa on the other hand retained her title as she beat top seed Annie Au of Hong Kong. Ghoshal who had become the first Indian male player to reach top ten of the world rankings

**64. Xavi Hernandez announces his retirement. He plays football for which team?**
A. Liverpool FC
B. Juventus FC
C. FC Barcelona

**Answer: C**

FC Barcelona legend midfielder Xavi Hernandez has announced that he will retire at the end of the season to move into coaching. Xavi went on to win 25 titles, including the treble seasons of 2008-09 and 2014-15. In total he holds eight La Liga, three Copa del Rey, four UEFA Champions League, two FIFA Club World Cup, six Spanish Super Cup, and two UEFA Super Cup. Xavi is a six-time Copa Catalunya and one-time Catalunya Super Cup winner.

**65. Maramraju Satyanarayana Rao who passed away recently was a renowned _________**
A. Judge
B. Journalist
C. Writer
D. Scientist
E. Politician

**Answer: C**

Prominent writer and academician, Maramraju Satyanarayana Rao passed away, following a cardiac arrest. He was 84, he had worked as professor of political science and registrar of Ambedkar Open University.

**66. When is International Day of the Midwife celebrated every year?**
A. May 04
B. May 05
C. May 06
D. May 07
E. May First Sunday

**Answer: B**
International Midwives Day 2019 is celebrated on May 5th every year. First International Day of the Midwife (IDM) was celebrated on 5th of May in the year 1991 using the theme “Towards safe birth for all by the year 2000”. It is celebrated as a day to honor the midwives for their big contribution towards the health of the people across the nations.

67. Every year International No Diet Day is a day that is celebrated on May 6th. When is the day first observed?
A. 1991
B. 1992
C. 1993
D. 1994
E. 199?
Answer: B

International No Diet Day is a day that is celebrated on May 6th and is a day used to raise awareness to not only how unhealthy fad dieting can be but also to acknowledge the beauty and diversity of all body types. It is also a day to raise awareness about the various dieting disorders which exist. Disorders such as anorexia and bulimia. This day was first created in 1992 by Mary Evans to help people appreciate their own bodies.

68. Every year on what day the World Athletic Day is observed every year to raise awareness about sports among youth?
A. May 04
B. May 05
C. May 06
D. May 07
E. May 08
Answer: B

Every year the World Athletic Day is observed every year on 7 May to raise awareness about sports among youth, in schools and institutions to promote athletics as the primary sport. And to introduce new talent and youngsters in the field of athletics.

69. G-7 industrialised nations meet 2019 is going to hosted by which country?
A. US
B. Britain
C. France
D. Italy
E. Canada
Answer: C

India will be attending the Group of 7 industrialised nations meet organised by France in Biarritz in August along with Australia, Chile and South Africa, in a sign of the recognition of India’s growing economic heft in the international arena. The invitation to Australia, France and Chile besides India reflects the French emphasis on the Indian Ocean and the Pacific region. The G-7 groups together the US, Britain, France, Italy, Canada, Japan and Germany.

70. The Finance Ministry has, imposed an anti-dumping duty of approximately what amount per tonne on the import of saccharine from Indonesia?
A. $1630
B. $1530
C. $1730
D. $1830
E. $1430
Answer: A

The Finance Ministry has, on the recommendations of the Commerce Ministry, imposed an anti-dumping duty of $1,633.17 per tonne on the import of saccharine from Indonesia.
Indonesia. Saccharine is a compound most commonly used in sugar-substitute sweeteners. Indonesia, until recently, accounted for a large chunk of India’s saccharine imports. In 2017-18, India imported $4.36 million worth of saccharine from Indonesia, which is 43% of the total imports of the sugar-substitute compound. However, imports from Indonesia have declined since then. In the April 2018 to February 2019 period, India imported only $1.48 million worth of saccharine from Indonesia, about 20% of its total imports from around the world.

71. Which among the following states has recently passed an Act allowing the shops and businesses to remain open 24 hours?
A. Rajasthan
B. Andhra Pradesh
C. Madhya Pradesh
D. Gujarat
E. Karnataka
Answer: D

Shops and other businesses in Gujarat can remain open round the clock now with the Gujarat Shops and Establishments (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 2019 coming into force from May 1. With this, commercial establishments in municipal corporations limits, or those near national highways, railway stations, state transport depots, hospitals and petrol pumps will be allowed to operate 24 hours. The shops and commercial entities operating near state highways and within municipality limits can now operate between 6 am to 2 am. The act replaced the Gujarat Shops and Establishments Act of 1948, which prohibited shops and other businesses from operating between 12 am to 6 am. Under the new act, working hours for women employees can be between 6 am and 9 pm, which could be relaxed only if a written request is made and after the authorities consider safety issues.

72. What is the new housing loan limit for Regional Rural Banks and Small Finance Banks to individuals in metropolitan centres under the priority sector lending?
A. Rs 35 lakh
B. Rs 25 lakh
C. Rs 55 lakh
D. Rs 45 lakh
E. Rs 55 lakh
Answer: A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the eligibility cap on home loans extended by regional rural banks and small finance banks to Rs. 35 lakh in metropolitan areas and Rs. 25 lakh in other centres, provided the overall cost of the dwelling unit in the metropolitan centres and other centres does not exceed Rs. 45 lakh and Rs. 30 lakh. All such loans will be now classified by these banks as priority sector loans. The existing family income limit of Rs. 2 lakh per annum to be eligible for loans for housing projects exclusively for construction of houses for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Groups (LIG), is revised to Rs. 3 lakh per annum for EWS and Rs. 6 lakh per annum for LIG, in alignment with the income criteria specified under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

73. ADB has launched an Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies for the Asia and Pacific region. What will be the total investment in the plan?
A. USD 2 billion
The Asian Development Bank has launched a 5 billion dollar action plan aimed at protecting the Pacific Ocean and promoting economic growth in the Asia-Pacific region. The initiative was launched at the 52nd Annual Meeting of ADB’s Board of Governors in Fiji. The $5 billion action plan will run between 2019–2024. The ADB announced the launch of the Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies. The organization wants to help reduce land-based sources of marine pollution, including waste water and plastic waste. It also wants to protect marine ecosystems and create sustainable business opportunities in tourism and the fisheries industry.

74. Stevo Pendarovski becomes the President of which country?
A. Montenegro
B. North Macedonia
C. Kosovo
D. Bulgaria
E. None of these

Answer: B
Stevo Pendarovski, supported by the ruling Social Democrats (SDSM), has won the North Macedonian presidency in a run-off vote. Pendarovski had 51.7% of votes whereas Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova, his challenger, had 44.7% votes. Siljanovska-Davkova is North Macedonia’s first female candidate and a university professor.

75. Who has been awarded the 2019 V K Krishna Menon award?
A. Mahendra Chaudhary
B. K G Balakrishan
C. Benni Joseph Mavelil
D. G D ‘Robert’ Govender
E. None of these

Answer: D
G D ‘Robert’ Govender, an Indian-origin journalist in South Africa, has been honoured in the UK with 2019 V K Krishna Menon award for his outstanding contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism. The South Africa-born journalist was awarded posthumously during an event to mark the 123rd birth anniversary of Indian diplomat and politician V K Krishna Menon.

76. Who among the following conferred with PC Chandra Purashkaar 2019?
A. Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty
B. Dr. Subramanyam Iyer
C. Dr. Satish Chakravarthy
D. Dr. Durga Prasad Gowda
E. None of these

Answer: A
C. Chandra Puraskaar, the annual national award from the P. C. Chandra Group was conferred upon one of India’s reputed cardiac surgeon and humanitarian Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre. Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj, the General Secretary of Ramkrishna Math and Ramkrishna Mission, Belur Math graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the award. He has received innumerable awards and honours in his life, the most noteworthy being Padma Shri for Medicine in 2003 and Padma Bhushan for Medicine in 2013. Government of
Karnataka also conferred him with the ‘Rajyotsava Award’ in 2002 for initiating the concept of “micro health insurance scheme.”

77. Name the Japan's first private rocket to reach space?
A. Momo-1
B. Momo-2
C. Momo-3
D. Momo-4
E. Momo-5
Answer: C
A Japanese aerospace startup successfully launched a small rocket, making it the country’s first privately developed model to reach outer space. The unmanned rocket launched from its test site in Taiki on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido and it reached about 110 km in altitude before falling into the Pacific Ocean after 10 minutes of flight time.

78. Which aerospace company launched the Falcon 9 rocket with Dragon spacecraft?
A. NASA
B. Tesla
C. Boeing
D. SpaceX
E. None of these
Answer: D
Elon Musk’s Space Exploration Technologies Corp. launched its 17th commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station for longtime customer NASA. The 213-foot-tall (65-meter) rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. Dragon will deliver almost 5,500 pounds of science, supplies and hardware to the Space Station.

79. Name the Scorpene class submarine launched by Indian Navy recently
A. INS Karang
B. INS Vela
C. INS Vagir
D. INS Khanderi
E. INS Mamata
Answer: B
The Navy launched the Scorpene-class submarine Vela, the fourth of six underwater warships being built in India with French collaboration, with an aim to boost Indian capability to defend and secure the strategic sea lanes. The Vela submarine will undergo a number of tests conducted by the Navy before it is commissioned in the defence fleet. The state-owned Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited has entered into a contract for construction and transfer of technology for six Scorpene-class subs with French collaborator Ms Naval Group (formerly DCNS). INS Vela is the fourth in that series.

80. Name the Frontline missile destroyer of the Indian Navy was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam?
A. INS Ranjit
B. INS Rana
C. INS Rajput
D. INS Ranvijay
E. None of these
Answer: A
Frontline missile destroyer of the Indian Navy ‘INS Ranjit’ was decommissioned at the Naval Dockyard, Visakhapatnam, after serving the Indian navy for 36 years. INS Ranjit, the third of the five Kashin-class destroyers built by the erstwhile USSR, was
commissioned on September 15 1983. INS Rajat has sailed for 2,190 days, covering over 7,43,000 nautical miles, equivalent to navigating around the world 35 times and 3.5 times the distance from the earth to the moon.

81. e-Governance Services India ties up with which IIT to upscale Unnat Bharat Abhiyan.
A. IIT Bombay
B. IIT Delhi
C. IIT Kanpur
D. NIT Allahabad
E. IIM Ahmedabad
Answer: C

Common Service Centre’s (CSC) e-Governance Services India Limited, a special purpose vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, has tied up with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)-Kanpur to upscale ‘Unnat Bharat Abhiyan’. ‘Unnat Bharat Abhiyan’ is an initiative of the Ministry of HRD. It aims to find solutions to accelerate sustainable growth in rural India. Under the Unnat Bharat Abhiyan, IIT-Kanpur has brought together 15 leading higher education institutions from Uttar Pradesh. These institutions have agreed to work with CSC for the development of villages under the scheme.

82. What is the theme of World Asthma Day 2019?
A. People have to Control Their Asthma Disease
B. You Can Control Your Asthma
C. Allergy and Asthma
D. STOP for Asthma
E. None of these
Answer: D

The World Asthma Day takes place annually on the first Tuesday of May since 1998 by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to improve asthma awareness and care around the world. The 2019 World Asthma Day was held on May 7. Theme for the year 2019 is “STOP for Asthma”.

83. When is the World Red Cross Day observed every year?
A. May 06
B. May 07
C. May 08
D. First Sunday of May
E. Second Tuesday of May
Answer: C

World Red Cross Day is observed every year on 8 May to commemorate the birth anniversary of the founder of the Red Cross. Theme for the year 2019 is “#love” or simply “love” The founder of Red Cross was Henry Dunant as well as the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). He was born in Geneva in 1828. He became the first recipient of 1st Nobel Peace prize.

84. Recently Which Global card payments company, invested USD 1 bn (about Rs 7,000 crore) in India in the next 5 years.
A. Visa
B. Mastercard
C. Rupay
D. Emirates
E. SBI
Answer: B

Mastercard announced a $1 billion investment in India over the next five years aimed at converting India into a vital node in the company’s infrastructure, and also to continue business expansion. About $350 million of the total amount would be invested in setting up a local
payments processing center as per the Reserve Bank of India’s mandate to store all payments data locally.

85. The software “ElectionGuard” has been launched by which of these companies for secure and verifiable voting?
A. Apple  
B. Google  
C. Microsoft  
D. IBM  
E. TCS

Answer: C

Microsoft has launched a software named “ElectionGuard” to help countries ensure secure and verifiable voting. The tool “ElectionGuard” will enable end-to-end verification of elections, open results to third-party organisations for secure validation, and allow individual voters to confirm their votes were correctly counted. However, it should be noted that “ElectionGuard” is not designed to support internet voting and is aimed at supplementing and improving the paper ballot systems.

86. Who among the following has been elected as the new President of Panama?
A. Laurentino Cortizo  
B. Mireya Moscoso  
C. Juan Carlos Varela  
D. Ricardo Martinelli  
E. None of these

Answer: A

The Panama Electoral Tribunal announced that Laurentino Cortizo has won the country’s presidential election. Laurentino Cortizo, the presidential candidate from the opposition Democratic Revolutionary Party, has declared his victory, with a narrow gap of 1.93 per cent against Romulo Roux, another candidate.

87. Who has been honored with the “Presidential Medal of Freedom” the highest civilian honour of US?
A. Jennifer Aniston  
B. Tiger Woods  
C. Brad Pitt  
D. Jennifer Lopez  
E. None of these

Answer: B

US President Donald Trump has awarded golfer Tiger Woods the country’s highest civilian honour. Woods was presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom at the White House, as he became the fourth and youngest golfer to receive the prestigious award.

88. The laser weapons system ‘Self-Protect High Energy Laser Demonstrator (SHiELD)’ has been launched by the Air Force of which country?
A. United States  
B. Russia  
C. China  
D. Singapore  
E. Germany

Answer: A

The US Air Force has successfully used a laser weapons system to shoot down multiple missiles while in flight. The system is designed to eventually be mounted on aircraft to be used to protect the vehicle from attacks. The Air Force Research Laboratory conducted the test at the US Army’s White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico. The system, called the Self-Protect High Energy Laser Demonstrator (SHiELD), was used from the ground, and was used to shoot down “multiple air
SHiELD also not the only laser technology that’s in testing by the US military — the US Army tested a system mounted on an AH-64 Apache attack helicopter last summer, and the US Navy is working with Lockheed Martin on its own systems to install on warships.

89. Which city hosted the recently concluded India, Brazil & South Africa (IBSA) Sherpas’ Meeting?
A. Cochin
B. New Delhi
C. Brasilia
D. Rio de Janeiro
E. Cape Town

Answer: A

India and the United States have agreed to strengthen economic co-operation and bilateral trade by ensuring greater collaboration amongst stakeholders, including government, businesses and entrepreneurs. A bilateral trade meeting was held between the two countries in New Delhi. Commerce and Industry Minister Suresh Prabhu and US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross co-chaired the meeting.

90. Name the Indian film director who is going to direct Indo-Bangla film on Sheikh Mujibur Rahman?
A. Prakash Jha
B. Anurag Kasyap
C. Sanjay Lela Bhansali
D. Mithun Chakraborty
E. Shyam Benegal

Answer: E

A feature film on the life and works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman to be jointly produced by India and Bangladesh will be directed by acclaimed filmmaker Shyam Benegal. The meeting focussed on various aspects of making the feature film on the founder of Bangladesh, co-production of which had earlier been announced by the prime ministers of both the countries.

91. Name the Singapore based cloud-services provider company that partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to provide access to research opportunities?
A. Deskera
B. Tabera
C. Mouseera
D. Cloudera
E. Spaceera

Answer: A

Singapore-headquartered Deskera, a cloud-services provider, partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to provide small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) of south-east Asia and India access to research opportunities. According to the partnership deal, around 100,000 SMEs associated with Deskera will be able to benefit from modern facilities offered by IIT Kanpur for industries such as manufacturing, aviation, logistics, and supply chain. IIT Kanpur is well-equipped with cutting-edge capabilities and will provide an additional layer of research to help enterprises in improved decision-making.

92. Seymour Nurse who passed away recently was the former cricket player of which country?
A. Australia
B. West Indies
C. South Africa
D. New Zealand
E. England
Answer: B

Former West Indies batsman Seymour Nurse passed away after suffering from a prolonged illness. Nurse has played 29 Test matches for the team between 1960 and 1969. After retiring, he served as a Barbados selector and a team manager.

93. Derek Sippy who was a sportsperson passed away recently. He was a former _______ player.
A. Billiards
B. Golf
C. Basketball
D. Football
E. Hockey
Answer: A

Former billiards player, coach and administrator Derek Sippy died, following a massive heart attack. He was the Indian team’s coach at recently concluded Asian Under-21 Boys Snooker and Asian Women Snooker tournament in Chandigarh.

94. When is The World Thalassemia Day is celebrated annually?
A. May 4
B. May 7
C. May 5
D. May 8
E. May 9
Answer: D

World Thalassemia Day is celebrated on May 8 every year to commemorate Thalassemia victims and to encourage those who struggle to live with the disease. The theme for 2019 World Thalassemia Day is “Universal access to quality thalassaemia healthcare services: Building bridges with and for patient”

95. The Raising Day of Border Roads Organization (BRO) was celebrated on May 7, 2019. The day was formed in which year?
A. 1948
B. 1958
C. 1960
D. 1962
E. 2002
Answer: C

The 59th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization (BRO) was celebrated on May 7, 2019. The BRO, was formed on 7 May 1960, is a leading road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence with a primary role of providing road connectivity in border areas. It executes road construction and maintenance works along the Northern and Western frontiers primarily to meet the strategic requirements of the Army and is responsible for over 53,000 Km roads. The organisation is now executing works with a combination of departmental, contractual and EPC (Engineering, Procurement and Construction) mode, thus enhancing our capabilities manifold.

96. The maximum limit set by SEBI for FPIs to invest in municipal bonds is _________ percent of outstanding stock of securities.
A. 1%
B. 2%
C. 3%
D. 4%
E. 5%
Answer: B

SEBI allowed foreign portfolio investors can invest in municipal bonds. Reserve Bank of India permitted FPIs to invest in municipal bonds as a measure to broaden
access of non resident investors to debt instruments in the country. As per the RBI, foreign investment in municipal bonds should be within the limits set for FPI investment in State Development Loans (SDLs). The limits for FPI investment in municipal bonds is 2 percent of outstanding stock of securities.

97. On what date of every month Max Life Insurance to mark Protection Day for the awareness around the concept of financial protection?

A. 06th
B. 07th
C. 08th
D. 09th
E. First Saturday

Answer: A

Max Life Insurance, one of industry’s foremost life insurance companies, announced that it will dedicate 6th day of every calendar month as ‘Protection Day’ towards driving awareness around the concept of financial protection. The decision came in line with the Company’s launch of Max Life India Protection Quotient survey conducted in collaboration with Kantar IMRB. It denoted that the extent to which the Indians feel protected from financial uncertainties is extremely low, and that level was as 35. The Company will also start an initiative called the “Super Customer Week”, in which the customers will be taught about the different facets of financial protection.

98. India has been re-elected as an observer to ________ Council

A. Madagascar
B. Arctic
C. Antarctic
D. Mediterranean

Answer: B

India re-elected as Observer of the Arctic Council at the 11th Arctic Council ministerial meeting at Rovaniemi, Finland. Arctic Council a high level intergovernmental organisation set up in 1996 to promotes cooperation, coordination and interaction among Arctic states on common issues, particularly on sustainable development and environmental protection. Canada, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Russia, Sweden and the United States are members of the Arctic Council. Besides India, 12 other nations including China, France, Germany, Japan, UK, Switzerland and Netherlands have observer status.

99. To provide a further boost to the renewable energy sector in the country, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) held a meeting, with the industry stakeholders. The meeting is named as

A. Chintan Baithak
B. Chetan Baithak
C. Chappan Baithak
D. Chola Baithak
E. None of these

Answer: A

To provide a further boost to the renewable energy sector in the country, the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE) held a meeting, termed as ‘Chintan Baithak’, with the industry stakeholders. The government’s motive behind organizing this meet, which was chaired by the MNRE Secretary Anand Kumar, was to address various issues with respect to the renewable energy sector in the country. This meeting was attended by a number of industry stakeholders including renewable energy developers, regulators,
think-tanks, equipment manufacturers, financers, industry bodies and skill developers.

100. Which state inducted its 1st Anti-Naxal Women Commando Unit?
A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Chhattisgarh
C. Telangana
D. Orissa
E. Tamil Nadu

Answer: B
The Chhattisgarh police for the first time has inducted women commandos in the District Reserve Guard, its frontline anti-Naxal force. Comprising 30 women led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Dineshwari Nand, have received extensive training in jungle combat. With the induction of the women commando contingent, the number of platoons of the DRG in Dantewada now stands at six. Of the 30 recruits, 10 are surrendered women Naxals, while 10 others are assistant constables who were part of the erstwhile Salwa Judum (anti-Naxal militia) movement.

101. Who has been elected as Vice-President of Geneva-based International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA).
A. Rakesh Sharma
B. Anitha Mohanthy
C. Vikram Singh
D. Pratap Verma
E. None of these

Answer: A
Bajaj Auto Executive Director Rakesh Sharma has been elected as Vice-President of Geneva-based International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA). Sharma, a representative of the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), was elected during the annual general meeting of (IMMA) at Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

102. Name the digital payments technology that has announced the appointment of Sujatha V Kumar as Head of Marketing for India and South Asia?
A. Visa
B. Master Card
C. Rupay
D. Emirates
E. None of these

Answer: A
Visa, the global leader in digital payments technology announced the appointment of Sujatha V Kumar as Head of Marketing for India and South Asia. She will be driving overall marketing strategy and execution including consumer, retail and digital marketing initiatives for India and the emerging markets of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, and the Maldives. Prior to this, Sujatha was with Google as Head – Brand & Reputation, Marketing, and Strategy.

103. Who among the following Indian has recently been re-appointed on the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for second term?
A. Jagjit Pavadia
B. Viraj Sumyai
C. Mohit Tyagi
D. Santosh Sagar
E. None of these

Answer: A
India’s Jagjit Pavadia was re-elected to the International Narcotics Control Board (INCB) for another term. Ms Pavadia has been a member of the INCB since 2015 and her current term is set to expire in 2020. Jagjit Pavadia
has been re-elected for a five-year term beginning 2nd March, 2020. INCB consists of 13 members who are elected by the ECOSOC and who serve in their personal capacity. Established in 1968, the INCB is an independent and quasi-judicial monitoring body for the implementation of the UN’s international drug control conventions.

104. Standard Life divested what per cent of its stake in HDFC Life Insurance?

A. 1.6%
B. 1.7%
C. 1.72%
D. 1.75%
E. 1.78%

Answer: E

Standard Life has successfully divested 1.78 per cent of its stake in HDFC Life Insurance to raise Rs 1,400 crore. The divestment was done through offer for sale (OFS) route and the issue managed to sail through successfully with both qualified institutional investors (QIBs) and retail investor quotas seeing full subscriptions. The Standard Life (Mauritius Holdings) proposed to sell up to 3,60,00,000 equity shares (1.78% stake) at a floor price of Rs 390 per equity share and DSP Merril Lynch will be the broker for the sale process on behalf of Standard Life (Mauritius Holdings).

105. Which telecom company has decided to merge its broadband satellite, or VSAT, business with that of market leader Hughes Communications India?

A. Airtel
B. Idea
C. Reliance
D. Tata
E. Aircel

Answer: A

Bharti Airtel has decided to merge its broadband satellite, or VSAT, business with that of market leader Hughes Communications India, to create a stronger no. 1 in the space, in a bid to increase scale, improve operational efficiencies and target new customers in areas such as in-flight connectivity. After a merger, Hughes Communication will own 67% share of new entity and the remaining 33% will own by Bharti Airtel.

106. Name the pioneering educationist, famous as the father of modern legal education in India, who passed away recently?

A. Sandeep Desai
B. Anil Pradhan
C. Kartik Bir Sethi
D. N.R. Madhava Menon
E. None of these

Answer: D)

Prof N.R. Madhava Menon, an educationist, scholar and the pioneering spirit behind modern legal education in India, passed away. He was 84 years old. Menon was honoured by the Padma Shri, fourth highest Indian civilian award, in 2003 for his outstanding contribution to public services.

107. Name the two Indian UN Peacekeeper who have been honored for sacrificing their lives in the line of duty

A. Jitender Kumar and Shikha Garg
B. Rishi Kaushik and Jitendra Kumar
C. Atul Khare and Shikha Garg
D. Rishi Kaushik and Atul Khare
E. Jitender Kumar and Atul Khare
Answer: A)
Police Officer Jitender Kumar serving in the UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) and Shikha Garg, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) consultant attached with India’s Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, along with 113 UN personnel and staff, lost their lives in the service of peace between January 2018 and March 2019. Both are among 115 UN peacekeepers and staff honoured by the global organisation for their sacrifice in the line of duty.

108. TAFE Ltd has signed an MoU with Petroleum Conservation Research Association to aid conservation of resources. F in TAFE stands for?
A. Functional
B. Foremost
C. Farming
D. Farm
E. Fictional

Answer: D)
Home-grown tractor maker Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) and Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA) have signed a memorandum of understanding aimed at promoting conservation of resources across the country. Under the collaboration, it is planned to jointly conduct Agriculture Workshops and Melas by involving TAFE’s extensive dealership network in spreading awareness/sensitizing farmers on the advantages of better maintenance and upkeep of their tractors and implements, resulting in lesser fuel consumption and efficient utilization of resources, thereby helping farmers maximize their productivity and profitability.

109. The year 2019 was observed as the which anniversary year of Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore.
A. 142
B. 125
C. 200
D. 158
E. 162

Answer: D
The 158th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, Nobel laureate and icon of Bengali literature, was celebrated across the country on 7th May. He was born on 7 May 1861 in the Jorasanko mansion in Calcutta to Debendranath Tagore and Sarada Devi. He became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913 for ‘Song Offerings,’ the English version of his collection of poems, ‘Gitanjali.’

110. The United Nations Global Road Safety Week 2019 was held between __________
A. May 1 – May 6
B. May 6 – May 12
C. May 10 – May 16
D. May 5 – May 11
E. May 7 – May 14

Answer: B
The Fifth UN Global Road Safety Week will be held from 6-12 May 2019 with theme “Leadership for road safety”. The goal of is to generate a demand from the public for stronger leadership for road safety worldwide. Stronger leadership is needed to advance road safety in countries and communities worldwide and it is key to achieving road safety targets, including SDG target 3.6 to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by 50% by 2020 and SDG target 11.2 to provide access to safe,
affordable, accessible and sustainable transport systems for all by 2030.

111. Which airways operates world’s first ‘zero waste’ commercial flight?
A. Emirates
B. Jetstar
C. Qantas
D. Singapore Airlines
E. None of these
Answer: C
The world’s first ‘zero waste’ commercial flight took to the skies as part of a new initiative from the Australian airline Qantas to cut single-use plastics that end up in landfill. Flying from Sydney to Adelaide, the airline stated that all products and packaging aboard QF739 will either be reused, recycled or disposed of as compost. The Australian carrier stated that it will cut 100 million single-use plastics by the end of next year and eliminate 75 per cent of the airline’s waste by the end of 2021. It Head Quartered in Australia.

112. According to the recent reports bank credit grew by what percent in financial year 2018-19 as compared to 10.3% in the previous financial year?
A. 12.3%
B. 13.2%
C. 13.7%
D. 14.3%
E. 14.9%
Answer: B
Bank credit grew by 13.2% in financial year 2018-19 as compared to 10.3% in the previous financial year, mainly aided by loans to services and retail sector. Deposit growth also gained momentum, growing by 10% as compared to 6.7% a year ago. Credit growth in services sector till the middle of February was 23.7% and in retail sector it was 16.7%. Credit growth in the industry sector was 5.6%.

113. For which bank does the company ‘Talocity’ is going to provide its AI-supported "touchless" technology for the bank’s hiring process and human resource (HR) operations?
A. Axis Bank
B. HDFC Bank
C. Kotak Mahindra Bank
D. Yes Bank
E. ICICI Bank
Answer: D
Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based HR solutions provider Talocity would provide Yes Bank its AI-supported "touchless" technology for the bank’s hiring process and human resource (HR) operations. In the process of recruitment, candidates are interviewed by an AI bot on a one-way video platform. Talocity’s machine learning and AI capabilities will create personality report of each job applicant. This creates a unique evaluation platform which is effective without any human involvement and helpful in large volume hiring.

114. India to soon get its first Apple retail store in which city?
A. New Delhi
B. Kolkata
C. Mumbai
D. Bangalore
E. Chennai
Answer: C
India is set to get its first Apple Inc retail store in Mumbai. The company has finalised a list of locations for its retail store. The move comes as the tech giant is...
trying to establish a strong presence in the world’s fastest-growing smartphone market. However, the final place is not finalized yet.

115. Name the Former SC Judge who has been appointed as the member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal.
A. KS Radhakrishnan
B. Justice Katju
C. Dipak Misra
D. Ranjan Gogoi
E. Fathima Beevi
Answer: A

Former Supreme Court judge, Justice (Retired) KS Radhakrishnan has been appointed as a member of the Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal, London. He has been appointed to serve as a member of the Tribunal for a four-year term between June 1, 2019, and May 31, 2023. Justice KS Radhakrishnan served as a judge of the Supreme Court between November 2009 and May 2014. Prior to this, he served as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat and Jammu and Kashmir High Courts.

116. Indian Army to commemorate 2019 as ________
A. Year of Courageous Soldiers
B. Year of Soldiers disabled in the Line of Duty.
C. Year of Martyrs of Pulwama
D. Year of Next of Kin
E. None of these
Answer: D

The Indian Army is commemorating this year as the ‘Year of Next of Kin’ and plans to reach out to the next of kin of battle casualties, ex-servicemen and serving soldiers to inform them of entitled financial benefits, welfare schemes and help resolve pension related problems. Bipin Rawat, Army Chief General in January stated that the army will observe 2019 as the year for the next of kin. Last year, stress was laid on the disabled soldiers, while this year its on the next of kin of the deceased soldiers. It will also seek the involvement of the defence ministry, Nepal Embassy (due to several soldiers being recruited from Nepal), Sainik Boards, banks and welfare agencies such as the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS). The Directorate of Indian Army Veterans will be the nodal agency.

117. Which Indian firm is currently the most valued firm in terms of market capitalization in India?
A. HCL
B. Infosys
C. Reliance Industries
D. TCS
E. Wipro
Answer: D

Software services major Tata Consultancy Services reclaimed the status of the country’s most valued firm by market valuation, surpassing Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL). RIL’s market valuation dropped to Rs. 7,95,628.55 crore on the BSE. The market capitalisation (m-cap) of TCS stood at Rs. 8,13,779.67 crore, which is Rs. 18,151.12 crore more than that of RIL’s valuation.

118. WHO Partnered with IFBA for eliminating industrially produced trans fats by which year?
A. 2020
B. 2021
C. 2022
D. 2023
E. 2025
Answer: D
Trans fat, also called the worst form of fat in food, responsible for over 5,00,000 deaths globally from coronary heart disease each year, could be eliminated from the industrially produced global food supply by 2023. The WHO has welcomed its partnership with the International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to achieve this target. Eliminating industrially produced trans fat is one of the simplest and most effective ways to save lives and create a healthier food supply.

119. Which company is to be principal sponsor of Afghanistan cricket team at ICC World Cup 2019?
A. Amul
B. Britannia
C. Nestle
D. Havmor
E. Kwality Wall’s
Answer: A

Dairy major Amul will be the principal sponsor of the Afghanistan cricket team for the upcoming ICC World Cup hosted by England and Wales. Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF), which markets dairy products under Amul brand, exports around Rs. 200 crore worth of products annually to the neighbouring country. This is the third time that Amul is sponsoring a cricket team in the World Cup. Amul’s logo will appear on the leading arm of Afghanistan team playing jerseys as well as on the training kits throughout the World Cup from May 30 to July 14, 2019.

120. Name the renowned Sikh historian and first chronicler of partition passed away recently?
A. Kirpal Singh
B. Ranjit Singh
C. Deep Kaur
D. Sukha Singh
E. Mahtab Singh
Answer: A

Prof Kirpal Singh, the first chronicler of Partition, who started building an archive in 1954, passed away. He was 95. His journey in Partition’s historiography began in 1953 as a young lecturer at Khalsa College, Amritsar.

121. Baidyanath Mishra was a renowned economist and educationist of which language?
A. Bengali
B. Hindi
C. Malayalam
D. Telugu
E. Odia
Answer: E

Renowned economist Baidyanath Mishra has passed away. Mishra was a known Odia economist and educationist. Mishra had started his career as a lecturer in Ravenshaw University in Cuttack in 1949. He later worked at Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology (OUAT). He was vice-chancellor of OUAT from 1981 to 1985.

122. Every year National Technology Day is observed on 11 May to highlight the important role of Science in our daily lives. What is the theme of the day for the year 2019?
A. Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future
B. Technology for inclusive and sustainable growth
C. Technology enablers of Startup India
D. Inclusive Innovation for India
E. None of these
Answer: A

Every year National Technology Day is observed on 11 May to highlight the important role of Science in our daily lives and encourage students to opt science as an
option for career. On this day Shakti, the Pokhran nuclear test was held on 11 May, 1998. Theme for the year 2019 is Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future

123. The Central Bank of which of these countries has recently printed $50 note with spelling mistake of RESPONSIBILITY?
A. Germany  
B. Britain  
C. New Zealand  
D. Australia  
E. Switzerland  

Answer: D
The Reserve Bank of Australia confirmed a printing error on the new 50 dollar note after a radio station posted a photo on social media sent in by a listener. An Instagram post by radio station Triple M revealed the typo mistake on the note just above the shoulder of Edith Cowan. The note came into circulation on Oct. 18, 2018 with new security features designed to deter counterfeiting and with tactile elements for the visually impaired. Cowan was the first Australian woman to serve as a member of parliament from 1921 to 1924. She has featured on the reverse of Australia’s 50-dollar note since 1995

124. Ireland becomes second country to declare 'climate emergency'. Which is the first country to declare climate emergency?
A. India  
B. USA  
C. UK  
D. Germany  
E. Singapore  

Answer: C
Ireland has become the second country in the world to declare a climate and biodiversity emergency. Ireland followed in the footsteps of the United Kingdom, which declared a climate emergency earlier this month. The governments of Wales and Scotland have also declared climate emergencies.

125. The first global Mega-Science Exhibition ‘Vigyan Samagam’ was held in which city?
A. Chennai  
B. Hyderabad  
C. Pune  
D. Mumbai  
E. Amaravathi  

Answer: D
India’s first global science exhibition, ‘Vigyan Samagam’, began at the Nehru Science Centre in Mumbai. This multi-venue science exhibition, which will take place in planned in the four cities – Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata and New Delhi – is scheduled to take place for a duration of 11 months. This is jointly organised by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Department of Science and Technology (DST), the funding agencies of theses projects, the National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and Ministry of Culture.

126. Who has been named as the new Vice-Chairman of IFFCO?
A. Balvinder Singh Nakai  
B. Dileep Sanghani  
C. Udai Shanker Awasthi  
D. Prem Chandra Munshi  
E. None of these  

Answer: B
Cooperative major Iffco elected Balvinder Singh Nakai as its Chairman and Dileep Sanghani as Vice Chairman. The election was held at the 48th Annual General Body meeting of the Indian farmers fertiliser Cooperative (Iffco). Balvinder Singh Nakai is a farmer–co-operator – who has been deeply involved in providing strength to Indian cooperative movement for the last three decades.

127. The WTO Ministerial Meeting of the developing countries will be held in which Indian city in 2019?
A. Hyderabad
B. Mumbai
C. New Delhi
D. Gurugram
E. Noida

Answer: C
The World Trade Organisation, WTO, ministerial meeting of developing countries will take place on 13-14 in New Delhi. It will provide an opportunity to the Ministers to discuss various issues and the way forward. On the first day, there will be a meeting of senior officers of the participating countries. Sixteen developing countries and six Least Developed Countries are participating in the meeting.

128. Which Indian company is going to acquire British toy-maker Hamleys for Rs. 620 crore?
A. Hot Wheels
B. Reliance
C. Funskool
D. Mattel Inc
E. None of these

Answer: B
The Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries announced it will acquire iconic British toy maker Hamleys, a 259-year-old toy-maker, for around Rs. 620 crore (nearly 68 million pounds) in an all-cash deal. It is currently owned by Chinese fashion conglomerate C Banner International, which had acquired it for 100 million pounds in 2015. Hamleys started with a single-store shop, Noah’s Ark, in 1760. It now has 167 stores across 18 countries. Besides the UK, it has stores in China, Germany, Russia, India, South Africa and West Asia.

129. Facebook has chosen which among the following countries as the centre for the global roll-out of WhatsApp pay?
A. Indonesia
B. India
C. Russia
D. Italy
E. London

Answer: E
Facebook has chosen London as the centre for the global roll-out of WhatsApp pay, before the social media giant launches its digital payments service on the mobile messaging platform in India. WhatsApp, which has 1.5 billion users globally, would hire nearly 100 people in London to focus on the digital payments service and additional operations staff would be hired in Dublin. Facebook chose the UK, where WhatsApp is far more popular than the US, because it attracts a multicultural workforce from many of the countries.

130. Microprocessor AJIT is the first to be conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured in India developed by which IIT?
A. IIT Madras
B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Roorkee
D. IIT Delhi
E. IIT Khanpur

**Answer: B**

Engineers from the Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) have developed a microprocessor called AJIT, the first to be conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured in India. The innovation, which has brought industry, academia and the government together, could reduce the country’s dependence on imports. The project was funded by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and IIT Bombay. Powai Labs, a Mumbai-based company, has invested in the venture, and will own, market and support the product.

131. The ‘Blue Moon’ lunar lander project has been launched by __________
A. Jeff Bezos
B. Bill Gates
C. Larry Page
D. Mark Zuckerberg
E. Kevin Systrom

**Answer: A**

Jeff Bezos, the richest man in the world and head of space company Blue Origin, announced his intent to participate in the new race to the Moon with a high-tech lander to carry vehicles and equipment. Blue Moon is a vehicle and has been under development for the last three years. However, no specific date of launch has been announced by Jeff yet. The vehicle will be capable of carrying scientific instruments, four self-driving rovers and a future pressurised vehicle for humans.

132. Which Indian airport has been ranked among the top 10 in the World as per a survey by Air Help?
A. Veer Savarkar International Airport
B. Trivandrum International Airport
C. Indira Gandhi International Airport
D. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
E. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport

**Answer: D**

Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport has been ranked as the world’s eighth best in a survey conducted by AirHelp. According to the survey, Hamad International Airport in Doha in Qatar was rated the world’s best airport with 8.39 out of 10, followed by Tokyo International Airport in Japan and Athens International Airport in Greece. The Hyderabad airport was ranked eighth, with a score of 8.27 out of 10, just below Singapore’s Changi Airport and above the Tenerife North Airport in Spain. Kuwait International Airport and Lisbon Portela Airport in Portugal were given the least scores in the survey.

133. Who wins the TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship in Panchkula?
A. Mukesh Kumar
B. Amith Tiwari
C. Navtej Singh
D. Mahesh Chader
E. Naveen Kumar

**Answer: A**

Seasoned golfer Mukesh win the TATA Steel PGTI Players Championship in Panchkula. This was his 20th title on the TATA Steel PGTI (Professional Golf Tour of India).

134. Novelist and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Thoppil Mohamed Meeran dies aged 74. He wrote novels in which language?
A. Bengali
B. Tamil
C. Marathi

**Answer: A**

Thoppil Mohamed Meeran, a renowned novelist and Sahitya Akademi Awardee, passed away at the age of 74. He was known for his contributions to Bengali literature.
Answer: B

Noted Tamil novelist and Sahitya Akademi Award winner Thoppil Mohamed Meeran has passed away. Meeran authored several novels in Tamil and Malayalam and won the Sahitya Akademi award for his novel “Saaivu Naarkkali” (reclining chair) in 1997. Meeran received a total of eight awards, including the Sahitya Akademi Award and Tamil Nadu Kalai Ilakkiya Perumantram Award (in 1992)

135. The World Migratory Bird Day 2019 was held on which among the following days?
A. May 9
B. May 10
C. May 11
D. May 12
E. May 13

Answer: C

The World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) is celebrated twice in a year since it started in 2006. Firstly it is held on Second Saturday of May and again on Second Saturday of October. In 2019, the WMBBD is being held on May 11 and October 12. The day is observed to spread awareness for the need to conserve migratory birds and their habitats

136. When is the International Nurses Day observed?
A. May 13
B. May 12
C. May 11
D. May 10
E. May 9

Answer: B

International Nurses Day is celebrated around the world every May 12, the anniversary of Florence Nightingale’s birth. ICN commemorates this important day each year with the production and distribution of the International Nurses’ Day (IND) resources and evidence. The theme for the International Nurses Day 2019 is ‘Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All’.

137. When is the International Mother's Day celebrated every year?
A. May 10
B. May 11
C. May 12
D. Second Saturday in May
E. Second Sunday in May

Answer: E

Mother’s Day in India 2019 will be celebrated on Sunday, the 12th of May. It falls every year on second Sunday in the month of May. Theme for the year 2019 is #BalanceforBetter. Mother’s Day 2019 preparation has started and people across the globe are gearing up for the celebration as they get a day when they can make their mother feel special on the occasion. It is a thanksgiving day when children thank their mother for all the support and care she provides to her children.

138. Government has announced to set up a committee to look into steel availability for engineering exporters. Who will head the committee?
A. Secretary Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion
B. Chairman of FICCI
C. Union Minister of Commerce & Industry
D. Director General of Foreign Trade
E. None of these
140. Who has been named as the next President of the United Nations General Assembly?
A. Karen Pierce
B. Jonathan Cohen
C. Francois Delattre
D. Tijjani Muhammad Bande
E. None of these

Answer: D

TJJANI Muhammad-Bande, a professor and former vice chancellor of Usman Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, has been appointed president of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), the main policy-making organ of the international body. Until his appointment, Bande, who hails from Kebbi State, was the permanent representative of Nigeria at UN. He will be the second Nigerian to be president of the UN General Assembly. The first was Joseph Nanven Garba, who served as president between 1989 and 1990.

141. Who among the following has topped the 2019 UK Rich List by Sunday Times?
A. Alisher Usmanov
B. David and Simon Reuben
C. Sri and Gopi Hinduja
D. Sir James Dyson and family
E. None of these

Answer: C

The billionaire Hinduja brothers have been named as the wealthiest people in the UK for a third time, according to the Sunday Times Rich List. The Hinduja Group, a family business, was founded in Mumbai in 1914, and now it has interests around the world including in oil and gas, banking, IT and property. Meanwhile, chemicals firm founder Jim Ratcliffe, who topped last...
year’s list, has slipped to third place. His net worth dropped by 2.9 billion pounds since last year.

142. Which of these films has won the highest number of awards at the 2019 BAFTA awards?
A. The Favourite
B. Roma
C. First Man
D. Bohemian Rhapsody
E. A Star Is Born

Answer: A

The 72nd British Academy Film Awards also known as the BAFTA was held on 10 February 2019 by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts.

- Outstanding Debut by a British Writer, Director or Producer- Michael Pearce (Writer/Director) and Lauren Dark (Producer) – Beast-
- Outstanding British Film-The Favourite – Yorgos Lanthimos, Ceci Dempsey, Ed Guiney, Lee Magiday, Deborah Davis, and Tony McNamara
- Best Documentary-Free Solo – Elizabeth Chai Vasarhelyi, Jimmy Chin, Shannon Dill, and Evan Hayes
- Best Original Music-A Star Is Born – Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga, and Lukas Nelson
- Best Sound-Bohemian Rhapsody – John Casali, Tim Cavagin, Nina Hartstone, Paul Massey, and John Warhurst
- Best Production Design-The Favourite – Fiona Crombie and Alice Felton
- Best Special Visual Effects-Black Panther – Geoffrey Baumann, Jesse James Chisholm, Craig Hammack, and Dan Sudick
- Best Costume Design-The Favourite – Sandy Powell
- Best Makeup and Hair-The Favourite – Nadia Stacey
- Best Editing-Vice – Hank Corwin
- Best Film Not in the English Language-Roma – Alfonso Cuarón and Gabriela Rodriguez
- Best Animated Film-Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse – Bob Persichetti, Peter Ramsey, Rodney Rothman, and Phil Lord
- Best British Short Animation-Roughhouse – Jonathan Hodgson and Richard Van Den Boom
- Best Short Film-73 Cows – Alex Lockwood
143. What is the theme of the Indian Pavilion at the 58th Venice Biennale?
A. Deep See Blue Surrounding
B. May You Live in Interesting Times
C. Swallowed Sun
D. Our Time for a Future Caring
E. Interesting Times happens rarely

Answer: B

The Venice International Art Exhibition or simply the Venice Biennale is one of the oldest, most important and prestigious international art exhibitions in the world started in 1895. The 58th International Art Exhibition is being held from May 11 to November 24, 2019 curated by Ralph Rugoff. The theme of the 58th International Art Exhibition ‘May You Live in Interesting Times’ India is participating at the art world’s oldest Biennale after a gap of 8 years since 2011. The India Pavilion has been curated by Roobina Karode of KNMA (Kiran Nadar Museum of Arts) on the title Our Time for a Future Caring which reflects upon Gandhi’s values of satyagraha (non-violence) and unity & equality.

144. The United Nations Ocean Conference will be held in which city in 2020?
A. Berlin
B. Warsaw
C. Paris
D. Lisbon
E. Munich

Answer: D

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) decided to hold its 2020 high-level conference in Portugal’s Lisbon to support the sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources. United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development in Lisbon, from June 2 to 6, 2020. The theme of the 2020 conference will be- Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.

145. Which of these electronic giants has developed the world’s highest-resolution image sensors?
A. Samsung
B. Apple
C. Nokia
D. OnePlus
E. Oppo

Answer: A

Samsung Electronics Co has introduced the world’s highest-resolution image sensors that will help smartphones capture images at vibrant ultra-high resolution. Samsung Electronics has come up with ISOCELL Bright GW1, which is a 64MP image sensor. Samsung’s 0.8 micrometer pixel image sensor line up, which is now available from existing 20 megapixel to the new ultra-high 64 megapixel resolutions. ISOCELL Bright GM2 is a 48Mp image sensor that also adopts Tetracell technology in low-light environments and a remosaic algorithm in well-lit settings, bringing highly-detailed pictures with natural and vivid colors. GM2, like GW1, adopts DCG as well for added performance and Super PD for fast autofocus.

146. The Indian Air Force has received the first Apache Guardian attack helicopter from which of these countries?
A. Germany
B. United States
C. Scotland
D. France
E. Russia

**Answer: B**

US aerospace major Boeing has handed over first of the 22 Apache Guardian attack helicopters to the Indian Air Force, nearly three-and-half years after a multi-billion dollar deal for the choppers was sealed. Air Marshal AS Butola accepted the first Apache on behalf of the Indian Air Force from US Government. The first AH-64E (I) – Apache Guardian helicopter was formally handed over to the Indian Air Force at Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona, the US. The AH-64E Apache is a leading multi-role attack helicopter and is flown by the US Army. The IAF had signed a multi-billion dollar contract with the US government and Boeing Ltd in September 2015 for 22 Apache helicopters. The first batch of these helicopters is scheduled to be shipped to India by Jul this year.

147. Name the world’s first exclusive women’s cricket magazine launched recently.
A. Cricpink
B. Criczone
C. Cricmag
D. Cricwo
E. Cricview

**Answer: B**

The inaugural issue of world’s first exclusive women’s cricket magazine ‘Criczone’ was released here with Indian team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana featuring as the cover story. The magazine “CRICZONE” was launched on the sidelines of the inaugural women’s T20 challenge event which was attended by international cricketers like Mithali Raj, Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur and overseas player like Danielle Wyatt and Sophie Davine. The objective of this magazine is to empower young aspiring women cricketers to take the sport as a profession and able to make sustainable living.

148. Who wins recently concluded Madrid Open title?
A. Novak Djokovic
B. Rodger Federer
C. Rafel Nadal
D. Stefanos Tsitsipas
E. None of these

**Answer: A**

Novak Djokovic of Serbia beat Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece to win his third Madrid Open title. He held his serve to add the 2019 Madrid Open title to those he won in 2011 and 2016.

149. Which team won the IPL 2019?
A. Mumbai Indians
B. Chennai Super Kings
C. Delhi Capitals
D. Sunrisers Hyderabad
E. Kolkata Knight Riders

**Answer: A**

Mumbai Indians became IPL champions for the fourth time after defeating Chennai Super Kings by one run in a thrilling final in Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium Hyderabad. Skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni became the most successful wicket-keeper in the history of IPL by taking his dismissals tally to 132, surpassing his India teammate Dinesh Karthik.
150. Padma Shri awardee, Hiralal Yadav who passed away at the age of 93 recently is a noted folk singer of which language?.
A. Tamil  
B. Bengali  
C. Marathi  
D. Urdu  
E. Bhojpuri  
Answer: E

Padma Shri awardee Bhojpuri folk singer Hiralal Yadav passed away at the age of 93. Yadav, who was famously known as ‘Birha Samrat’. He was felicitated with Padma Shri award this year in the month of January, and was also honoured with Yash Bharti award by the Uttar Pradesh government in 2015.

151. Peggy Lipton who passed away recently was a well known ____________
A. Photographer  
B. Actor  
C. Astronaut  
D. Journalist  
E. Model  
Answer: B

Actress Peggy Lipton, known for Mod Squad and Twin Peaks, has died at the age of 72. She was reportedly suffering from colon cancer. Lipton was nominated for four Golden Globe awards and won in 1971.

152. Y.C. Deveshwar who passed away recently was the former Chairman of which among the following companies?
A. TCS  
B. Dabur  
C. ITC Limited  
D. Hindustan Unilever  
E. KentRO  
Answer: C

Chairman of ITC Limited, Y.C. Deveshwar passed away at the age of 72 years. He has served as a director in the central board of the Reserve Bank of India and the Air India. He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2011.

153. According to a World Health Organisation (WHO), Road accidents are the leading cause of death among people in the 5-29 age-group worldwide with more than ______ million lives lost each year and 50 million sustaining injuries.
A. 1.35 million  
B. 1.25 million  
C. 1.30 million  
D. 1.32 million  
E. 1.4 million  
Answer: A

According to a World Health Organisation (WHO), Road accidents are the leading cause of death among people in the 5-29 age-group worldwide with more than 1.35 million lives lost each year and 50 million sustaining injuries. The reasons listed for this trend include rapid urbanisation, poor safety, lack of enforcement, distracted, influence of drugs or alcohol, and speeding.

154. FDA approved first Dengue vaccine named ______
A. Dengvaxion  
B. Dengvaxiation  
C. Dengvaxia  
D. Dengavaxia  
E. None of these  
Answer: C
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States approved first vaccine named Dengvaxia for the prevention of dengue disease but with certain conditions that use dengue vaccine only in people who have a previous history of the disease. The vaccine is a live, attenuated dengue virus. Under the vaccination, 3 doses will be provided to the patient and after 1st dose, there will be a difference of 6 months between 1st dose and 2nd dose and also a difference of 6 months between 2nd dose and 3rd dose.

155. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation (Tangedco) will upgrade an unmanned substation in which city, the first of its kind in the city.
A. Coimbatore
B. Madurai
C. Thiruvananthapuram
D. Erode
E. Chennai
Answer: E

156. Which state government has given out funds ranging from ₹1.2 lakh to ₹20 lakh to over 30 startups as part of its program iStart?
A. Rajasthan
B. West Bengal
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Tamil Nadu
E. Punjab
Answer: A

Rajasthan government has given out funds ranging from ₹1.2 lakh to ₹20 lakh to over 30 startups as part of its program iStart Rajasthan. The funds were disbursed under the program’s financial incentives like sustenance allowance, seed funding, marketing assistance and Techno Fund. The startups that received funding reportedly included Hippo Cabs, mPass and others.

157. Recently, RBI has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 crore on which among the following banks for its failure to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process?
A. Corporation Bank
B. Vijaya Bank
C. Nainital Bank
D. Lakshmi Vilas Bank
E. Karnataka Bank
Answer: C

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed a monetary penalty of ₹1 crore on Nainital Bank for its failure to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process, despite specific directions issued in this regard. This action is based on the deficiencies in regulatory compliance, and is not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction or agreement entered into by the bank with its customers.

158. NABARD has launched its own NABVENTURES Fund for agriculture and rural
development startups. What is the total corpus of the fund?
A. Rs 500 crore  
B. Rs 700 crore  
C. Rs 900 crore  
D. Rs 600 crore  
E. Rs 800 crore  
**Answer: B**  
The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) announced a Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity investments in agriculture and rural-focused startups. NABARD has been contributing to other funds till now and this is the first time that the rural development bank has launched a fund of its own. The fund has been launched by Nabventures, a subsidiary of NABARD, and has a proposed corpus of Rs 500 crore with an option to retain over-subscriptions of Rs 200 crore, called as the greenshoe option. NABARD has given an anchor commitment for the fund, which will be investing across startups engaged in agriculture, food and rural development space.

159. Which of these insurance companies has launched the Mosquito Disease Protection Policy to cover people against vector borne diseases?
A. ICICI Lombard  
B. HDFC ERGO General Insurance  
C. Bajaj Allianz General Insurance  
D. Bharti AXA General Insurance  
E. None of these  
**Answer: B**  
HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India’s third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, announced the launch of ‘Mosquito Disease Protection Policy’. This new policy will cover an individual against common mosquito-borne diseases like Dengue Fever, Malaria, Chikungunya, Japanese Encephalitis, Kala-azar, Lymphatic Filariasis and Zika Virus. This cover is available for individuals between the age group of 91 days to 65 years. This policy also provides international cover to individuals and covers all the vector-borne diseases listed in the policy document.

160. Who has been appointed as the MD & CEO of ITC Limited?
A. Hemant Bhargava  
B. Anand Nicolos  
C. Nakul Anand  
D. Sanjiv Puri  
E. Rajiv Tandon  
**Answer: D**  
ITC Managing Director Sanjiv Puri has been appointed as the chairman by the Board of Directors. His new designation will now be chairman and managing director.

161. Who has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of LIC Mutual Fund?
A. Dinesh Pangtey  
B. Mahesh Bhoopathy  
C. Maneesh Patel  
D. Sidharth Kaul  
E. None of these  
**Answer: A**  
Dinesh Pangtey has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer of LIC Mutual Fund. He started his career as a direct recruit officer with LIC of India in 1984 and has risen through the ranks to this senior position. Prior to taking over as CEO of LIC Mutual Fund, Dinesh...
Pangtey was Director and Chief Executive Officer at LIC HFL AMC.

162. Which of these IPS officers has recently been honored with 2019 McCain Institute Award?
A. Chadalavada Umesh Chandra
B. Sanjukta Parashar
C. Raju Narayana Swamy
D. Chhaya Sharma
E. None of these
Answer: D
The McCain Institute for International Leadership at Arizona State University is pleased to present the 2019 Award for Courage and Leadership to Chhaya Sharma, an officer of the Indian Police Service who is currently serving as deputy inspector general (DIG) at the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) of India. The McCain Institute award is given to those who show courage on behalf of human rights, humanitarian compassion, justice, freedom, and human dignity.

163. Public service broadcaster Doordarshan has launched a souvenir store on which online shopping website?
A. Flipkart
B. Amazon
C. Ebay
D. Snapdeal
E. None of these
Answer: B
Public service broadcaster Doordarshan has launched a souvenir store on online shopping website Amazon India. The company, one of Prasar Bharti’s divisions, is also trying to make younger viewers familiar with their famous shows, such as Hum Log, Buniyaad, Ye Jo Hai Zindagi, Malgudi Days, Ramayana and Mahabharat. DD Souvenir gallery was started on 21 June, 2018 and in view of its success and demand, India’s public service broadcaster Doordarshan has started an online store through on Amazon India platform, for selling branded articles like cup, T-shirt and Water bottles. Doordarshan is India’s first broadcaster which has started Souvenir store. Online souvenir store will not only strengthen the relation with viewers but also help in establishing Doordarshan brand value.

164. ICICI Bank joins hands with which travel portal to launch multi-currency card?
A. MakeMyTrip
B. Goibibo
C. Yatra
D. Cleartrip
E. SkyScanner
Answer: B
ICICI Bank announced the launch of a co-branded multi-currency card with online travel booking portal Goibibo. Anyone travelling abroad, whether they hold an ICICI Bank savings account or not, can apply for the Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card on the Goibibo website and mobile app. The card also includes benefits of up to ₹20,000, including gift vouchers of ₹15,000 from Goibibo. Additionally, customers get 40 paise discount on currency conversion rate on loading of a minimum of $1,000. Further, they get the advantage of complimentary card protection from theft and loss up to ₹5 lakh. It also provides flat 15 per cent discount at more than 100 Indian restaurants across six foreign cities, including Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, London, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Bangkok. The card also offers travel insurance between ₹2 lakh and ₹10 lakh.

165. Who won the Spanish Grand Prix 2019?
A. Lewis Hamilton
B. V. Bottas
C. M. Verstappent
D. Sebastian Vettel
E. None of these

Answer: A

British racing driver Lewis Hamilton won the Spanish Grand Prix for a third consecutive year after overtaking Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas. It marks the Mercedes’ record-breaking win as the pair of Hamilton and Bottas has been taking the top two positions on the podium in all five races of 2019 season. Red Bull’s Max Verstappen was third.

166. Whom did Djokovic defeat in the finals, to win Madrid Open?
A. Stefanos Tsitsipast
B. Andy Murrayt
C. Roger Federer
D. Rafael Nadalt
E. None of these

Answer: A

The 2019 Madrid Open (sponsored by Mutua) is a professional tennis tournament played on outdoor clay courts at the Park Manzanares in Madrid, Spain from 3 May–12 May 2019.

167. Indian sports person Rahil Gangjee is associated with which sport?
A. Golf
B. Badminton
C. Squash
D. Table Tennis
E. None of these

Answer: A

Indian Professional golfer Rahil Gangjee finished tied 39th while 23-year-old Viraj Madappa faltered on the final day and ended tied 53rd at the Asia-Pacific Diamond Cup 2019. Japan’s Yosuke Asaji capped the title at the Sobu Country Club. Asaji’s winning total of three-under-par 281 also secured him a spot at The 148th Open which will be held at Royal Portrush, Northern Ireland in July 2019.

168. ‘International Day of Families’ is observed on which day?
A. May 13
B. May 14
C. May 15
D. May 16
E. May Third Tuesday
International Family Day is observed every year on 15 May. Family is the basic unit of society. The theme for the year 2019 is “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG13”. This day provides an opportunity to raise awareness about the issues related to the families and to increase knowledge about the social, economic and demographic processes that affect them. Several awareness-raising events, including national family day occur.

169. India hosted a 2-day ministerial meeting of WTO in which among the following cities?
A. New Delhi
B. Kolkata
C. Mumbai
D. Bangalore
E. Chennai
Answer: A

A WTO Ministerial meeting of developing countries is being hosted by India in New Delhi. Sixteen developing countries, Six Least Developed Countries (LDC)(Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Benin, Brazil, Central African Republic (CAR), Chad, China, Egypt, Guatemala, Guyana, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Malawi, Malaysia, Nigeria, Oman, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, Uganda)and DG, WTO are participating in the meeting. Issues such as impasse on the appointment of WTO’s appellate body members and way forward on reforms at the global trade body would be discussed in the meeting of developing countries in New Delhi. The meeting is being held at a time when the multilateral rule-based trading system is facing serious and grave challenges. The Ministerial Meeting had hosted by the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, in which Roberto Azevedo, the Director General of WTO, were also present.

170. Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur, who retired as the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court in December 2018, has been appointed to which countries Supreme Court non-resident panel for the duration of three years?
A. Nepal
B. Fiji
C. Maldives
D. Mauritius
E. Sri Lanka
Answer: B

Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur, who retired as the senior-most judge of the Supreme Court in December 2018, has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Fiji’s non-resident panel for the duration of three years. Justice Lokur received the appointment letter for the same on December 31, 2018, a day after he retired from the Supreme Court of India.

171. Which famous personality has been named by Bharat Pe, as its Brand Ambassador?
A. Sanjay Dutt
B. Salman Khan
C. Akshay Kumar
D. Shahrukh Khan
E. Sunil Shetty
Answer: B

Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe has roped in Bollywood actor Salman Khan as its brand ambassador. The company is on an aggressive growth spree and will be launching a brand advertising campaign with Khan shortly. The new brand campaign
with Khan will be focused towards educating merchants and users about UPI payments along with driving adoption of BharatPe app for all their business needs.

172. Bharti Airtel and which insurance company have tied up to offer insurance for prepaid customers.
A. Bharti Axa Life Insurance  
B. HDFC Life  
C. Birla Sun Life Insurance  
D. LIC  
E. New India Assurance  
**Answer: B**

Bharti Airtel and HDFC Life Insurance have tied up to offer life cover for customers who get a prepaid recharge done. Airtel’s new ₹249-prepaid bundle — which will include 2 GB data, unlimited calls across networks, and 100 SMSes per day — will also offer a cover worth ₹4 lakh from HDFC Life. The recharge is valid for 28 days and the policy cover till recharge is active. A customer needs to enrol for insurance after the first recharge through either an SMS, the My Airtel App. The insurance will renew automatically for subsequent recharges. The policy will be available to all customers aged between 18-54, and requires no paperwork or medical examination, except for a declaration of good health from the customer. The policy or Certificate of Insurance (CoI) will be instantaneously delivered digitally, and a physical copy can be provided on request.

173. Which digital wallet major company, has launched cash-back driven credit card with Citi Bank.
A. Phone pe  
B. Paytm  
C. Google pay  
D. PayPal  
E. None of the above  
**Answer: B**

Paytm, has launched a credit card in partnership with global payments company Citi Bank Called Paytm First Card, this is the first card of its kind launched in India by the American card company, which has similar exclusive partnerships across sectors in the US. It is also the first white-label credit card of its kind to offer unlimited one per cent cash-back without restrictions that would get auto-credited to the card every month. For example, on a spend of Rs 100, a person will get an assured Rs 1 as cash-back. The company’s cash-back driven credit card comes at a time when cash-backs are drying up. The card will be accepted internationally and is contactless enabled. There is also a full waiver of annual fee of Rs 500 on spends exceeding Rs 50,000 per year.

174. The first edition of the Young Scientist Programme ‘Yuvika2019’ will be held in how many centres of ISRO?
A. 6  
B. 4  
C. 1  
D. 2  
E. 5  
**Answer: B**

Indian Space Research Organisation has launched a special programme for School Children called “Young Scientist Programme” “YUva Vigyani KArtyakram” from this year, in tune with the Government’s vision “Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan”. It is a two week summer vacation residential programme that
will be conducted from 13 to 26 May 2019 over four ISRO centres in Bengaluru, Thiruvananthapuram, Ahmedabad and Shillong. It is proposed to select 3 students each from each State/ Union Territory to participate in this programme covering CBSE, ICSE and State syllabus. ISRO Chairman Dr K. Sivan inaugurated ISRO’s Young Scientist Programme called ‘Yuvika 2019’ at Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) SHAR, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh.

175. The Indian Armed Forces conducted the Exercise Bull Strike at which place?
A. Teressa Island  
B. Majuli Island  
C. Srirangam Island  
D. Abdul Kalam Island  
E. Barren Island  
Answer: A

The military drill, called Exercise Bullstrike, was conducted to showcase joint operations capability of the armed forces. During the exercise, the army personnel got the chance to display their prowess by undertaking company level airborne operation at Teressa island. A number of combat drills were carried out during the exercise, with 170 troops from the three services undertaking para drop operations in a Combat Free Fall and Static Line mode.

176. India is going to host the International Army Games 2019 in which city?
A. Guwahati  
B. Gurugram  
C. Jaisalmer  
D. Surat  
E. New Delhi  
Answer: C

177. Name the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (drone) which was recently tested successfully by DRDO
A. SEWAK  
B. YUDH  
C. RAKSHAK  
D. ABHYAS  
E. SAKSHI  
Answer: D

India successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS – High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) from a test range in Odisha. The trial, carried out by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Balasore, was tracked by various radars and electro-optic systems. The configuration of ABHYAS is designed on an in-line small gas turbine engine and it uses indigenously developed MEMS based navigation system.
178. Brahmakalashothsava Festival is a famous festival celebrated in which state?
A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Telangana
C. Karnataka
D. Kerala
E. Tamil Nadu
Answer: C
The 6-day Brahmakalashothsava festival is celebrated in the ancient Chandkuru Sri Durga Parameshwari Temple annually in Polali, Dakshina Kannada district in Karnataka. The presiding deity of the temple, which has a history of nearly 1,700 years, is Shri Rajarajeshwari. The highlight of this temple is its mud idols and this is probably the only idol of this size (about 9ft height) in Karnataka. Other than the presiding deity Rajarajeshwari – two other idols Bhadrakali on the left (may be bigger than the presiding deity in height) and Lord Subrahmanya and Ganesha are on the right hand side. It is in news recently because several Dalits and OBCs from Chandkuru and surrounding villages in Belthangady taluk boycotted festival in a centuries-old temple due to separate seating arrangement had been made for people of the upper caste.

179. Who among the following has become the first Indian female to be appointed to International Panel of Match Referees by ICC?
A. GS Lakshmi
B. Shantha Rangaswamy
C. Shubhangi Kulkarni
D. Diana Edulji
E. None of these
Answer: A
GS Lakshmi has become the first ever woman to be appointed to the ICC International Panel of Match Referees. The 51-year-old’s appointment comes close on the heels of Claire Polosak becoming the first ever woman umpire to stand in a men’s ODI.

180. Who has been awarded the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year at the CEAT Cricket Rating International Award 2019?
A. Rashid Khan
B. Rohit Sharma
C. Virat Kohli
D. Aaron Finch
E. Quinton De Kock
Answer: C
India captain Virat Kohli bagged the International Cricketer and Batsman of the Year award during the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International Awards 2019. Jasprit Bumrah was adjudged as International Bowler of the Year. CEAT awarded Afghanistan leg-spinner Rashid Khan for outstanding bowling and Australian batsman Aaron Finch for his exceptional performance in T20. Young prodigy Yashasvi Jaiswal, who performed exceptionally over the year was awarded Junior Cricketer of the Year while Kuldeep Yadav took home outstanding performance of the year award.

181. Which Hollywood legend worked in films such as Calamity Jane and Pillow Talk and had a hit in 1956 with Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be)?
A. Marlyn Monroe
B. Rock Hudson
C. Marilyn Monroe
D. Grace Kelly
E. Audrey Hepburn

Answer: C
Marilyn Monroe
C. Daniel Defoe  
D. Justin Beiber  
E. Doris Day  
**Answer: E**

Hollywood legend Doris Day, whose films made her one of the biggest stars of all time, has died aged 97. The singer turned actress starred in films such as Calamity Jane and Pillow Talk and had a hit in 1956 with Que Sera, Sera (Whatever Will Be, Will Be).

182. Who got the lifetime achievement award at the recently held, CEAT Cricket Rating Awards?  
A. Kapil Dev  
B. Mohinder Amarnath  
C. Dilip Vengasarkar  
D. Sunil Gavaskar  
E. Sachin Tendulkar  
**Answer: B**

The legendary Mohinder Amarnath was bestowed with the ‘CCR International Lifetime Achievement Award’. Ashutosh Aman was awarded Domestic Cricketer of the Year.

183. When is the International Day of Living Together in Peace observed every year?  
A. May 12  
B. May 14  
C. May 16  
D. May 15  
E. May 17  
**Answer: C**

The International Day of Living Together in Peace is held on 16th May every year since 2018. The Day speaks about accepting differences and having the ability to listen to, recognize and respect others and promote peace, moderation, tolerance, inclusion, understanding and solidarity. The United Nations General Assembly decided to celebrate 16th May as the International Day of Living Together in Peace on 8th December 2017.

184. World Telecommunication Day is observed every year on 17 May. What is the theme for the year 2019?  
A. Bridging the standardization gap  
B. Telecommunication connects the world  
C. Way to Bridge gaps across the universe  
D. Standardization and Bridging the gap  
E. None of these  
**Answer: A**

World Telecommunication Day is observed every year on 17 May. It marks the founding of ITU when the first International Telegraph Convention was signed in Paris on 17 May, 1865. It is also known as World Telecommunication and International Society Day. Since 1969, it has been celebrating annually. Theme for the year 2019 is Bridging the standardization gap.

185. World Hypertension Day is celebrated by World Hypertension League (WHL) on which among the following days annually?  
A. May 15  
B. May 16  
C. May 17  
D. May 18  
E. May 19  
**Answer: C**

World Hypertension Day is celebrated by World Hypertension League (WHL) on 17 May annually. Theme for the year 2019 is “Know Your Numbers”. It also promotes awareness about hypertension and to encourage people to prevent and control this silent killer.
epidemic. The theme of aims at increasing high blood pressure (BP) awareness in all the populations around
the world.

186. Every year on the third Friday in May is celebrated annually as what day?
A. Endangered Species Day
B. International Day of Living Together in Peace
C. World Telecommunication Day
D. World Hypertension Day
E. All among these
Answer: A

Every year on the third Friday in May Endangered Species Day is celebrated annually. This year it falls on
May 17th to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and restoration efforts for all
imperilled species. Endangered Species Act 1973, focuses on the protection of wildlife and several other
methods to protect it.

187. India has been selected to co chair the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) in which year?
A. 2019
B. 2020
C. 2021
D. 2022
E. 2023
Answer: B

India has been unanimously chosen as co-chair of the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) for the fiscal year 2020. The decision was taken during the meeting of GFDRR held in Geneva, Switzerland. GFDRR is a global partnership that helps developing countries better understand and reduce their vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change. It is is a grant-funding mechanism, managed by the World Bank, that supports disaster risk management projects worldwide.

188. In which state does the NMCG, HCL Foundation and INTACH inked MoU for Rudraksh Plantation?
A. Uttarakhand
B. Jharkhand
C. West Bengal
D. Meghalaya
E. Punjab
Answer: A

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH for taking up a project of Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand as a part of CSR initiative under the Namami Gange Programme. The project aims at planting 10 thousand Rudraksh trees in the catchment area of river Ganga in Uttarakhand.

189. Recently, Navy Service Selection Board inaugurated in which city?
A. New Delhi
B. Mumabi
C. Kolkata
D. Chennai
E. None of the above
Answer: C

Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lanba Tuesday inaugurated the Navy’s first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) at the Diamond Harbour near Kolkata. Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command, has attended the inauguration. This is the fifth SSB of the
Indian Navy and caters for selection of both permanent and short service commission officers. The other boards are located in Bhopal, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam and Coimbatore.

190. Which of these institutions has released the “Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 – 2021”?
A. RBI  
B. NPCI  
C. SBI  
D. Ministry of Finance  
E. Both (a) and (d)  
Answer: A

Aiming at a ‘cash-lite’ society, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a vision document for ensuring a safe, secure, convenient, quick and affordable e-payment system as it expects the number of digital transactions to increase more than four times to 8,707 crore in December 2021. The ‘Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019 – 2021’, with its core theme of ‘Empowering Exceptional (E)payment Experience’, envisages to achieve “a highly digital and cash-lite society” through the goal posts of competition, cost effectiveness, convenience and confidence (4Cs). The previous vision document covered the period 2016 to 2018. The latest vision document said payment systems like UPI/IMPS are likely to register average annualised growth of over 100% and NEFT at 40% over the vision period (period up to December 2021). The number of digital transactions is expected to increase more than four times from 2,069 crore in December 2018 to 8,707 crore in December 2021.

191. All the NBFCs with an asset size above Rs __________ has been directed by RBI to appoint Chief Risk Officer (CRO)
A. Rs 2000 crore  
B. Rs 3000 crore  
C. Rs 4000 crore  
D. Rs 5000 crore  
E. None of these  
Answer: D

A non-banking finance companies (NBFC) with an asset size of at least Rs 5000 crore must appoint a chief risk officer (CRO). The CRO is required to function independently so as to ensure highest standards of risk management. The CRO shall be a senior official in the hierarchy of an NBFC and shall possess adequate professional qualification and experience in the area of risk management.

192. Recently, Which financial institution has launched a pilot scheme for fintech NBFCs to boost digital lending?
A. EXIM Bank  
B. SIDBI  
C. SBI  
D. IFCI  
E. SEMRA  
Answer: B

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched a Scheme for Assistance to New Age FinTech NBFCs registered as Investment and Credit Company (ICC) with the RBI. It has been launched on pilot basis. SIDBI will extend financial assistance of up to ₹10 crore to new-age fintech non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) engaged in financing small businesses and other income-generating
Fintech NBFCs are digital loan companies. They leverage information technology to provide fast and convenient access to funding. Minimum Net Owned Fund: Rs 20 Crore. Minimum Asset Size: Rs 50 Crore. Maximum Exposure/Maximum Assistance: Rs 10 Crore.

193. Name the Bollywood actor who would be felicitated by European Chambers of Commerce for promoting children's rights?
A. Shaid Kapoor
B. Anil Kapoor
C. Salman Khan
D. Amir Khan
E. Amitabh Bachan

Answer: B
Actor Anil Kapoor will be felicitated by the Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) in India and an European Union delegation as part of the Europe Day celebrations in Mumbai. The actor will be the chief guest for the celebrations, which will also be attended by EU Ambassador to India Tomasz Kozlowski, EU Member states Consuls and senior representatives from the European and Indian corporate world. Europe Day is celebrated every year on May 9 to mark the formation of the European Union (EU).

194. Name the Nepalian who has scaled Mount Everest for the 23rd time, breaking his own record in reaching atop the world's highest peak.
A. Name the Nepalian who has scaled Mount Everest for the 23rd time, breaking his own record in reaching atop the world's highest peak.
B. Mejor Vita Shepra
C. Kami Rita Sherpa
D. Astin Cheda Shepra
E. None of these

Answer: C
A 49-year-old veteran Nepali sherpa has scaled Mount Everest for the 23rd time, breaking his own record in reaching atop the world’s highest peak. Kami Rita Sherpa from Thame village of Solukhumbu district successfully climbed Mt Everest from Nepal side breaking his own record for most summits on the roof of the world.

195. Who among the following has become the first head of India’s first tri-services Special Operations Division?
A. Raheel Sharif
B. Harsh Kakkar
C. SP Sinha
D. AK Dhingra
E. None of these

Answer: D
Ace Special Forces operative and Sri Lanka war veteran Major General AK Dhingra has been appointed as the first head of country’s first tri-services Special Operations Division comprising commandos from all three services. The Armed Forces Special Operations Division has been set up by the government to undertake joint operations by three services and will have elements from the Army’s Parachute Regiments SF, Marine Commandos (MARCOS) of the Navy and the Garud Commandos of the Indian Air Force. Maj Gen Dhingra is a Special Forces veteran and is from the elite 1 Para Special Forces Regiment.

196. Cyril Ramaphosa re-elected as President of which country?
A. South Africa
B. Vietnam
C. Kenya
Answer: A

Cyril Ramaphosa’s party, African National Congress (ANC) won South African elections with majority and secured 57.51 percent votes and Cyril Ramaphosa elected as South African President. Last year in February 2018. Cyril Ramaphosa elected as South African President after President Jacob Zuma resigned from the post due to charges of corruption. The South African president was the Chief Guest for India’s Republic Day ceremony this year.

197. RBI has appointed the former Deputy Governor R Gandhi as the additional director on the board of which bank?
A. ICICI bank
B. HDFC bank
C. Yes bank
D. Axis bank
E. Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: C

The banking regulator RBI has appointed former RBI Deputy Governor R. Gandhi as an additional director on YES Bank’s board. The appointment is for a period of two years with effect from May 14, 2019, to May 13, 2021, or till further orders. The RBI has the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of Section 36AB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 to appoint additional directors on the board of a bank if it feels it is in the interest of the banking company or its depositors.

198. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA)?
A. Justice Madan Lokur
B. Justice Ashok Bhushan
C. Justice A.K. Sikri
D. Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
E. None of the above

Answer: C

Former Supreme Court Judge Justice A. K. Sikri has been appointed as the Chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA). He will assume office on May 26, 2019. Justice Sikri will succeed Justice R. V. Raveendran, who completes his term on May 25, 2019.

199. Which city is going to host the Conference on Asian Civilizations Dialogue (CDAC) 2019?
A. Singapore
B. Paris
C. Abu Dhabi
D. New Delhi
E. Beijing

Answer: E

Conference on Asian Civilizations Dialogue (CDAC) will be held in Beijing, China. The conference will host the opening ceremony and six parallel sub-forums around the theme of Asian civilization exchanges and mutual understanding. The Asian Cultural Carnival, Asian Civilization Week, Asian Food Festival and other activities are planned to be organized alongside this conference. Around 1500 experts from around the world, including heads of state and high-level governmental representatives, are invited to attend the conference which seeks to promote intercultural dialogue in view of building an “Asian Community of Shared Future”. As part of this conference, the Ministry of Education of China in collaboration with UNESCO.
200. Name the housing finance company that has partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) to offer a mortgage-guaranteed home loan product.
A. IBHFL  
B. LIC Housing Finance  
C. L&T Finance  
D. HDFC Limited  
E. None of these  
**Answer: D**

Housing finance major HDFC Limited has partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) to offer a mortgage-guaranteed home loan product. The partnership aims to make it possible for HDFC to further penetrate home loan market and access an enlarged customer base, helping them to own a home of their choice. This product will help HDFC to offer more loan to a home loan customer on an enhanced eligibility. It also helps customers to avail loans beyond their retirement period. The finer details of the product are being worked out and will be known to market soon.

201. The Ola Money SBI Credit Card is powered by which payments technology company?
A. UnionPay  
B. American Express  
C. Mastercard  
D. Visa  
E. Emirates  
**Answer: D**

The ride-hailing company unveiled Ola Money SBI Credit Card in partnership with SBI Cards, one of the largest credit card issuers in the country. The card is powered by payments technology company Visa. The SoftBank-backed cab aggregator is targeting 10-million Ola Money SBI Credit Cards to be issued by 2022.

202. Who became the world’s first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA)?
A. Aarohi Pandit  
B. Dhanya Pandit  
C. Sruthi Pandit  
D. Veenetha Pandit  
E. None of these  
**Answer: A**

Captain Aarohi Pandit, a 23-year-old pilot from Mumbai became the world’s first woman to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA) christened as ‘Mahi’. when she landed her tiny aircraft at Iqaluit Airport in Canada, after a gruelling 3,000 km long flight, under adverse and extreme weather conditions following take-off from Wick, Scotland (United Kingdom), with brief stopovers in Greenland and Iceland. The journey is part of Pandit’s ongoing year-long global circumnavigation flight from UK to Canada, which was launched with her friend Keithair Misquitta on July 30, 2018 and they will return back to India by July 30, 2019.

203. Which country has been confirmed as the hosts for the 2023 Asian Cup soccer tournament after its only bidding rival, South Korea, withdrew from the bidding process?
A. South Africa  
B. China  
C. Germany  
D. UAE  
E. France  
**Answer: D**

The SoftBank-backed cab aggregator is targeting 10-million Ola Money SBI Credit Cards to be issued by 2022.
Answer: B

China has been confirmed as the hosts for the 2023 Asian Cup soccer tournament after its only bidding rival, South Korea, withdrew from the bidding process. The Korean Football Association (KFA) informed the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), the governing body for Asian soccer, of its decision to withdraw its bid and thus allow China to run unopposed. Last time China hosted Asian Cup in 2004 when China lost to Japan by 3-1 in the final held in Beijing. This year the Asian Cup was held in UAE in which Qatar defeated Japan by 3-1 in the final.

204. Bob Hawke who passes away recently, was the former Prime Minister of which country?

A. France  
B. Germany  
C. New Zealand  
D. Australia  
E. Russia

Answer: D

Bob Hawke, one of Australia’s longest-serving Prime Ministers and a former Labour Party icon, died at the age of 89. He was Australia’s Prime Minister from 1983 to 1991, winning four elections and becoming the country’s third longest-serving leader after Robert Menzies and John Howard.

205. When is the World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed?

A. May 15  
B. May 16  
C. May 17  
D. May 18  
E. May 19

Answer: D

Worlds AIDS Vaccine Day or HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is observed every year on 18 May. This day marks the efforts of thousands of researchers, scientists, health professionals who have contributed to the process of finding safe and effective AIDS medicine. It is also an opportunity to educate communities about the importance of preventive HIV vaccine research.

206. International Museum Day is observed on _______.

A. 18 May  
B. 17 May  
C. 16 May  
D. 15 May  
E. Second Sunday in May

Answer: A

International Museum Day is observed on 18 May every year to raise awareness about the museum and their role in the society. Theme for the year 2019 is Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition. The International Council of Museums (ICOM) created International Museum Day in 1977. The organisation suggested a proper theme every year which may include globalisation, bridging cultural gaps and care for the environment.

207. Which Asian country recently has legalized Same-sex marriage?

A. Thailand  
B. Taiwan  
C. Vietnam  
D. Cambodia  
E. Laos

Answer: B)

Taiwan has legalised same-sex marriage, the first of any Asian state, with the passage of legislation giving same-
sex couples the right to marry. Taiwan’s constitutional court had imposed deadline two years ago, which said that excluding same-sex couples from marriage was unconstitutional and the legislature must pass laws allowing same-sex marriage by May 24, 2019, or they would automatically become law.

208. Which among the following nations has approved permanent residency for select expatriates?
A. Saudi Arabia
B. Iran
C. Iraq
D. Kuwait
E. Qatar

Answer: A

The Saudi government has approved for the first time a scheme that gives permanent residency to certain expatriates, allowing them to own real estate in the kingdom and reside with their families without a Saudi sponsor. The decision is aimed at attracting long-term investments as the government tries to diversify the economy and boost domestic spending. The “Privileged Iqama” system will offer a permanent residence scheme and one that can be renewed annually to highly skilled expatriates and owners of capital funds.

209. Which of these states become the first Indian state to issue Masala Bond?
A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Kerala
C. Gujarat
D. Maharashtra
E. Andhra Pradesh

Answer: B

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan rang the opening bell at the London Stock Exchange (LSE) to mark the listing of masala bonds sold by Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB). KIIFB, a state government agency, had raised Rs 2,150 crore through its debut masala bond issue at a fixed interest rate of 9.723% per annum. KIIFB plans to raise Rs. 5,000 crore through masala bonds to fund large and critical infrastructure projects in Kerala. Indian Rupee denominated overseas bonds are popularly known as masala bonds.

210. Name the initiative that is launched by HDFC Capital Advisors to promote technologies to make affordable housing more affordable.
A. HeArt
B. HeSpl
C. HeEas
D. HeAff
E. None of these

Answer: A

HDFC Capital Advisors Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of HDFC, has announced the launch of its new initiative termed ‘HeART’ that seek to promote technologies to make affordable housing more affordable. The HDFC Affordable Real Estate and Technology (HeART) programme seeks to mentor, partner and invest in real estate technology companies that drive innovation and efficiencies within the affordable housing ecosystem. HeART will support businesses which are innovating and building technology solutions to enhance the supply of affordable housing.

211. Name the Indian YouTuber who named by Time magazine among Next Generation Leaders' 2019.
1. Ajay Nayer
B. Ajay Mittal
C. Ajay Nagar
D. Ajay Patel
E. Ajay Saumitri

Answer: C

Indian YouTuber Ajey Nagar has been named by Time magazine among its Next Generation Leaders’ 2019. A list of only 10 young people from around the world who are forging new paths in politics, music and other spheres. Nagar, 19, popularly known as CarryMinati has nearly 7 million subscribers for his YouTube channel. India overtook the US in 2018 to become the country with the biggest YouTube audience in the world. And with his energetic presentation style and Hindi lyrics, Nagar is now one of the most followed YouTubers in India.

212. Nitin Chugh has been named to be the new MD & CEO of which bank?
A. Jana Small Finance Bank
B. AU Small Finance Bank
C. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
D. ESAF Small Finance Bank
E. None of these

Answer: C

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank, a subsidiary of the listed entity Ujjivan Financial Services announced the appointment of Nitin Chugh as its MD and CEO for a period of three years with effect from December 1, 2019. This appointment comes at the end of a succession planning process undertaken by the bank as the present tenure of Samit Ghosh as the MD and CEO of the bank will conclude on November 30, 2019. Nitin Chugh will take over as the president of the bank from August 2019 and will work closely with Samit Ghosh till November 30, 2019 to ensure a smooth transition.

213. Which IT company has tied-up with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, to co-create new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solutions?
A. TCS
B. IBM
C. Infosys
D. HCL
E. None of these

Answer: B

IBM India announced that it has tied-up with HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India’s third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, to co-create new Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based solutions. Teams from HDFC ERGO and IBM Services will work together to develop and test new solutions. This will help to better address customer queries, ensure faster turnaround time and draw deeper customer insights for a better omni-channel experience.

214. Which of these Indian Coast Guard Ships has been decommissioned recently?
A. ICGC Vigraha
B. ICGS Samarth
C. ICGS Vaibhav
D. ICGS Saubhagya
E. None of these

Answer: A

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) Vigraha, a frontline offshore patrol vessel decommissioned on May 15th. After 29 glorious years of service from 1990 to 2019, the ship was decommissioned at the coast guard jetty. ICGS Vigraha was the seventh offshore patrol vessel built by the Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai.
and it was commissioned on April 12, 1990. The ship was later based at Visakhapatnam and has been instrumental in protecting the east coast in general and Andhra Pradesh coast in particular since then.

215. Name the mutual fund app that is launched by BSE recently?
A. BSE SuN MF
B. BSE SkY MF
C. BSE MoON MF
D. BSE StAR MF
E. None of these

Answer: D
BSE has launched ‘BSE StAR MF’ app to enable more participation and help mutual fund distributors process transactions faster. BSE StAR MF mobile app supports real-time client registration and paperless transactions, creates and uploads mandate for SIPs, generates the basket of multiple orders, tracks and allows the distributor to analyse his business at his fingertips. BSE StAR MF is the exchange’s mutual fund platform which helps distributors purchase and redeem mutual fund units on behalf of their clients.

216. Ieoh Ming Pei who passed away recently was a renowned _____________
A. Journalist
B. Scientist
C. Architect
D. Painter
E. Actor

Answer: C
Chinese-American architect Ieoh Ming Pei, passed away on 16 May 2019, at the age of 102. I M Pei is regarded as one of the world’s leading designers of civic centers and cultural institutions. He is known for the famous glass pyramid at the entrance to the Louvre Palace in Paris as well as landmark 72-story Bank of China tower in Hong Kong among others.

217. Veteran actor Rallapalli Venkata Narasimha Rao passes away. He is an actor from which language?
A. Telugu
B. Tamil
C. Malayalam
D. Kannada
E. Bengali

Answer: A
Veteran Telugu actor Rallapalli Venkata Narasimha Rao passed away at a private hospital following a cardiac arrest. He was 74. Rallapalli began his acting career in theater at a young age and subsequently entered films. He had also worked as a staff artiste in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

218. World Bee Day is observed across the world annually on what day?
A. May 18th
B. May 19th
C. May 20th
D. May 21st
E. May 22nd

Answer: C
20th May is observed across the world as World Bee Day. This is in honour of Slovenian Anton Jansa, who was born on this day in 1773 and is widely known as the pioneer of beekeeping. To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.
219. Recently, which state government approves setting up of Farmers’ Commission?
A. Maharashtra
B. Meghalaya
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Mizoram
E. Gujarat

Answer: B

The Meghalaya government approved setting up of a commission to look into the problem faced by farmers. State cabinet approved the proposal made by the Agriculture Department to set up the Farmers’ Commission in line with the resolution passed at the ‘farmers’ parliament’, The ‘farmers’ parliament’, first of its kind in the country, was organised last December and was attended by scientists, bureaucrats, apart from farmers, to discuss issues related to the agri situation in the state.

220. The third round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Botswana was held in which city?
A. Delhi
B. Mumbai
C. Kolkata
D. Gaborone
E. None of these

Answer: A

The third round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Botswana was held in New Delhi.

221. Who among the following named as new brand ambassadors of Himalaya MN?
A. Virat Kohli and Jasprith Bhumrah
B. Virat Kohli and Hardik Pandya
C. Virat Kohli and Rishab Pant
D. Virat Kohli and Manish Pandey
E. Virat Kohli and Murali Vijay

Answer: C

India cricket captain Virat Kohli and emerging wicket-keeper batsman Rishabh Pant has been named as new official brand ambassadors of the country’s leading wellness firm, the Himalaya Drug Company. Himalaya has signed Kohli and ICC Emerging Player of the Year 2018, Pant to promote its ‘Men Face Care Range’.

222. The Sasakawa Award is presented by which organisation?
A. European Union
B. World Trade Organisation
C. World Bank
D. United Nations
E. None of these

Answer: D

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) has conferred the Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra. He is an Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India. The award was announced at the Award Ceremony during the ongoing 6th Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2019 at Geneva. The United Nations Sasakawa Award
is the most prestigious international award in the area of Disaster Risk Management. The theme of the 2019 Sasakawa award was “Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies”. Dr. P. K. Mishra from India received the 2019 Sasakawa award in recognition of his long-term dedication to improve the resilience of communities most exposed to disasters and his personal commitment to social inclusion as a critical principle to reduce inequality and poverty, enhancing the safety net of the socially and economically marginalized.

223. Who among the following has been awarded the Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction?
A. Pramod Kumar Mishra
B. Pradeep Kumar Sinha
C. Ajit Doval
D. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
E. None of these
Answer: A

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224. Who has received a knighthood from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace?
A. Rafel Nadal
B. Roger Federer
C. Novak Djokovic
D. Stan Wawrinka
E. Andy Murray
Answer: E

Sir Andy Murray has received a knighthood from the Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace. The knighthood was announced in the 2016 New Year Honours, capping a momentous 12 months which saw him win a second Wimbledon title, retain his Olympic crown, named BBC Sports Personality of the Year for the third time, and finish the season as world number one. He was joined by Sir Philip Pullman who was knighted for his services to literature and BBC Springwatch presenter Chris Packham for services to nature conservation.

225. The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) has received national agricultural higher education project (NAHEP). The project is funded by__________
A. World Bank
B. Ministry of Finance
C. Asian Development Bank
D. NABARD
E. SIDBI
Answer: A

The National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) has been awarded a World Bank-funded National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP) project. The project, which is referred to as component 2A, calls for investments in Indian Council of Agricultural Research Leadership in Agricultural Higher Education. With a budget outlay of Rs. 69.41 crore, the three-year project is aimed at establishing partnerships with globally recognised agricultural higher education institutions. It is also for establishing career development centres at agriculture universities. Besides NAARM, Indian Agricultural Statistical Research Institute (IASRI) and National Institute of Agricultural Economics and Policy Research of Indian Council of Agricultural Research will take part in the implementation of the project.
226. Which country has recently made the Guinness World Record for the largest laundry lesson?
A. Thailand  
B. Russia  
C. China  
D. India  
E. Singapore  
**Answer: D**

With 400 young Indian men participating across the country to learn laundry lessons to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes along with the female members of their homes, India achieved the Guinness World Records certificate for the largest laundry lesson. National award-winning actor Anil Kapoor joined the function which was initiated by Ariel India and hosted by Mandira Bedi. The event was part of the #sharetheload campaign. Earlier, the largest laundry lesson involved 318 people, achieved by Lion NANOX Team (Japan) at Lion Hirai Research Laboratory, in Edogawa, Tokyo, Japan, on November 29, 2017.

227. Name the actor who has bagged the Best Child Actor award for Chippa at the 19th New York Indian Film Festival.
A. Manoj Bhut  
B. Sunny Pawar  
C. Pawan Kumar  
D. Asish Nehra  
E. Abhinay Sharma  
**Answer: B**

Actor Sunny Pawar has bagged the Best Child Actor award for Chippa at the 19th New York Indian Film Festival. The 11-year-old, who hails from a slum in Kunchi Kurve Nagar in Mumbai, shot to fame with Australian director Garth Davis’ acclaimed 2016 film Lion. Apart from AACTA and the recent award at the New York Indian Film Festival, Sunny has also received a Special Mention Grand Jury Prize at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards.

228. Which of the following countries is involved jointly with India in the development of Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM)?
A. Israel  
B. Germany  
C. France  
D. United Kingdom  
E. Russia  
**Answer: A**

The Indian Navy has successfully test-fired a Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM), achieving a significant milestone to enhance its anti-air warfare capability. The test-firing of the missile was undertaken on the western seaboard by Indian naval ships Kochi and Chennai. The test-firing of the missile was carried out jointly by the Indian Navy, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aerospace Industries.

229. Name the recently conducted bilateral naval drill between India and Singapore in South China Sea.
A. SIMBEX  
B. SLINEX  
C. INDRA  
D. Milan  
E. Sagarmath  
**Answer: A**

The 26th Edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX) -19 has commenced in the South China Sea. In addition to IN Ships Kolkata and Shakti,
Long Range Maritime Patrol Aircraft P8I will also participate in the exercise along with Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) Ships steadfast and valiant, maritime patrol aircraft Fokker-50 and F-16 fighter aircraft. The four-day naval exercise will include various maritime combat drills such as advanced aerial tracking, coordinated targeting tactical exercises and weapon firing on aerial and surface targets.

230. Name the Double Olympic biathlon champion who retires aged 25 recently?
A. Franziska Hildebrand
B. Vanessa Hinz
C. Franziska Preuss
D. Laura Dahlmeier
E. None of these

Answer: D
Germany’s double Olympic biathlon champion Laura Dahlmeier announced her retirement at the age of just 25 after struggling with health issues. She has won seven world championship gold medals, and last year in Pyeongchang she became the first female biathlete to win both the sprint and the pursuit at the same Olympics.

231. Which city hosted the 2nd India Open International Boxing Tournament?
A. Guwahati
B. Mumbai
C. Jaipur
D. New Delhi
E. Bangalore

Answer: A
The Second India Open International Boxing Tournament begins at Sarusajai stadium in Guwahati. India has fielded a strong contingent of 38 men and 37 women in the tournament including Mary Kom in 51-kilogram category. 16 countries will participate in the tournament where nearly 200 boxers will vying for the podium. The gold medalist will get 2500 US dollar and Silver medalist will earn 1000 US dollar. The competition will be held in a total of 18 categories, 10 in men and 8 in women.

232. Navy ship 'Mendez Nunez' (Frigate) with a crew of 30 officers and 135 sailors is on Mumbai visit from May 18 to 23. The ship belongs to which country?
A. Spain
B. Turkey
C. France
D. Portugal
E. Germany

Answer: A
Spanish Navy ship ‘Mendez Nunez’ (Frigate) with a crew of 30 officers and 135 sailors is on Mumbai visit from May 18 to 23. The ship is on Overseas Deployment and is docked at the Mumbai Port Trust. According to the communique, Indian Naval Ships (INS) and submarines have been visiting Spanish ports during overseas deployments. The visit by the Spanish Navy ship to Mumbai would further strengthen the existing bonds between the two navies.

233. When is the World Metrology Day observed?
A. May 18
B. May 19
C. May 20
D. May 21
E. May 22

Answer: C
May 20 is World Metrology Day, commemorating the anniversary of the signing of the Metre Convention in
The theme for World Metrology Day 2019 is the International System of Units – Fundamentally better. This treaty provides the basis for a coherent measurement system worldwide that underpins scientific discovery and innovation, industrial manufacturing and international trade, as well as the improvement of the quality of life and the protection of the global environment.

234. When is The National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed?
A. May 21
B. May 20
C. May 19
D. May 18
E. May 17
Answer: A
National Anti-Terrorism Day is observed every year on 21 May to spread awareness about the violence caused by the terrorists and also in the memory of former Indian PM Rajiv Gandhi who passed on this day.

235. Which among the following Gramin Bank among top banking performers in country?
A. Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank
B. Allahabad UP Gramin Bank
C. Telangana Grameena Bank
D. Tripura Gramin Bank
E. Vananchal Gramin Bank
Answer: D
Posting net profit for seven consecutive years, the Tripura Gramin Bank (TGB) is among India’s top three out of 46 regional rural banks (RRBs) in terms of profit, business and growth. TGB Chairman is Mahendra Mohan Goswami. After some of them merger with commercial banks, currently India has 46 RRBs against the earlier 56. The Central government has a 50 percent stake in TGB, the United Bank of India (UBI) has 35 per cent, while the 15 per cent is held by the Tripura government. Like other nationalised banks, the TGB has been providing all modern facilities to the customers, including computerised, online financial transactions and mobile banking, besides ATM (Automated Teller Machine) services.

236. World Bank had partnered with which business bank to enable blockchain-based secondary market bond recording?
A. African Development Bank
B. Asian Development Bank
C. European Investment Bank
D. Reserve Bank of Australia
E. Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Answer: E
World Bank had partnered with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CommBank) to enable blockchain-based secondary market bond recording. The secondary trading project was performed on the Blockchain Operated New Debt Instrument (bond-i), a platform based on the Ethereum blockchain. It was reportedly developed by CommBank’s Blockchain Centre of Excellence at the CommBank’s Innovation Lab in Sydney as part of the global banking institutions mission to explore and build on the potential of distributed ledgers. Just last year, the World Bank issued the bond-i, claiming that it was created, allocated, and managed with the use of blockchain technology.

237. NITI Aayog has proposed a plan worth __________ to create an institutional framework for artificial intelligence (AI).
A. Rs 2,500 crore
Niti Aayog has circulated a cabinet note to provide Rs 7,500 crore for the establishment of AIRAWAT, a cloud computing platform along with research institutes. This is part of the policy think tank’s proposal to create an institutional framework for artificial intelligence (AI) in the country. The expenditure Finance Committee is expected to take up the note soon. According to the proposal, the funding would be used to set up five institutes or centres of research excellence (CORE), 20 international centres for transformational AI (ICTAI), along with AIRAWAT, a cloud computing platform that can be accessed by anyone. It is estimated that AI will add $957 billion to India’s GDP by 2035, boosting India’s annual growth by 1.3 percentage points.

238. Which company has registered a new financial technology company, Libra Networks, in Geneva, Switzerland.
A. Microsoft
B. Facebook
C. Alphabet
D. Amazon
E. Instagram
Answer: B
Facebook has registered a new financial technology company, Libra Networks, in Geneva, Switzerland. The new subsidiary, with Facebook Global Holdings as the stakeholder, aims to provide financial and technology solutions and develop related hardware and software. It focus on “investing, payments, financing, identity management, analytics, big data, blockchain, and other technologies.” Facebook was working on “Facebook Coin.” – a stablecoin pegged to a basket of different foreign currencies. The cryptocurrency project even reached the US Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

239. FSSAI has relaxed certification norms for small organic food producers with annual turnover of Rs ___________ to sell their produce directly to end consumers without certification
A. Rs 12 lakh
B. Rs 10 lakh
C. Rs 15 lakh
D. Rs 8 lakh
E. Rs 13 lakh
Answer: A
Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has decided to relax certification norms for small original producers or producer organisations with an annual turnover of up to Rs. 12 lakh till April 1, 2020. According to the regulations, all organic food sold in the country needs to be certified either under National Programme for Organic Production (NPOP) or Participatory Guarantee System for India (PGS-India). However, these small organic producers and aggregators will not be allowed to use ‘Jaivik Bharat logo’ on their products. The Jaivik Bharat logo is an identity mark to distinguish organic products from non-organic ones.

240. Recently, which telecom company has partnered with Google to increase access to its WiFi footprint in the country?
A. BSNL
B. IDEA
C. AIRTEL
BSNL has partnered with Google to increase access to its WiFi footprint in the country. With the launch of this service, people across the country will be able to enjoy BSNL’s free WiFi services. This initiative will allow customers use BSNL’s high speed internet services on WiFi. There are 38,000 BSNL Wi-Fi hotspot locations operational in India. One can access these by buying Wi-Fi vouchers that are priced starting at Rs 19. Google has previously completed the rollout of RailW

According to an Analysys Mason study, public Wi-Fi will connect 40 million new users to the internet by 2019.

241. Volodymyr Zelenskyi has been sworn in as the new President of which country?
A. Mozambique
B. Bolivia
C. Poland
D. Ukraine
E. Uganda

**Answer: D**

Ukraine has sworn in comedian Volodymyr Zelensky as the country’s sixth president. Immediately after the swearing in of oath, 41 year old Volodymyr Zelensky announced the dissolution of the parliament of the country which is known as Verkhovna Rada.

242. Joko Widodo elected as President of which country?
A. Israel
B. Indonesia
C. Kazakhstan
D. Philippines
E. Malaysia

**Answer: B**

Indonesia’s Joko Widodo has been re-elected as president of the country. Widodo – widely known as Jokowi – and his vice-presidential running mate, Ma’ruf Amin, won the April 17 election by a 55.5 percent to 44.5 percent margin over Prabowo and Sandiaga Uno.

243. Who among the following has received the 2019 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award?
A. Paul Ryan
B. Nancy Pelosi
C. Joe Biden
D. Robert Mueller
E. None of these

**Answer: B**

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is being honored with the 2019 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award. Pelosi is being recognized for her efforts to pass former President Barack Obama’s 2010 health care law and for helping Democrats reclaim control of the U.S. House during last year’s elections. The award is being presented to Pelosi at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston.

244. Name the Late Malawian soldier who will be honoured with the UN’s highest peacekeeping award by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the UN headquarters in New York.
A. Chancy Chitete
B. Prafull Chitete
C. Nirdosh Chitete
D. Vidrecy Chitete
E. None of these

**Answer: A**
The United Nations announced that it will honour the “brave and selfless” action of a late UN peacekeeper from Mali, who sacrificed his life while saving his fellow comrade during an operation against a local armed group last year. Late Malawian soldier Chancy Chitete will be honoured with the UN’s highest peacekeeping award by Secretary-General Antonio Guterres at the UN headquarters in New York. The award, officially named the “Captain Mbaye Diagne Medal for Exceptional Courage,” which was established in 2014 for uniformed and civilian personnel who meet the criteria, is named after the late UN peacekeeper Captain Diagne, who saved hundreds of lives in Rwanda in 1994, before being killed.

245. Which country tops in the recently the KidsRight Index?
A. Poland  
B. Portugal  
C. Iceland  
D. Austria  
E. Greece

Answer: C

India stands in a lowly 117th position out of 181 countries in the KidsRight Index, the annual global index which ranks how countries adhere to and are equipped to improve child rights. Countries are judged on five indicators: right to life, right to education, right to health, right to protection and enabling environment for child rights. India has scored 0.57 and ranks 85.93. Iceland secured the top position in the index with a score of 0.967, followed by Portugal with a score of 0.948.

246. Who among the following has won the men’s single title at the 2019 Italian Open?
A. Rafael Nadal  
B. Novak Djokovic  
C. Juan Sebastián Cabal  
D. Dominic Thiem  
E. Rodger Federer

Answer: A

The 76th edition of Italian Open which is also known as “Rome Masters” or “the Internazionali BNL d’Italia” held at Foro Italico in Rome, Italy from May 13 to 19, 2019. Rafael Nadal defeated Novak Djokovic to win a ninth Italian Open title and a record 34th Masters.

247. Niki Lauda who passed away recently was one of the well known ____________ of the world
A. Journalist  
B. Comedian  
C. Singer  
D. Painter  
E. Formula One driver

Answer: E

The former Formula One driver and three-time world champion Niki Lauda has passed away. He hailed from Austria. Lauda won the F1 drivers’ championship in 1975 and 1977 with Ferrari and again in 1984 with McLaren. He competed in 171 races and won 25.
248. Which of the following units of measurement have been redefined?
A. Kg, Kelvin
B. Mole
C. Ampere
D. Candela
E. Only (a), (b) & (c)
Answer: E

- After decades of ground-breaking laboratory works, the world’s scientific and technical community, in a landmark and historic decision taken in the recent open session of the General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) at BIPM, has unanimously adopted the resolution to redefine four of the seven base units, the kilogram (SI unit of weight), Kelvin (SI unit of temperature), mole (SI unit of amount of substance), and ampere (SI unit of current).
- This decision has now enabled scientists and researchers to base the SI units entirely on fundamental properties of nature, which will ensure their ongoing refinement and improvement for years to come. The fundamental constants are invariants of time and space and successfully replaced the artifact based units, and aptly opened up the new era for quantum world by linking all seven base units to fundamental constants/quantum standards.
- The new SI is being implemented worldwide from 20th May 2019 i.e. the World Metrology Day. The World Metrology Day (WMD) is celebrated annually on this very day as the Metre Convention was signed by representatives of seventeen nations on May 20, 1875. The Convention set the framework for global collaboration in the science of measurement and in its industrial, commercial and societal applications.
- On this occasion CSIR-NPL also published a book entitled, “Redefined SI Units and Glimpses of NPL Metrological Activities” of almost 100 pages to percolate and disseminate the information accommodating details on new changes.

249. Which of these is true about the newly introduced AirBadminton and Triples games of BWF? I. They will be an outdoor game II. They shall be men’s tournament only III. The new format of games will have unique shuttlecock called Airshuttle
A. Only I & III
B. Only II & III
C. Only I & III
D. Only I & II
E. All I, II & III
Answer: A

The world body governing Badminton, BFA, has launched two new formats of the game –AirBadminton and Triples with new dimensions of the court and an
innovative shuttlecock called Airshuttle. Traditional competitive badminton has been an indoor game. The new formats launched globally at Guangzhou last week, AirBadminton will be outdoor sports. In Triples format, the match will be played between a team of three players each with presence of at least one female

**250. IL&FS Engineering and Construction Company Ltd. has appointed _______ as its chief executive officer**

A. M. Vikram Reddy  
B. Alluri Ananta Venkata Ranga Raju  
C. Kazim Raza Khan  
D. Mr. Sathiraju  
E. None of these

**Answer: C**

IL&FS Engineering and Construction Company Ltd. has appointed Kazim Raza Khan as its chief executive officer. Mr. Khan was appointed as the manager and key managerial personnel of the company on December 24, 2018. Khan has an overall professional experience of over three decades in the technical field focused on infrastructure. He will continue to be key managerial personnel of the company.

**251. According to the Reserve Bank of India’s weekly statistical supplement, the overall forex reserves rose to $_______ billion from $418.687 billion.**

A. $430.055  
B. $422.055  
C. $420.055  
D. $425.055  
E. $433.055

**Answer: C**

According to the Reserve Bank of India’s weekly statistical supplement, the overall forex reserves rose to $420.055 billion from $418.687 billion. India’s forex reserves comprise of Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), gold reserves, Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) and India’s reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Foreign Currency Assets (FCAs), the largest component of the forex reserves, edged higher by $1.358 billion to $392.227 billion. Besides the US dollar, FCAs consist of 20-30 per cent of the other major global currencies.

**252. World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is observed on what day?**

A. May 18  
B. May 19  
C. May 20  
D. May 21  
E. May 22

**Answer: D**

The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is held on May 21 every year to help communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the day following UNESCO’s adoption of the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity in November 2001.

**253. International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on 22 May every year. What is the theme for the year 2019?**

A. Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health  
B. Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism  
C. Convention on Biological Diversity  
D. Biodiversity, Development and poverty reduction  
E. Celebrating 25 Years of Action for Biodiversity

**Answer: A**
Answer: A
International Day for Biological Diversity is observed on 22 May every year to increase awareness and understanding about the issues of biodiversity. Theme for the year 2019 is Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health. The theme aims to enhance knowledge about the dependency of our food systems, nutrition, and health on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

254. TAPI gas pipeline meeting was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. Which of the following countries do not form a part of TAPI?
A. Turkmenistan
B. Afghanistan
C. Pakistan
D. India
E. Indonesia

Answer: E
A delegation led by Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Petroleum, Nadeem Babar departed for Ashgabat, Turkmenistan, to participate in the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline meeting. The TAPI gas pipeline project is expected to be completed by 2022 in Pakistan. Once completed, Pakistan is expected to receive 1.320 billion cubic meters (bcm) of natural gas. Groundbreaking of the TAPI gas pipeline will be held in Pakistan in October.

255. Which among the following animals is not displayed as they are highly endangered due to illegal trading in international markets in a recently launched campaign to raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade.
A. Tiger
B. Pangolin
C. Star Tortoise
D. Tokay Gecko
E. Lion

Answer: E
UN Environment India and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau of India launched an awareness campaign ‘Not all animals migrate by choice’ to be displayed at major airports across the country ahead of the International Day of Biological Diversity celebrated on 22nd of May. The campaign will be displayed at major airports across the country in collaboration with Airports Authority of India and GMR Group. The event was inaugurated by actor, producer, UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador and recently appointed Secretary-General’s SDG Advocate, Dia Mirza. In the first phase of the campaign, Tiger, Pangolin, Star Tortoise and Tokay Gecko will be displayed as they are highly endangered due to illegal trading in International markets.

256. What is the projected global economic growth as per OECD for the fiscal 2019-20?
A. 3.4%
B. 3.2%
C. 3.1%
D. 3.3%
E. 3.6%

Answer: B
India’s economic growth will regain strength and approach 7.5% by 2020 buoyed by rural consumption and subdued inflation, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). Gross domestic product (GDP) growth in India is projected to strengthen to close to 7.25% in FY19 and close to 7.5% in FY20. India’s healthy growth forecast came amidst the OECD cutting the projection for global GDP growth.
from 3.5% in 2018 to a sub-par rate of 3.2% this year, before edging up to 3.4% in 2020.

257. According to United Nation’s World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 report, India's economy is projected to grow at what per cent in the fiscal year 2020?
A. 7.0%
B. 7.1%
C. 7.2%
D. 7.3%
E. 7.4%
Answer: B

According to United Nation’s World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 report, India’s economy is projected to grow at 7.1 per cent in the fiscal year 2020 on the back of strong domestic consumption and investment. The Indian economy expanded by 7.2 per cent in 2018. GDP growth is a downward revision from the 7.4 per cent estimated in January this year. Strong domestic consumption and investment will continue to support growth, which is projected at 7.0 per cent in 2019 and 7.1 per cent in 2020.

258. Name the Indian who has been chosen for the Japan’s Order of the Rising Sun decoration for 2019?
A. Nirupama Rao
B. Shivshankar Menon
C. Shyam Saran
D. Gopalaswami Parthasarathy
E. None of these
Answer: C

Former foreign secretary Shyam Saran will be conferred with Japan’s second highest national award for his contributions to strengthen the strategic ties and enhancing mutual understanding between India and Japan. ‘The Order of the Rising Sun’ is a Japanese government honour established in 1875 by Emperor Meiji.

259. Who has won Man Booker literature prize for 2019?
A. Jokha Alharthi
B. John Banville
C. Richard Flanagan
D. Eleanor Catton
E. None Of These
Answer: A

An author from Oman has won the prestigious Man Booker International Prize for “Celestial Bodies”, the story of three sisters of a desert country confronting its slave-owning past and a complex modern world. Jokha Alharthi, the first Arabic-language writer to take the prize, will split the 50,000 pounds or 64,000 US dollar purse with her UK-based translator, Marilyn Booth.

260. Ride hailing company OLA has launched a credit card, in alliance with SBI card. Name it.
A. Ola Money SBI Credit Card
B. Ola-SBI card
C. Ola Rides Credit Card
D. SBI Credit Card
E. None of these
Answer: A

Ride-hailing company Ola has launched Ola Money SBI Credit Card in partnership with SBI Card, one of India’s largest credit card issuers. Powered by Visa, the Bangalore-based company aims to provide a flexible and convenient payment system alongside several benefits to its customers. The company says that it offers...
a simplified application process with no joining fees as Ola users will be able to apply, view and manage their credit card directly on the Ola app. Ola is targeting 10 million Ola Money SBI Credit Cards by 2022. SBI Card is looking at strengthening its card portfolio through unique initiatives.

261. Name the earth observation satellite, recently launched by ISRO.
A. RISAT-2B
B. Cartosat 2
C. Lansat-8
D. Envisat
E. None of these

Answer: A

Indian Space Research Organisation has successfully launched its earth observation satellite RISAT-2B from Sriharikota. ISRO’s trusted workhorse PSLV-C46 carrying RISAT-2B blasted off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre. The 615 kg satellite was released into the orbit 15 minutes after the lift-off. RISAT-2B meant for application in fields such as surveillance, agriculture, forestry and disaster management support. It will replace the RISAT-2, which was launched in 2009. There are several new features in RISAT-2B, it is having expanded Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) making it an advanced earth observation satellite, operating in spotlight mode, mode and mosaic mode.

262. Taiwan Expo 2019 began in which city?
A. Mumbai
B. New Delhi
C. Kolkata
D. Chennai
E. Bangalore

Answer: B

Taiwan Expo 2019 began in New Delhi. Representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre Tien Chung-Kwang and Chairman of Taiwan External Trade Development Council, TAITRA James CF Huang inaugurated the three-day event in the presence of Joint Secretary Praveen Bonigala and ITPO Chairman LC Goyal. There are 10 theme pavilions at the expo focusing on green products, health care, agriculture, tourism, biotechnology and electrical equipments. 150 exhibitors are showcasing their products in 230 stalls. The expo is open between 10 AM to 6 PM and the entry is free.

263. Which among the following companies has recently become India’s largest company in terms of Revenue?
A. Reliance Industries Limited
B. Indian Oil Corporation
C. State Bank of India
D. Life Insurance Corporation
E. Reserve Bank of India

Answer: A

Richest Indian Mukesh Ambani’s oil-to-telecom conglomerate Reliance Industries has toppled state-owned Indian Oil Corp (IOC) to become the country’s biggest company by revenue. Reliance in the 2018-19 fiscal year that ended March 31, reported a turnover of Rs 6.23 lakh crore. In comparison, IOC posted a turnover of Rs 6.17 lakh crore for the fiscal, according to regulatory filings by the two companies. It was also the most profitable company in the country with a net profit of more than double that of IOC in FY2019.

264. The Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) 2019 is being held at ____________
A. Goa
B. Chennai
C. Visakhapatnam  
D. Port Blair  
E. Mumbai  

**Answer: D**

Navy ships from Myanmar reached Port Blair to attend the opening ceremony of the 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) which will be held from May 20-28. Myanmar Navy Ship UMS King TabinShweHtee (773) and UMS Inlay (OPV-54) have arrived at Port Blair on May 20 for the ‘Opening Ceremony’ of the 8th Indo-Myanmar coordinated patrol (IMCOR), at Andaman and Nicobar Command. Myanmar ships UMS King TabinShweHtee and UMS Inlay would undertake a coordinated patrol (CORPAT) with Indian Naval Ship Saryu under the program.

CORPAT initiative between the two navies is meant to address issues of terrorism, illegal fishing, drug trafficking, human trafficking, poaching and other illegal activities inimical to the interest of both nations.

265. Which social media platform becomes team sponsor of Indian Wheelchair Cricket Association for Asia Cup 2019.

A. Telegram  
B. Quara  
C. Helo  
D. Instagram  
E. Snap Chat  

**Answer: A**

Helo, India’s social media platform, has announced its partnership with the Indian Wheelchair Cricket Association as the team sponsor for Team India during the Asia Cup 2019. This association makes Helo the first social media app to host and promote Indian Wheelchair Cricket on its platform. In preparation for the tournament, more than 200 Wheelchair Cricket players have joined Helo as part of this campaign to connect with their local communities across India.

266. What was the profession of Vijaya Mulay who died recently?

A. Filmmaker  
B. Journalist  
C. Singer  
D. Politician  
E. Sports Person  

**Answer: A**

Renowned filmmaker, film historian, researcher and educationist Vijaya Mulay passed away at the age of 98. In 2002, Vijaya received the prestigious V Shantaram Award for her work in documentary filmmaking.

267. Recently UAE has launched which type of card system to grant permanent residency to investors and exceptional doctors, engineers, scientists and artists?

A. Bronze card  
B. Silver card  
C. Golden Card  
D. Platinum Card  
E. Diamond Card  

**Answer: C**

The UAE has launched a permanent residency scheme for expatriates dubbed the ‘Golden Card. The country’s Vice President and Prime Minister and Ruler of Dubai said about 6,800 will benefit from the scheme under the first round of applications. A new “Golden Card” system to grant permanent residency to investors and exceptional doctors, engineers, scientists and artists.
268. Which city topped the 15-city list of the most vulnerable cities to cyberattacks in 2019?
A. Delhi
B. Bangalore
C. Kolkata
D. Mumbai
E. Hyderabad

Answer: D

Mumbai topped the 15-city list of the most vulnerable cities to cyberattacks in 2019, followed by Delhi, Bengaluru and Kolkata, Quick Heal Security Labs revealed. The ‘Annual Threat Report 2019’ put Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal as the top three states at most risk. The report compiled data from several cyberattacks that took place in 2018 on Windows and Android.

269. Based on the Fitch Report, what was the share of Shadow banking assets as a percentage of total financial assets within India?
A. 11.5%
B. 12.8%
C. 13.7%
D. 14.3%
E. 15.1%

Answer: C

Shadow banking assets as a percentage of total financial assets within the country were at 14.3 per cent, in line with the global percentage of 13.7 per cent, a Fitch reports. The reports pointed out that India’s shadow banking assets were fairly small by international standards, ranking 17th globally at $571.7 billion as of YE17, according to the Financial Stability Board’s (FSB).

270. Name the savings bank product that is launched by Karnataka Bank for salaried class.
A. KBL SB Salary
B. KBL SB Annual
C. KBL SB Monthly
D. KBL SB Daily
E. KBL SB Weekly

Answer: A

Private sector lender Karnataka Bank launched a new savings bank product called “KBL SB Salary” for salaried class with three variants of Executive, Prime and Classic. All these 3 variants of our KBL SB Salary Scheme are available for the Salaried People with a host of Digitally Powered features and without any Minimum Balance Criteria. No annual charge on Debit Cards, Unlimited free access to Karnataka Bank ATMs, Free Cash Deposit facility across all branches, Free Fund Transfer within the Bank, Free NEFT & RTGS through Internet and Mobile Banking, Free Outstation Cheque Collection, No Annual Fee on Demat & Trading Accounts are some of the major features of these schemes. The bank will provide, free of cost, an insurance coverage of up to Rs. 50,000 against chain snatching, theft and burglary for women employees falling in the top category of the salary scheme.

271. As per RBI data, Bank credit to infrastructure sector grew by what per cent as of 2018-19, the highest since 2012-13 fiscal.
A. 15.5%
B. 16.5%
C. 17.5%
D. 18.5%
E. 19.5%

Answer: D
As per RBI data, Bank credit to infrastructure sector grew by 18.5 per cent to Rs. 10.55 lakh crore as of 2018-19, the highest since 2012-13 fiscal. Outstanding bank credit to the sector was Rs. 8.91 lakh crore as at March 2018. Within infrastructure, bank loans to power sector had increased by 9.5 per cent to Rs. 5.69 lakh crore compared to Rs. 5.19 lakh crore in FY18. Roads sector witnessed a credit growth of 12.2 per cent to Rs. 1.86 lakh crore as of end-March 2019. Credit to telecommunications and other infrastructure (excluding roads, power and telecom) rose by 36.7 per cent and 53.5 per cent, respectively over FY18.

272. Pehal Charitable Trust (PCT) has entered into the Guinness Book of World Records for Longest Line of Hunger Relief (Iftar) Package. The trust is operated by which country?
A. Turkey
B. Israel
C. India
D. UAE
E. Russia
Answer: C
A charity run by an Indian in the UAE has entered the Guinness Book of World Records for its hunger relief efforts during the holy month of Ramzan in Abu Dhabi. The charity set the new Guinness World Records for “Longest Line of Hunger Relief Package” in Abu Dhabi. Pehal charitable Trust (PCT) has been founded by Joginder Singh Salaria.

273. Which company has received 'Top Performer Award' for being one among the largest customer for Hot Rolled Coils on PAN India basis in Financial year 2018-19?
A. Rama Steel Tubes
B. Good Luck Steel Tubes
C. Surya Roshin Limited
D. PSL Ltd
E. Hi-Tech Pipes Ltd
Answer: E
Hi-Tech Pipes Limited company has received ‘Top Performer Award’ for being one among the largest customer for Hot Rolled Coils on PAN India basis in Financial year 2018-19 from Anil Kumar Chaudhary, Chairman, Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Hi-Tech Pipes Limited (NSE: HITECH), incorporated in 1985 – Amongst leading steel processing Companies in India providing world class innovative products for nearly three decades with presence in steel pipes, hollow section tubes, cold rolled coils & strips, road crash barriers and variety of other galvanized products.

274. Which bank has announced a strategic partnership with the FMCG arm of The Art of Living — Sri Sri Tattva?
A. State Bank of India
B. Punjab National Bank
C. Bank of Baroda
D. ICICI Bank
E. Axis Bank
Answer: A
The State Bank of India (SBI) has announced a strategic partnership with the FMCG arm of The Art of Living — Sri Sri Tattva. Under this partnership, YONO users can avail a discount of 15 per cent on the entire range of products offered by Sri Sri Tattva such as food, personal care, healthcare, homecare, BYOGI apparels and Shankara skincare products.

275. The book titled Coming Round the Mountain is penned by which among the following authors?
A. Turkey
B. Israel
C. India
D. UAE
E. Russia

Answer: C

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A. Ruskin Bond
B. Sashi Thoor
C. RK Narayana
D. Chetan Bhagat
E. Khuswanth Singh

Answer: A)
India’s beloved children’s author Ruskin Bond is celebrating his 85th birthday with the release of a new memoir set against the backdrop of the partition. The book titled Coming Round the Mountain, will be released officially by the author at Cambridge bookstores in Mussourie. Coming Round the Mountain is the third installment of Bond’s award-winning memoir series for children that includes Looking for the Rainbow and Till the Clouds Roll By. Now, the third part of the series will deal with Bond’s story as a boy of thirteen during the crucial year of India’s partition.

276. Who inaugurated The 5th Smart Cities India 2019 expo, including Transport India, Solar India, Buildings India and Water India expos?
A. Deepti Gambhir
B. S.K Pal
C. Durga Shanker Mishra
D. Jhanja Tripathy
E. None of these

Answer: C
The 5th Smart Cities India 2019 expo, including Transport India, Solar India, Buildings India and Water India expos, was inaugurated by Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, at the Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Organised by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and Exhibitions India Group, the event builds upon Government of India’s ‘Smart Cities Mission’ through a display of a vast array of products and solutions relevant to building smart cities in India.

277. After successfully defending a major title (again), Brooks Koepka is back atop the Official World Golf Ranking. He is a professional golf player from which country?
A. Russia
B. America
C. Canada
D. Germany
E. England

Answer: B
After successfully defending a major title (again), Brooks Koepka is back atop the Official World Golf Ranking. Koepka teed off at Bethpage ranked No. 3 in the world, but after retaining the Wanamaker Trophy he moved to the top spot even though former world No. 1 Dustin Johnson finished alone in second. It marks the first time Koepka has held the No. 1 ranking since the start of the year. But now it’s Koepka followed by Johnson, with Rose down one spot to No. 3. The rest of the top 10 remained the same after the second major of the year: Rory McIlroy, Justin Thomas, Tiger Woods, Francesco Molinari, Bryson DeChambeau, Xander Schauffele and Rickie Fowler.

278. Famous personality Sammy Shore passes away. What is his profession?
A. Actor
B. Business Man
C. Politician
D. Sports Person
E. Human Activist

Answer: A
Sammy Shore, an actor and standup comedian who co-founded the Comedy Store, has died of natural causes. He was 92. Shore began his career doing standup with Shecky Greene. Elvis Presley chose Shore as the opening act for his comeback tour, and the comedian opened for many others, including Tony Orlando, Barbra Streisand, Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr., Tom Jones, Ann-Margret, Connie Stevens, Bobby Darin and Glen Campbell.

**279. When is the World Turtle Day observed?**

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**Answer:** C

The World Turtle Day is held on May 23 every year to raise awareness and increase knowledge and respect for turtles and tortoises and encourage human action to help them survive and thrive. The theme for 2019 World Turtle Day is “Adopt, Don’t Shop.”

**281. Asian Development has signed an MoU to provide ____________ million loan to India for railway track electrification project.**

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**Answer:** B

Multilateral funding agency Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed an agreement to provide USD 750 million equivalent in Indian rupee long-term financing to electrify railway tracks in India. It is the largest single non-sovereign loan ever committed by ADB to Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) to fund the railways track electrification project. IRFC will use the proceeds from the loan to install electric traction equipment along about 3,378 kilometres of existing railway lines to enable migration of passenger and freight traffic from diesel to electric traction.

**282. Which company overtakes Tata Group as India’s largest by the way of market capitalization.**

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**Answer:** E

According to the latest trends, the YSRC is heading for a landslide victory by winning around 150 assembly seats out of 175 in the state.

In Andhra Pradesh, YSR Congress Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy will be sworn in as chief minister of Andhra Pradesh on 30th of this month at Vijayawada.
The HDFC group has overtaken the 151-year-old Tata group to emerge as India’s most valuable by way of market capitalization (m-cap).

The combined market value of the five listed companies of the HDFC group – HDFC, HDFC Bank, HDFC Life, HDFC Asset Management and Gruh Finance – stood at Rs. 11.66 lakh crore as on May 20, 2019 while the combined m-cap of 29 Tata group companies stood at Rs. 11.64 lakh crore, about Rs 2,000 crore less than that of the HDFC group.

283. Name the agency that has declared Algeria & Argentina malaria-free.
A. WHO
B. UNICEF
C. Worldbank
D. FAO
E. ILO
Answer: A

Algeria and Argentina have been officially recognized by WHO as malaria-free. The certification is granted when a country proves that it has interrupted indigenous transmission of the disease for at least 3 consecutive years.

Algeria is the second country in the WHO African Region to be officially recognized as malaria-free, after Mauritius, which was certified in 1973. Argentina is the second country in the WHO Region of the Americas to be certified in 45 years, after Paraguay in June 2018. Algeria and Argentina reported their last cases of indigenous malaria in 2013 and 2010 respectively.

284. Which of these insurance companies has won the FICCI Claims Excellence Award?
A. Aviva Life Insurance
B. Bharti AXA Life Insurance
C. Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance
D. Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
E. Birla Sun Life Insurance
Answer: B

Bharti AXA Life Insurance, a private life insurer, has been conferred with the FICCI Claims Excellence Award. The recognition comes for its customer-friendly claims services in the life insurance sector.

The insurer improved its individual claim settlement ratio, the number of claims paid to the number of claims received, to 96.85 per cent in financial year 2017-18.

Vikas Seth, MD and CEO of Bharti AXA Life Insurance.

285. Name the Indian who receives honorary degree from Yale University for achievements in business.
A. Indra Nooyi
B. Shakthi Kanth Das
C. Manohar Noori
D. Swetha Manoj
E. Mekhala Patekar
Answer: A

Former PepsiCo chairman and CEO Indra Nooyi was presented with an honorary degree by the prestigious Yale University, in recognition of her achievements in business and for being a global role model who encouraged women and girls to see themselves as top corporate executives.

Nooyi, who received a degree in Master of Public and Private Management from the university’s Yale School of Management in 1980, was presented with the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

286. Who won conferred with 'German Chemistry Prize'
387. Name the first woman pilot of the Indian Air Force to qualify to undertake combat missions on a fighter jet
A. Avani Chaturvedi
B. Anny Divya
C. Shubhangi Swaroop
D. Bhawana Kanth
E. None of these
Answer: D

Scripting history, Flight Lieutenant Bhawana Kanth became the first woman pilot of the Indian Air Force to qualify to undertake combat missions on a fighter jet. Kanth has completed operational syllabus for carrying out combat missions on Mig-21 Bison aircraft during day time. She is the first woman fighter pilot to be qualified to undertake missions by day on a fighter aircraft.

288. Who won 'Global Asian of the Year' Award for Contribution to Women’s Healthcare Ecosystem?
A. Hema Divakar
B. Nithya Suresh
C. Rashmi Narayana
D. Niranjani kumar
E. None of these
Answer: A

Bengaluru-based medical doctor Hema Divakar was honoured with the ‘Global Asian of the Year 2018-19’ award in Dubai recently for her yeomen services and contributions to the women’s healthcare ecosystem, in India.

Hema received the award at the Asian Business & Social Forum 2019 under the ‘In Service of the Society and the Nation’ category from UAE’s Trade Promotion Director Mohammed Naser Hamdan Al Zaabi. The award is conferred on those who stand out for vision, action and ingenuity and represent contemporary ideas to make global impact.

289. Tech Mahindra has signed Rs ____________ defence contract with Indian Navy.
A. 700 crore
B. 500 crore
C. 200 crore
D. 400 crore
E. 300 crore
Answer: E
Tech Mahindra announced its biggest defence order worth over Rs 300 crore with the Indian Navy. As part of the ‘Armed Forces Secure Access Card’ (AFSAC) Project, Tech Mahindra will implement RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) based Access Control System across all naval bases and ships.

The new AFSAC Card will replace the existing paper based Identity Card for all Navy personnel including dependents and ex-servicemen. Using the CMMI (Capability Maturity Model Integration) level 5 processes.

Tech Mahindra will develop a secure application to manage the access control devices, network devices and the AFSAC Card through a data center. Scheduled to be implemented over the next two years, the project will ensure smooth issuance, handling, administration, management and life cycle support of AFSAC Cards on turnkey basis.

290. Which two departments under the Government of India signed recently for joint collaboration on cancer research?
A. Dept. of Science and Technology (DST) and Dept. of Research for diseases (DoR)
B. Dept. of Science & Tech (DoS) and Dept. of Research and Education (DRE)
C. Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT) and Dept. of Atomic Energy (DAE)
D. Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT)
E. Dept. of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT)

Answer: C

Department of Biotechnology (DBT), M/o Science and Technology and the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Government of India today signed an MOU for supporting joint collaborative research programmes in the area of Cancer.

MOU shall help strengthen the various initiatives specifically for cancer viz. Strategizing and prioritizing cancer research, development of new and affordable technologies, jointly design and fund clinical trials, coordinate and collaborate for translational research, interventions, training of manpower and infrastructure development.

The clinicians shall work in coherence with Researchers to identify and develop collaborative research programmes and public health initiatives for awareness of the public at large.

Various activities like joint clinical fellowships, intensive workshops on clinical research methodologies and protocol development shall work towards creating a community of trained manpower and provide a platform to utilize their acquired skills in the best possible manner.

291. The first ever joint naval drill “Pacific Vanguard” between US, Japan, South Korea and Australia is being held at __________
A. Guam, US
B. Kuril Islands, Japan
C. Jeju Island, South Korea
D. Samoa, US
E. Kembla, Australia

Answer: A

The United States, Japan, South Korea and Australia have kicked off “first-of-its-kind” naval drills near Guam, the U.S. Navy.
The “Pacific Vanguard” exercise brings together more than 3,000 sailors from the four countries to “sharpen skills and strengthen practical cooperation at sea. The drills will focus on live fire exercises, defensive counter-air operations, anti-submarine warfare, and replenishment at sea. The Royal Australian Navy contributed two frigates to the exercise, HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Parramatta. The Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force sent destroyers JS Ariake and JS Asahi, and South Korea the Republic of Korea Navy destroyer ROKS Wang Geon.

292. Sethu FC won the finals of Indian Women’s championship recently. It was held in ________.  
A. Chennai  
B. Ludhiana  
C. Cuttack  
D. Pune  
E. Nashik  
Answer: B  
Sethu FC turned around a first-half deficit to clinch their first ever Indian Women’s League trophy after defeating Manipur Police 3-1 at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana, Punjab.

293. King Sultan Ahmad Shah who passed away recently was the chief of which country?  
A. Thailand  
B. Malaysia  
C. South Korea  
D. Israel  
E. Kazakhstan  
Answer: B  
Malaysia’s seventh King and football veteran Sultan Ahmad Shah passed away at the age of 88. Ahmad Shah was also the fifth Sultan of Malaysia’s central Pahang state. Ahmad Shah was proclaimed the fifth Sultan of Pahang in 1974. He became the seventh Yang di-Pertuan Agong, or the supreme head of state from 1979 to 1984.

294. When is the International Commonwealth Day observed?  
A. May 25  
B. May 24  
C. May 23  
D. May 22  
E. May 21  
Answer: B  
On 24th May 2019, people in Commonwealth countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean and Americas, the Pacific and Europe will observe Commonwealth Day. Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia are the oldest-standing members of the Commonwealth; they all joined in 1931. The day will be celebrated with a broad range of activities, including faith and civic gatherings, debates, school assemblies, flag raising ceremonies, street parties, cultural events and a multicultural, multi-faith service at Westminster Abbey.

295. According to the new guidelines notified by RBI, the large modern Currency Chests are now allowed to levy service charge of ________ on non-chest bank branches for depositing cash in CCs  
A. Rs 8 per packet  
B. Rs 5 per packet  
C. Rs 3 per packet  
D. Rs 10 per packet  
E. Rs 12 per packet  
Answer: A
The Reserve Bank of India will allow large modern currency chests to increase the service charges on cash deposited by non-chest bank branches from the existing rate of Rs. 5 per packet of 100 pieces to a higher rate subject to a maximum of Rs. 8 per packet.

For this, only a currency chest (CC) that fulfils the minimum standards will be eligible to be classified as a large modern CC.

The increased rates can be charged only after such classification by the issue office concerned.

296. RBI has revised its Voluntary Retention Route for Investments by FPIs by merging VRR-Govt and VRR-Corp into VRR–Combined category. The investment limit for this new category will be

A. Rs 35,000.55 crores
B. Rs 54,606.55 crores
C. Rs 45,555.55 crores.
D. Rs 40,500.55 crores.
E. Rs 55,555.55 crores

Answer: B

The Reserve Bank of India fixed the investment limit at Rs. 54,606.55 crore for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) under the voluntary retention route (VRR), which allows to park funds in both government securities as well as corporate debt.

VRR for investments by FPIs was introduced on March 1, 2019. Limits for investment in debt by FPIs were offered for allotment ‘on tap’ during the March 11-April 30 period.

Earlier there was an aggregate investment limit of Rs. 40,000 crores for VRR-Govt and Rs. 35,000 crores for VRR-Corp.

The minimum retention period shall be three years. During this period, FPIs shall maintain a minimum of 75% of the allocated amount in India. (No Change)

297. Which among the following government body has released draft liquidity framework guidelines for ailing NBFCs.
A. SEBI
B. SBI
C. NABARD
D. RBI
E. SIDBI

Answer: D

• The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released draft circular for all non-deposit-taking non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) with an asset size of Rs. 5,000 crore and above, and all deposit-taking NBFCs irrespective of their asset size, have to maintain a liquidity buffer in terms of a Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR).

• In a draft on liquidity risk management framework for NBFCs and core investment companies, RBI said these measures will promote resilience of NBFCs to potential liquidity disruptions by ensuring they have sufficient High-Quality Liquid Asset (HQLA) to survive any acute liquidity stress scenario lasting for 30 days.

• The banking regulator proposed that it will implement LCR through a glide path from April 1, 2020, to April 1, 2024.

• The LCR requirement shall be binding on NBFCs from April 1, 2020, with the minimum High-Quality Liquid Assets (HQLA) to be held being 60 percent of the LCR, progressively.
increasing in equal steps reaching up to the required level of 100 percent by April 1, 2024.

298. Uber has launched the world’s first rideshare submarine “scUber” in partnership with which country?
A. United States
B. Australia
C. Germany
D. Finland
E. India

Answer: B
- Uber has partnered with Australian tourist group Tourism Queensland to offer the world’s first rideshare submarine, scUber.
- scUber will offer riders the opportunity to explore the Great Barrier Reef in the shared vehicle.
- Each scUber ride is priced at USD 3,000 for two passengers.

299. Which IT company has completed the acquisition of 75 per cent shareholding in ABN AMRO Bank’s wholly-owned Stater NV.
A. IBM
B. TCS
C. Infosys
D. Wipro
E. Bosch

Answer: C
- IT services major Infosys has completed the acquisition of 75 per cent shareholding in ABN AMRO Bank’s wholly-owned Stater NV.
- In March, the country’s second largest IT services Infosys had stated that it will acquire 75 per cent stake in Stater for about Rs. 989 crore
- ABN AMRO continues to hold the remaining 25 per cent.
- Founded in 1997, Stater is the largest mortgage service provider of the Benelux. It services 1.7 million mortgage and insurance loans for approximately 50 clients in The Netherlands and Belgium.

300. Naveen Patnaik has elected as the Chief Minister of Odisha recently. Who is the governor of Odisha?
A. BD Mishra
B. Jagdish Mukhi
C. Ganeshi Lal
D. Lalji Tandon
E. Mridula Sinha

Answer: C
- Odisha Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal has accepted the resignation of Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik and his council of Ministers to pave the way for the formation of the new government in the State.
- Naveen Patnaik is all set to take oath as chief minister of the State for a record fifth term in a row.
- The Biju Janata Dal headed by him has won a decisive victory in the assembly polls bagging 112 of the 146 assembly seats, polls for which were held along with the Lok Sabha elections.

301. Theresa May has announced her intention to quit as the Prime Minister of United Kingdom and also as the Leader of ____________ in June.
301. Who announced plans to step down as leader of the Conservative Party?
A. Labour Party  
B. Scottish National Party  
C. Conservative Party  
D. Liberal Democrats  
E. None of these
Answer: C
- Mrs. May said she would step down as leader of the Conservative Party and then as prime minister, after repeatedly failing to get her Brexit plan through Parliament.
- She announced plans to step down as the leader of the Conservative Party on June 7, with the process to replace her beginning the following week.
- She will remain as a lame-duck prime minister until a new leader is chosen, probably by the end of July.

302. Who was named as TAFE’s brand ambassador?
A. Akshay Kumar  
B. Dileep Kumar  
C. Ajay Devgan  
D. Sunil Setty  
E. None of these
Answer: A
- TAFE, India’s second largest tractor manufacturer by volumes, has roped in Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador for the Massey Ferguson brand.
- TAFE Ltd has presence across 100 countries and a cumulative sale of about 2.5 million tractors to date.

303. Name the Indian artist who has won the Joan Miró Prize 2019?
A. Nalini Malani  
B. Atul Dodiya  
C. Shilpa Gupta  
D. Subodh Gupta  
E. Anuradha Chowdhary
Answer: A
- Indian contemporary artist Nalini Malani has won the Joan Miro Prize for 2019, the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro has announced. One of the most prestigious contemporary art awards in the world, it recognises present-day work by artists who show the same spirit of exploration, innovation, commitment and freedom that characterised Spanish painter and sculptor Joan Miro’s life and work.
- The award carries a cash prize of of 70,000 (Rs 54.5 lakh approx), and the production cost of a monographic exhibition by the winning artist, to be held at the foundation in Spain.

304. DRDO successfully test fired its Inertial Guided Bomb from Su-30 MKI Aircraft from which state?
A. Rajasthan  
B. Gujarat  
C. Maharashtra  
D. Tamil Nadu  
E. Andhra Pradesh
Answer: A
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired an indigenously-developed 500 kg class guided bomb from a Sukhoi combat jet at Pokhran in Rajasthan.
• The defence ministry said the guided bomb achieved the desired range and hit the target with high precision.
• The DRDO successfully flight tested a 500 kg class Inertial Guided Bomb from Su-30 MKI Aircraft from the Pokhran test range in Rajasthan.
• The Indian Air Force successfully test fired the aerial version of the supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from a Sukhoi jet at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
• The BrahMos cruise missile travels at a speed of Mach 2.8, nearly three times that of sound.

305. Which country Successfully Test-Fires Ballistic Missile Shaheen-II?
A. Pakistan
B. Sri Lanka
C. Nepal
D. Bhutan
E. China
Answer: A
• Pakistan successfully test-fired a long-range ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead, capable of hitting targets as far as 1,500 kilometers away, bringing major Indian cities under its range.
• The launch was aimed at ensuring operational readiness of the Army Strategic Forces Command.
• Shaheen-II is a highly capable missile which fully meets Pakistan’s strategic needs towards maintenance of desired deterrence stability in the region.

306. NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) is the new commercial arm of ISRO. What is the authorized capital of the NSIL?
A. Rs 50 crore
B. Rs 200 crore
C. Rs 150 crore
D. Rs 100 crore
E. Rs 250 crore
Answer: D
• NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the commercial arm of Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro), was officially inaugurated in Bengaluru.
• NSIL’s main objective is to scale up industry participation in Indian space programmes
• NSIL was inaugurated by Isro’s honorary adviser, Dr K Kasturirangan in the presence of chairman Dr K Sivan.
• NSIL was incorporated on March 6 2019, for commercially utilising research and development activities carried out by ISRO in the area of space with an authorised share capital of Rs 100 crore and initial paid up capital of Rs 10 crore.

307. India finishes with how many medals at India Open International Boxing tournament in Guwahati.
A. 57
B. 55
C. 53
D. 23
E. 17
Answer: A
India bags a total of 57 medals including 12 Gold, 18 Silver and 27 Bronze at India Open International Boxing tournament in Guwahati.

MC Mary Kom, Shiva Thapa, L Sarita Devi and Naman Tanwar won gold in their respective finals. The London Olympic bronze medallist blew away the challenge of Vanlal Duati in a facile 5-0 win.

In women’s 54 kg, local favourite Jamuna Boro defeated Sandhyarani and also qualified for the World Championship. In men’s 69 kg Aashish clinched the Gold, while in women’s 57 kg category Neeraj won the final.

An affiliation charter was signed between 3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion of the Assam Rifles and the Indian Coast Guard Ship ‘Shaurya’ with an aim to enhance inter-armed forces cooperation and utilise each other’s assets for training and sports.

The objective of the affiliation is to promote bilateral cooperation between the Assam Rifles and the ICG in the field of exchange of information/personnel, build-up camaraderie for training, sports/adventure and sustainable development.

The charter was signed by the director generals of the two sides at an impressive ceremony held at Laitkor in Shillong.

The Indian Coast Guard, with 142 ships and 62 aircraft, is one of the youngest armed force under the Ministry of Defence.

Third (Naga Hills) Battalion Assam Rifles is the oldest battalion of the force raised in 1835 as ‘The Cachar Levy’ comprising 750 personnel of all ranks for guarding the Eastern Frontier of Assam from Brahmaputra river to the Cachar Hills.

World Thyroid Day observed on what day?
A. May 20
B. May 22
C. May 23
D. May 25
E. May 27

Answer: D

The World Thyroid Day is celebrated every year on May 25 to promote awareness and understanding of thyroid health and the advances made in treating thyroid diseases. The World Thyroid Day was established in 2008 by the European Thyroid Association and the American Thyroid Association.

Who became first foreign leader to meet new Japanese emperor?
A. David Cameron
B. Donald Trump
C. Dilma Rousseff
D. François Hollande
E. None of these

Answer: A
Answer: B

Donald Trump became the first foreign leader to meet with Japan’s newly enthroned Emperor Naruhito. Emperor Naruhito ascended to the throne on May 1, opening what is called the era of “Reiwa,” or “beautiful harmony.”

The US President, who is on a four-day state visit to Japan, was treated to a welcome ceremony full of pomp and pageantry.

**311. Name the special product launched by the Corporation Bank for MSME customers?**

A. Corp SME Seva  
B. Corp SME Suvidha  
C. Corp SME Saksham  
D. Corp SME Saumya  
E. Corp SME Suguna

**Answer: B**

Corporation Bank has launched ‘Corp SME Suvidha’, a product for GST-registered MSMEs. The product has been designed as part of the bank’s efforts to provide best products to MSME sector.

PV Bharathi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank, launched the product in Mangaluru.

**312. Who receives 'UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award' on behalf of Patanjali Group of Institutions in Geneva?**

A. Baba Ramdev  
B. Jaggi Vasudev  
C. Acharya Balkrishna  
D. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar  
E. None of these

**Answer: C**

Patanjali Ayurved Limited’s Managing Director, Acharya Balkrishna received the ‘UNSDG 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award’ on behalf of Patanjali Group of Institutions in Geneva.

Patanjali Ayurved is a company producing range Ayurvedic medicinal and personal care products, among other consumer items. Popular yoga guru Baba Ramdev co-founded the company along with Balkshrina.

**313. The government has decided to merge the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to form a National Statistical Office (NSO). What does NSO stand for?**

A. National Settlements Organisation  
B. National Semantics Organisation  
C. National Statistical Office  
D. New Secular Organisation  
E. National Statistics Organisation

**Answer: C**

The Statistics and Programme Implementation has decided to merge the Central Statistics Office (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) into National Statistical Office (NSO) in a major restructuring move.

According to the order, Statistical Wing, comprising the NSO with constituents as the CSO and the NSSO, to be an integral part of the main ministry.

The NSSO conducts large-scale surveys and brings out reports on health, education, household expenditure and other social and economic indicators. The NSSO and the CSO were functioning independently.

**314. Name the Lieutenant General who assumed to be head UN peacekeeping operation in South Sudan?**

A. Shailesh Tinaikar  
B. Shakti Tinaikar  
C. Suresh Tinaikar  
D. Sailesh Tinaikar

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United Nations, The commandant of the Indian Army Infantry School, Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar, has been appointed the commander of the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS), the second biggest peacekeeping operation.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres announced that Tinaikar will succeed Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi of Rwanda who will complete his assignment. The mission was created in 2011 when South Sudan gained independence from Sudan. Sixty-seven peacekeepers have died while serving in the mission.

315. Who among the following has recently been appointed as the Vice President of Badminton Asia Council (BAC)?
A. Pijush Hazarika
B. Siddhartha Bhattacharya
C. Akhil Gogoi
D. Himanta Biswa Sarma
E. None of the above

Answer: D

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) president Himanta Biswa Sarma has been elected as the vice-president of Badminton Asia Council.

BAC president Anton Subowo also appointed BAI secretary (tournaments) Omar Rashid as the deputy chairman of Badminton Asia’s development.

316. Who has been sworn in the new CM of Sikkim?
A. Prem Singh Golay
B. Ganga Prasad Oli
C. Pawan Kumar Chamling
D. Naveen Patnaik
E. Jagdish Mukhi

Answer: A

Sikkim Governor Ganga Prasad has invited the Sikkim Karantikari Morcha (SKM) President and leader of latislative party Prem Singh Golay to form the New Government in the state.

Prem Singh Golay will take oath as New Chief Minister of Sikkim along with his council of ministers at Palzor Stadium in Gangtok.

SKM Party defeated the SDF party who ruled the state for 25 years under it’s leader Pawan Chamling as longest service Chief Minister in Sikkim.

317. Justice DN Patel appointed next Chief Justice of which high court?
A. Punjab and Haryana High Court
B. Calcutta High Court
C. High Court of Gujarat
D. Delhi High Court
E. Tripura High Court

Answer: D

The Central Government has cleared the appointment of Justice DN Patel as the next Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court.

The appointment was made pursuant to a Collegium resolution passed earlier this month. The resolution was passed in view of the impending retirement of current Chief Justice Rajendra Menon in June this year.

318. Who became youngest Lok Sabha MP?
A. Sri Devi Murmu
B. Chandrani Murmu
C. Deepika Murmu
D. Nayama Murmu
E. Preethi Murmu

Answer: B
BJD’s Chandrani Murmu became the youngest ever Lok Sabha MP. The 25 year old B-Tech Graduate won the reserved Keonjhar, Odisha’s seat by defeating a two time MP from BJP Ananta Nayak. The Keonjhar Lok Sabha seat is reserved for Scheduled Tribes.

319. Urban 20 Mayors Summit Held in which city?
A. Tokyo
B. Beiging
C. Delhi
D. Mascow
E. Berlin
Answer: A
The 2019 Urban 20 Summit was hosted by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, led by Governor Yuriko Koike from 21-22 May 2019. The Urban 20 Mayors Summit takes place one month ahead of the G20 Summit. The U20 cities convey their joint recommendations in a form of a Communique, to the G20 Chair, to be presented to the G20 Leaders during the Summit. The 2019 G20 Summit will be the fourteenth meeting of Group of Twenty and will be held on 28–29 June 2019 in Osaka, Japan. It will be the first-ever G20 summit to be hosted in Japan.

320. Who won the women’s 10m air rifle event at 2019 ISSF Munich World Cup?
A. Apurvi Chandela
B. Anjum Moudgil
C. Heena Sidhu
D. Manu Bhaker
E. None of these
Answer: A
Apurvi Chandela from India won the 10m Air Rifle Women’s Final at the 2019 ISSF World Cup in Munich. Luyao Wang from the Republic of China took the Silver medal, scoring 631.9 points in qualification and 250.8 in the final. Another of China’s shooters, Hong Xu, won the Bronze medal with a qualification of 630.8 points and 229.4 in the final. The two Tokyo 2020 Olympic Quota places went to Laura-Georgeta Coman from Romania and Eszter Meszaros from Hungary.

321. Who won Sekisui Open?
A. Mahesh Mangaonkar
B. Suresh Kumar
C. Alexander Fuller
D. Kristar Frost
E. None of these
Answer: A
India’s Mahesh Mangaonkar defeated Spain’s Bernat Jaume, in the final to clinch the Sekisui Open title for the second time in his career in Kriens, Switzerland. This was Mahesh’s eighth PSA title. He had won the corresponding title for the first time in 2016.

322. Who wins Monaco Grand Prix?
A. S. Vettel
B. V. Bottas
C. M. Verstappen
D. P. Gasly
E. L. Hamilton
Answer: E
Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton won his Monaco Grand Prix title.
Valterri Bottas and Vettel finished with second and third respectively.

323. Which team won 2019 Sudirman Cup?
A. China  
B. Pakistan  
C. Indonesia  
D. Saudi Arabia  
E. India  
Answer: A  
China won the badminton world mixed-team championship, Sudirman Cup 2019 in Nanning today. They beat Japan in men’s doubles, women’s singles and men’s singles to clinch the title for an 11th time. In the latest Men’ singles match Shi Yuqi stunned world champion Kento Momota  15-21, 21-5,21-11. Japan have never won the Sudirman Cup.

324. Prem Tinsulanonda who passed away was the Ex-Prime Minister of which country?
A. Malaysia  
B. Thailand  
C. Vietnam  
D. Cambodia  
E. Phillipines  
Answer: B  
Thailand’s former prime minister and the country’s long time top royal adviser Prem Tinsulanonda has passed away He was former army general and served as prime minister from 1980 to 1988.

325. A unique Tree Ambulance service was recently launched in which city?
A. Chennai  
B. Vishakhapatnam  
C. Hyderabad  
D. Kochi  
E. Coimbatore  
Answer: A  
A unique ‘Tree Ambulance’ service – an initiative to provide care to trees besides spread green cover, was launched by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu. The service launched for the first time in the state, aims at providing first aid treatment to trees, uprooted tree planting, seed bank, seed ball distribution, plant distribution, aiding tree plantation, shifting trees, survey of trees and removal of dead trees. The ambulance can be availed through the helpline number – 9941006786. People can register themselves as volunteers in their website- http://www.treeambulance.org. Expressing delight over flagging off the ‘Tree Ambulance’ on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity 2019.

326. Orchha town of ______ added to the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites
A. Kerala  
B. Madhya Pradesh  
C. Tamil Nadu  
D. Bihar  
E. Mizoram  
Answer: B  
The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh which depict peculiar style of the Bundela dynasty have been included in the tentative list of the UNESCO’s world heritage sites following a proposal sent by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to the United Nations (UN) body. Orchha is situated on the banks of the Betwa river. It is located around 80 km away from Tikamgarh district in
Madhya Pradesh and 15 km from Jhansi of Uttar Pradesh. Orchha was built by king Rudra Pratap Singh of Bundela dynasty in the 16th century. The ancient town is famous for its Chaturbhuj Temple, Orchha fort complex, Raja Mahal among others.

327. What is the expected growth rate of India’s GDP for the financial year 2018-19 as estimated by India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra)?

A. 6.6%
B. 7.2%
C. 6.9%
D. 7.0%
E. 7.5%

Answer: C

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) said that it expects India’s GDP growth rate during 2018-19 to be 6.9 per cent as against the advance estimate of 7 per cent. It said the fourth quarter (January to March) GDP growth to decelerate to 6.3 per cent from 6.6 per cent in the third quarter (October to December 2018). There will be another fourth-quarter GDP slowdown starting from the fourth quarter of 2017-18. Clearly, FY19 will be the second consecutive year of an economic slowdown in India.

It said that 2018-19 will be the second consecutive year of an economic slowdown in India. The GDP growth was 7.2 per cent during 2017-18.

328. Which among the following companies planning to launch its own cryptocurrency, GlobalCoin, by 2020?

A. Google
B. Facebook
C. Youtube
D. Instagram
E. Twitter

Answer: B

Facebook plans to launch its cryptocurrency by the first quarter of next year. The currency, which is being referred to internally as “GlobalCoin,” will reportedly be available in around a dozen countries at launch, where it’s expected to offer people affordable and secure payments without the need for a bank account.

329. Who won the 2019 Swansea University International Dylan Thomas Prize?

A. Sri Lankan writer Guy Gunaratne
B. Indian writer Ira Trivedi
C. Chinese writers Mo Yan
D. Pakistan writer Rafia Zakaria
E. None of these

Answer: A

Debut novelist Guy Gunaratne has won the £30,000 Swansea University International Dylan Thomas prize for In Our Mad and Furious City. The British-Sri Lankan writer, 35, who is also a human-rights documentary film-maker, was also longlisted for the 2018 Man Booker prize and won this year’s Jhalak prize for the novel.

330. Who has recently won the 2019 Dr Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health?

A. Vijay Krishna
B. Mahantesh Valmiki
C. Seetha Meenan
D. Balaram Bhargava
E. Usha Choudhary

Answer: D
Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Professor Balram Bhargava recently won the 2019 Dr Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health. He was bestowed with the award at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva. He bagged the award for his achievements as a clinician, innovator, researcher and trainer.

331. PM of Papua New Guinea resigned recently. What is his name?
A. Ashraf Ghani
B. Mauricio Macri
C. Tigran Sargsian
D. Charles Michel
E. Peter O'Neill
Answer: E
Prime Minister Peter O’Neill of Papua New Guinea resigned, as a flood of high-level defections from his governing party led him to step down after almost eight years in power. He has handed over the leadership responsibility to Sir Julius Chan, who would now serve on the post for third term.

332. Who sworn in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh?
A. J.J. Singh
B. Nabam Tuki
C. Pema Khandu
D. Jyoti Prasad Rajkhowa
E. Prem Singh Tamang
Answer: C
Pema Khandu will be sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for the second term. After a landslide victory in the Assembly elections with 41 seats in the 60-seat house.

333. DRDO test fired the new version of _______ surface-to-air defence missile?
A. Agni
B. Akash
C. Trishul
D. Prithvi
E. Vayu
Answer: B
Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired the Akash-1S surface to air defence missile system. Akash-1S is a new version of the missile which is fitted with an indigenous seeker. In the last two days, this is the second successful test of the missile by the DRDO. The Akash-1S is capable of striking down enemy fighter jets and drones very effectively.

334. Who won gold in men's 10m air rifle in ISSF World Cup 2019?
A. Pang Wei
B. Rizvi Shahzar
C. Saurabh Chaudhary
D. Abhinav Bindra
E. None of these
Answer: C
Saurabh Chaudhary won the gold medal in 10m Air Pistol Event at the ISSF Shooting World Cup in Munich on May 27, 2019. This is the second gold of the season for the 17-year-old sensation. The first was secured in New Delhi tournament. Indian shooter Rahi Sarnobat also bagged the top podium spot in the 25 metre pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2019 in Munich.
With this, the total gold won by India has now reached three. The first gold was won by Apurvi Chandela in 10 m air rifle event.

335. Who among the following has won the gold in Women’s 25 metre pistol event at the ISSF World Cup 2019 in Munich?
A. Rahi Sarnobat
B. Manu Bhaker
C. Heena Sidhu
D. Anjum Moudgil
E. None of these
Answer: A
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336. Murray Gell-Mann passed away recently. He was the winner of Nobel Prize in __________
A. Chemistry
B. Physics
C. Medicine
D. Economic Sciences
E. Literature
Answer: B
Murray Gell-Mann, the Nobel Prize-winning physicist who brought order to the universe by helping discover and classify subatomic particles, has died at the age of 89.
In 1969, Gell-Man was honored with the Nobel Prize in Physics “for his contributions and discoveries concerning the classification of elementary particles and their interactions.”

337. Veeru Devgan who died recently was a well known __________
A. Filmmaker
B. Actor
C. Singer
D. Scriptwriter
E. Politician
Answer: A
Bollywood’s famous action director Veeru Devgan, father of actor Ajay Devgan, passed away. He was 85. He has choreographed fight and action scenes in over 80 Hindi films and made his debut with 1999 film Hindustan Ki Kasam.

338. Kalpana Dash, The 1st woman __________ from Odisha passed away recently.
A. Musician
B. Mountaineer
C. Writer
D. Tennis player
E. Astrologist
Answer: A
Kalpana (50) died after scaling the Mount Everest. She had complained breathlessness while descending from the Everest peak. She died near Balcony area. The woman mountaineer from Odisha had first scaled Mt Everest in 2008.

339. The first session of the UN-Habitat Assembly has been organised in which city?
A. New Delhi
B. Nairobi
C. Addis Ababa
D. Rabat
E. Brussels
Answer: B
India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly.

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The special theme for the UN-Habitat Assembly is “Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities”.

340. What are the countries signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port?
A. Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Thailand
B. Sri Lanka, India and Myanmar
C. Sri Lanka, Japan and India
D. Sri Lanka, Bhutan and China
E. Sri Lanka, India and China

Answer: C

Sri Lanka, Japan and India signed an agreement to jointly develop the East Container Terminal at the Colombo Port.

The joint initiative is estimated to cost between $500 million and $700 million.

The signing of the Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is significant, given that the countries had been negotiating the deal since last year, with little success.

As per the agreement signed, the Sri Lanka Ports Authority (SLPA) retains 100% ownership of the East Container Terminal (ECT), while the Terminal Operations Company, conducting its operations, is jointly owned.

Sri Lanka will hold a 51 per cent-stake in the project and the joint venture partners will retain 49%.

341. Aroma Mission 2019 that is expected to strengthen the livelihood condition of farmers and create employment opportunities in the State is launched by which state?
A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Meghalaya
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Mizoram
E. Manipur

Answer: B

The Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma have made yet another effort to strengthen the economy of the hill state by ushering in employment opportunities for the people by launching the ‘Meghalaya Aroma Mission 2019’.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants-CIMAP and the MBDA (Meghalaya Basin Development Authority) for collaborative work on medicinal and aromatic plants.

This partnership is expected to strengthen the livelihood condition of farmers and create employment opportunities in the State.

342. Which state is going to have India's first blockchain district?
A. Andhra Pradesh
B. Telangana
C. Karnataka
D. Tamil Nadu
E. Kerala

Answer: B

With Blockchain estimated to generate $3 trillion a year in business value by 2030, the government of Telangana is gearing up to leverage this opportunity by developing a conducive ecosystem for Blockchain in the state.
Hyderabad, the capital city of Telangana is uniquely positioned to take a leadership role in the development of blockchain technology due to the critical mass of industries leveraging blockchain technology located in Hyderabad (financial services, insurance, pharmaceuticals and life sciences, supply chain and logistics etc.), access to talent, support of entrepreneurship, and collaboration with enterprises. The state wants to make Hyderabad one of the top 10 Blockchain cities of the world and has decided to create India’s first ‘Blockchain District’, which will be a physical area within Hyderabad and with the aim to create the world’s best blockchain technology ecosystem.

343. For which transactions RBI has extended the time from 4:30 pm to 6 pm?
A. National Electronic Fund transfer (NEFT)  
B. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)  
C. Unstructured Supplementary Service Data (USSD)  
D. Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)  
E. None of these  
Answer: B  
The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended timings for customer transactions in the Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system to 6 pm from 4:30 pm. The new time window for RTGS will come into effect from June 1.

The RTGS is an online fund transfer system, supported by the RBI, which enables transmission on a real-time basis. The minimum amount for the transaction to be eligible as an RTGS transfer is Rs 2 lakh. As per RBI data, Rs 112 lakh crore worth of transactions were processed using RTGS in April 2019.

344. Which bank has launched the ‘Banks on Wheels’ facility?
A. Indian Overseas Bank  
B. Allahabad Bank  
C. Andhra Bank  
D. Bank of India  
E. Bank of Baroda  
Answer: A  
Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched ‘Bank on Wheels’ facility in 14 of its lead districts in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, besides Vijayawada.

The bank said the mobile van facility will enable the public, especially senior citizens, conveniently get door-step banking facility available at identified locations of the lead districts.

A dedicated banking correspondent will accompany the vehicle with a micro ATM inside the van to take care of services such as account opening, enrollment of customers in Social Security Scheme, passbook printing, and other in Tamil Nadu.

345. Naveen Patnaik is to be sworn in as the CM of which state?
A. Arunachal Pradesh  
B. Andhra Pradesh  
C. Assam  
D. Mizoram  
E. Odisha  
Answer: E  
In Odisha, Naveen Patnaik has taken oath as Chief Minister for the consecutive fifth time.
Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal has administered the oath-taking ceremony at exhibition ground in Bhubaneswar.
11 Cabinet Ministers and 9 other Ministers also have taken the oath.
There are ten new faces in Naveen’s Ministry this time. Out of three women ministers, two are new faces. President Ram Nath Kovind has congratulated Naveen Patnaik on taking oath as the Chief Minister of Odisha.

346. Peter Mutharika has been sworn in as the President of which country?
A. Malawi  
B. Rwanda  
C. Botswana  
D. Tanzania  
E. Zimbabwe

Answer: A
Malawi’s President Peter Mutharika has narrowly won re-election with 38 per cent of the votes in Presidential election. Opposition candidate Lazarus Chakwera, who came in a close second with 35 per cent of the votes. Former vice president Saulos Chilima came in third with 20 per cent of the ballots.

347. Which of these Indian architecture has entered the 2019 World Architecture News (WAN) Awards?
A. Veera Abhaya Anjaneya Hanuman Swami  
B. Spring Temple Buddha  
C. Statue of Unity  
D. Adiyogi Shiva statue  
E. None of these

Answer: C
The world’s tallest, Statue of Unity in Gujarat built by Larsen & Toubro (L&T), has entered the globally-acclaimed 2019 World Architecture News (WAN) Awards. The WAN Awards showcase the best international design in current and future projects, and the award ceremony is likely to be held in July.

348. Recently, which Indian language version of Digital Dilemma launched by Oscar academy President John Bailey?
A. Urdu  
B. Hindi  
C. Bengali  
D. Marathi  
E. Malayalam

Answer: B
President of Oscar Academy, John Bailey today e-launched the Hindi translation of an Academy Publication, “Digital Dilemma”, at a function in Delhi. The translation of the Academy publication into Hindi is important in order to reach out to film fraternity in India. National Film Archive of India had signed an MoU with the Academy to translate the publication into Hindi so that it can benefit various stakeholders in the country. The Academy works towards the goal of advancing the arts and sciences of motion pictures.

349. The second phase of the India-French joint naval exercise, Varuna 19.2 was held in which country?
A. Comoros  
B. Djibouti  
C. Burundi  
D. Ethiopia  
E. Madrid

Answer: B
The second part of the Indo-French naval exercise, christened as Varuna 19.2 was held from 22nd to 25th May 2019 in Djibouti. The first part of the exercise, Varuna 19.1 was held off the Goa coast from 1st to 10th May 19. The harbour phase of the exercise at Goa included professional interactions and discussions while the sea phase in Djibouti comprised various drills across the spectrum of maritime operations.

350. When is the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers observed?
A. May 26  
B. May 27  
C. May 28  
D. May 29  
E. May 30
Answer: D

• The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers is held annually on May 29 to commemorate sacrifice made by UN personnel on peacekeeping missions. The 2019 Theme is Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace.
• On this day, we pay tribute to all the men and women who have served as military, police or civilians in UN Peacekeeping operations. We commend their professionalism, dedication and courage and honour the memory of those who have lost their lives in the cause of peace.

351. Nepal celebrating its 12th Republic Day on which among the following days?
A. May 29th  
B. May 30th  
C. May 31st  
D. June 1st  
E. June 2nd
Answer: A

• Nepal is celebrating its 12th Republic Day on May 29, 2019. A number of programmes are being organised in different parts of the country to mark the occasion.
• The main function was held at Army Pavilion in Kathmandu, which was attended by the President Bidya Devi Bhandari, Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, cabinet ministers, senior government officials, heads and representatives of various diplomatic missions and other dignitaries.

352. Which of these countries has been removed from the Currency ‘Monitoring List’ of major trading partners by the US Treasury Department?
A. China  
B. India  
C. Japan  
D. South Korea  
E. Russia
Answer: B

• The US Treasury Department has removed India from its currency monitoring list of major trading partners.
• US Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies, the department removed India and Switzerland from the previous currency watch list of countries with potentially questionable foreign exchange policies.
• India, along with China, Japan, Germany, Switzerland and South Korea, was placed in the bi-annual currency watch list in October last year.
• Now nine major trading partners continue to be placed on Treasury’s ‘Monitoring List’ of major trading partners that merit close attention to their currency practices.

353. Who has launched the song 'Hawa Aane De' to spread awareness about Air pollution?
A. Radha Mohan Singh  
B. Narendra Modi  
C. C K Mishra  
D. Arun Jaitely  
E. Harsh Vardhan  
Answer: C

• Union Environment Ministry today launched the song ‘Hawa Aane De’ to spread awareness about Air pollution.
• The song was launched by Secretary, Ministry of Environment C K Mishra ahead of the World Environment Day on 5th of June.
• This year the theme of Environment Day is Air Pollution.
• The centre has launched the National Clean Air Programme to control and reduce air pollution across the country.

354. Which financial company receives $222 mn from International Finance Corporation to help small road transport operators (SRTOs) and micro, small and medium (MSMEs) borrowers?
A. Amrapali Industries Ltd.  
B. Chola Investment  
C. Dewan Housing  
D. Indiabulls Housing  
E. Manapuran Finance  
Answer: B

• Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. (CIFCL), a Murugappa Group company, has received an investment of $222 million from a foreign investor anchored by the IFC
• This is the company’s first U.S. dollar-syndicated deal since January 2019, when RBI permitted NBFCs to tap into offshore credit market. CIFCL would use the funds to help small road transport operators (SRTOs) and micro, small and medium (MSMEs) borrowers, especially in the rural and semi-urban areas.
• The present round of funding was anchored by IFC, a member of the World Bank Group. Of the total amount, IFC invested $92 million and the rest syndicated from First Abu Dhabi Bank ($50 million), MUFG Bank Ltd. ($50 million), National Bank of Ras Al-Khaimah PJSC ($20 million), and CTBC Bank Co., Ltd. ($10 million)

355. Which bank has entered into a pact with Centrum Wealth Management Ltd. (Centrum) to form a private limited joint venture?
A. Karur Vysya Bank  
B. Lakshmi Vilas Bank  
C. City Union Bank  
D. Karnataka Bank  
E. RBL Bank  
Answer: A

• Karur Vysya Bank Ltd. has entered into a pact with Centrum Wealth Management Ltd. (Centrum) to form a private limited joint venture (JV) to offer wealth management services to its clients.
356. **Which company Appoints Suresh Kumar as Chief Technology Officer**

A. Walmart  
B. Amazon  
C. Flipkart  
D. Jabong  
E. Snap Deal  

**Answer: A**

- US-based retail chain Walmart has appointed Suresh Kumar, an IIT Madras graduate and former Google executive, as chief technology officer and chief development officer.  
- He will directly report to President and Chief Executive Officer Doug McMillon

357. **Whas been sworn in as Australia’s Prime Minister?**

A. Peter Cosgrove  
B. Edmund Barton  
C. Michael McCormack  
D. Scott Morrison  
E. Billy Hughes  

**Answer: D**

- Scott Morrison has been sworn in as Australia’s prime minister.  
- Along with Deputy Prime Minister Michael McCormack, Mr. Morrison was sworn in by Queen Elizabeth’s official representative in Australia, Governor-General Sir Peter Cosgrove, at a ceremony in the capital, Canberra.  
- A record number of seven women were sworn into the new Cabinet with Nationals deputy leader Bridget McKenzie becoming Australia’s first female agriculture minister.  
- The 46th Parliament is expected to open in the first week of July.

358. **The Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India has honored whom with the 2019 ‘Life Time Recognition Award’?**

A. Prof H.C. Sharma  
B. Prof N Kumar  
C. Prof Jetti A. Oliver  
D. Prof K. M. Indresh  
E. None of these  

**Answer: B**

- ‘Lifetime Recognition Award’ by the Confederation of Horticulture Association of India was given to Professor N. Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.  
- The award has been conferred for his outstanding contribution in the field of horticulture and academic leadership focused on human resource development in agriculture at the International Conference on Innovative horticulture at Pantnagar, Uttarakhand.

359. **For which essay, Annie Zaidi was awarded the Nine Dots Prize 2019?**

A. Bread, Cement, Cactus  
B. Known Turf: Bantering with Bandits  
C. Other True Tales  
D. Love Stories # 1 to 14  

**Answer: A**
Indian writer Annie Zaidi was announced as the 2019 winner of Nine Dots Prize.

The 100,000 US dollars award is a prestigious book prize created to award innovative thinking that addresses contemporary issues around the world.

Mumbai-based Zaidi, a freelance writer won for her entry ‘Bread, Cement, Cactus’ – combining memoir and reportage to explore concepts of home and belonging rooted in her experience of contemporary life in India.

**360. What is the rank of India in the 2019 IMD World Competitiveness Rankings?**

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**Answer: B**

- India has moved up one place to rank 43rd most competitive economy in the world on the back of its robust economic growth, a large labour force and its huge market size, while Singapore has toppled the US to grab the top position.
- Singapore has moved up to the top, from the third position last year, while the US has slipped to the third place in the 2019 edition of the IMD World Competitiveness Rankings.
- The index has been topped by Singapore, followed by Hong Kong and United States at second and third position respectively.
- Venezuela ranked last in the index at 63rd.

**361. Army Conducts Children Summer Adventure Camp 2019 at which city?**

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**Answer: D**

- Western Command Children Summer Adventure Camp 2019 is being organised at Manali from 27 May to 02 June 2019.
- The seven day camp is being conducted under the aegis of Rising Star Brigade.
- This camp aims to provide a wholesome outdoor exposure to young boys and girls through educational, recreational and adventure activities.
- A total of 218 children from various units of Western Command of Indian Army have volunteered to attend the camp.

**362. became the oldest man to win a match at the French Open 2019.**

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**Answer: B**

- Croatia’s Ivo Karlovic became the oldest man to win a match at the French Open for 46 years as he beat Spain’s fellow veteran Feliciano Lopez in a first-round duel.
- Karlovic became the oldest man to win at Roland Garros since Torben Ulrich in 1973 at
the age of 44. He is also the oldest male player
to win a Grand Slam match since Ken Rosewall,
also 44, did so at the 1978 Australian Open.

363. Which of these campaigns has been launched by
ICC to celebrate the Men’s Cricket World Cup
2019?
A. Cricpee  
B. Howzat  
C. Cricmania  
D. Criiio  
E. Halitri
Answer: D
• The ICC has launched the criiio campaign on the
eve of the men’s World Cup, bringing together
460 million people playing cricket globally to
celebrate the magnificent diversity of cricket.
• The ICC asked the fans to join the social cricket
tribe by sharing pictures and videos of where
and how they play cricket across the world using
the newly launched #criiio and visiting
criiio.com
• This builds on the success of the recent user-
generated social media initiative
#WorldWideWickets and is the first of a series
of programs that will be launched by the ICC
over the next 12 months.

364. Which team won the the Europa League final?
A. Arsenal  
B. Chelsea  
C. Red Buls  
D. Leicester City  
E. Eintracht
Answer: B
• Chelsea scored four goals in a devastating
second-half display to beat Arsenal 4-1 and lift
the Europa League trophy in the Baku Olympic
Stadium, Azerbaijan.
• Chelsea won their fifth major Uefa European
competition final, with only Liverpool winning
more among eight English clubs
• Arsenal have lost five of their six major
European finals, with their only victory coming
in the 1994 Cup Winners’ Cup against Parma

365. Which among the following day observed on
May 31st every year?
A. World No Tobacco Day  
B. World Hunger Day  
C. International Everest Day  
D. World Press Freedom Day  
E. World AIDS Vaccine Day
Answer: A
• Every year, on 31 May, the World Health
Organization (WHO) and global partners
celebrate World No Tobacco Day (WNTD).
• The annual campaign is an opportunity to raise
awareness on the harmful and deadly effects of
tobacco use and second-hand smoke exposure,
and to discourage the use of tobacco in any
form.
• The focus of World No Tobacco Day 2019 is on
“tobacco and lung health.”

366. Which among the following states has launched
the Healthcare Investment Policy-2019 to boost
medical tourism in the state?
A. Chhattisgarh  
B. Jammu & Kashmir  
C. Rajasthan
J. Madhya Pradesh  
E. Andhra Pradesh  
**Answer: B**

- This follows the State Administrative Council decision taken in this regard on March 08, 2019.
- As per the new Health Care Investment Policy, the Government of Jammu & Kashmir will promote and encourage the private parties and entrepreneurs for setting up healthcare infrastructure in the state by providing subsidies and incentives.
- Accordingly, 30% subsidy on capital investment will be provided for setting up of multi-speciality Hospitals, Super Specialty Hospitals, Medical Colleges, Nursing Colleges and Paramedical Colleges.
- Interest subsidy shall be provided @ 5% per annum on term loan subject to a ceiling of Rs. 15 lakh per year for a period of five years from the date of operationalization of the project.
- Also, the subsidized power tariff rates shall apply as applicable to Industries Sector. 100% subsidy on purchase and installation of DG sets with an upper ceiling of Rs. 45 lakh.

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367. Name the head of the panel formed by RBI to develop secondary market for corporate loans?

A. Sanjaya Gupta  
B. Pranjul Bhandari  
C. T N Manoharan  
D. Chandan Sinha  
E. Dr. Harsh Vardhan  
**Answer: C**

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368. FICCI survey forecasts India's GDP growth at what percentage for the financial year 2020?

A. 8.1%  
B. 8.7%  
C. 9.2%  
D. 7.1%  
E. 7.8%  
**Answer: D**

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a six-member committee on the Development of Secondary Market for Corporate Loans to come up with recommendations to increase the efficiencies of the debt market and aid in the resolution of stressed assets.
- The six-member body, headed by Canara Bank Chairman T N Manoharan, has been set up to review the existing state of the market for loan sale/transfer in India as well as the international experience in loan trading.
- The country’s median GDP is forecast at 7.1 per cent for FY20 and 7.2 per cent for FY 21.
- The industry body FICCI’s economic outlook survey stated that the minimum and maximum growth estimate stood at 6.8 per cent and 7.3 per cent, for 2019-20.
- The survey was conducted in May 2019 among economists belonging to the industry, banking and financial services sectors.
- Inflation is expected to remain moderate and the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation rate is projected at 3.1 per cent in 2019-20, while, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation has a median forecast of 4 per cent for 2019-20.
369. Name the head of the committee formed by RBI on the Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market?
A. Chandan Sinha
B. T N Manoharan
C. Sanjaya Gupta
D. Pranjal Bhandari
E. Dr. Harsh Vardhan

Answer: E
- The Reserve Bank of India has constituted a six-member committee on Development of Housing Finance Securitisation Market.
- The committee, headed by Harsh Vardhan, Senior Advisor, Bain & Co, will review the regulations relating to mortgage-backed securitisation (MBS) currently in place, and make specific recommendations on suitably aligning the same with international norms.
- The committee will review the existing state of mortgage securitisation in India and various issues constraining market development, and to develop the market further.
- The committee will submit its report by the end of August 2019.

370. Who among the following persons take charge as new Navy Chief?
A. Ram Dowlath Singh
B. Praneeth Singh
C. Narendra Singh
D. Vikram Singh
E. Karambir Singh

Answer: E
- The Armed Forces Tribunal cleared the way for Vice Admiral Karambir Singh to become the next Navy Chief, while it deferred for four weeks the matter of Vice Admiral Bimal Verma which seeks to quash Singh’s appointment.
- Vice Admiral Singh, who is the Commander-in-Chief of the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam.
- Singh will be the first helicopter pilot to become chief of Naval Staff.

371. Who administered the oath of office of PM Narendra Modi?
A. President Ram Nath Kovind
B. CJI Ranjan Gogoi
C. MP Maneka Gandhi
D. Both A and B
E. Both A and C

Answer: A
- National Democratic Alliance leader Narendra Modi was sworn in as Prime Minister for the second consecutive term.
- President Ram Nath Kovind administered the oath of Office and Secrecy to him and a team of 57 ministers at a glittering ceremony on the forecourts of the Rashtrapati Bhawan.
- Besides 24 Cabinet ministers including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Nitin Gadkari, Smriti Irani, and Piyush Goyal, nine were sworn in as Minister of State with Independent charge and another 24 as Minister of State.
- One-third of the total ministers in the Cabinet are first-timers, including BJP president Amit Shah and former Foreign Secretary Subrahmanyam Jaishankar. Two former Chief Ministers – Ramesh Pokhriyal from Uttarakhand...
and Arjun Munda from Jharkhand – have taken oath as Union ministers for the first time.

- President of Sri Lanka Maithripala Sirisena, President of Myanmar, U Win Myint, President of Bangladesh, Md. Abdul Hamid, Prime Minister of Bhutan, Dr Lotay Tshering, Prime Minister of Nepal, K P Sharma Oli, Special Envoy of Thailand, Grisada Boonrach, President of the Kyrgyz Republic, Sooronbay Jeenbekov and Prime Minister of Mauritius, Pravind Jugnauth witnessed the event.

372. Who among the following was elected as the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea?
A. James Marape
B. Sam Abal
C. Bill Skate
D. Rabbie Namaliu
E. None of these.

Answer: A
- James Marape, a former finance minister and critic of a major global gas development deal, has been elected by parliament as the prime minister of Papua New Guinea (PNG).

His election came after weeks of political turmoil that saw his predecessor, Peter O’Neill, resign having lost the support of the House after more than seven years in power.

373. Who among the following has taken over Vice Admiral Karambir Singh to be appointed as the new Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Eastern Naval Command (ENC)?
A. Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain
B. Vice Admiral G. Ashok Kumar
C. Vice Admiral Robin K. Dhowan
D. Vice Admiral R. P. Suthan
E. None of these

Answer: A
- Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, AVSM, VSM took over as the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C), Eastern Naval Command (ENC) succeeding Vice Admiral Karambir Singh.
- The outgoing FOC-in-C, Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, will assume the charge as the 24th Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS).

374. Carmine Caridi died recently. He was a famous _______________
A. Physician
B. Actor
C. Politician
D. Astronomer
E. Scientist

Answer: B
- Carmine Caridi, known for roles in The Godfather franchise, has passed away.

Caridi first appeared in the Godfather franchise in 1974, when he played Carmine Rosato in The Godfather Part II.

In 2004, Caridi became the first person to be expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

375. Name the India's last Orangutan dies at Nandankanan Zoological Park, Odisha.
A. Ponney
B. Sunny
C. Chinny
A 41-year-old orangutan at Odisha’s Nandankanan Zoological Park, named ‘Binny’, has passed away.

”Binny”, the country’s lone orangutan, was brought to Nandankanan Zoo from Pune’s Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park on November 20, 2003, when she was 25.

Orangutans are one of the world’s three extant species of great apes and are native to Indonesia and Malaysia. Orangutans are currently found only in the rain forests of Borneo and Sumatra.

Considered to be among the most intelligent primates, orangutans can live up to 45 years in the wild and even more in zoos.