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INDIAN AFFAIRS

1) Which ministry has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP) recently?

- 1) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
- 3) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

Explanation:

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has constituted a committee to implement the National Clean Air Program (NCAP). The objective is to reduce the PM (particulate matter) 2.5 and PM 10 concentration by 20% to 30% in at least 102 cities by 2024. The committee will be headed by the Secretary, Union Environment Ministry. The headquarters of the committee will be in New Delhi. The other members of the committee will be Joint Secretary (Thermal), Ministry of Power; Director General, The Energy Resources Institute (TERI) and Professor Sachidananda Tripathi, IIT Kanpur. The 102 cities, across 23 states and Union Territories will be identified by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The selection criteria will be based on their ambient air quality data between 2011 and 2015. The NCAP is envisioned as a five-year action plan with 2019 as the first year. There would be a review every five years.

2) Name the Indo-French (India & France) bilateral naval exercise that held in the Arabian sea of Goa coast.

- 1) Varuna 19.1
- 2) Konkan 19.1
- 3) Corpat 19.1
- 4) Simbex 19.1
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Varuna 19.1

Explanation:

India and France will be holding their bilateral naval exercise, Varuna 19.1 Arabian Sea off the Goa coast from 1st May to 10th May, 2019. In this 17th edition of the Indo-French naval exercise, the participants are: the French Navy's aircraft carrier FNS Charles de Gaulle 2 destroyers, FNS Forbin, FNS Provence the frigate FNS Latouche-Treville the tanker FNS Marne 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 the Deepak-class fleet tanker, INS Deepak. The exercise will be conducted in 2 phases, stated as follows: The harbour phase: This exercise will be conducted at Goa and would include cross-visits, professional interactions, sports events and discussions. The sea phase: This exercise would comprise various exercises of the maritime operations. The 2nd part of the naval exercise, Varuna 19.2, will be held at May-end in Djibouti.

3) Geological sites, Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat cave were in news recently. It is located in which State?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Meghalaya

Explanation:

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) North Eastern Region (NER) installed 2 geological display boards at 2 important geological sites with geo-scientific information. The sites are Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat cave in Meghalaya. The prime objective of this was to create awareness among students, visiting tourists and the general public and will also help to conserve the site and aid the upcoming generations to be aware of such geological developments. The geological display boards are unveiled at Mawmluh cave and Therriaghat at Sobhar in East Khasi Hill District.

4) Which colour number plates should be used by all types of electric vehicles as per the guidelines issued by central government?

- 1) Green
- 2) Blue
- 3) Orange
- 4) Green Yellow
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Green

Explanation:

The Central government has instructed all state transport departments to mandate green number plates on all types of electric vehicles, whether brand new or used. The reason behind this move is to distinguish green vehicles for preferential treatment in parking, free entry in congested zones, and concessional toll. Allowing youngsters in the age group of 16-18 years to ride e-scooters, as they are gearless, and easy to use. ii. To direct taxi aggregators to have an incremental share of electric vehicles from 2020, this could be 1 percent of the fleet every year. iii. To set the rate of depreciation on EVs at 50% as against the 15% for conventionally powered vehicles.

5) Which mountain pass has been opened for the 14th edition of Sino-Indian(China-India) border trade?

- 1) Mana Pass, Uttarakhand
- 2) Baralacha La, Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Nathu La in Sikkim
- 4) Rohtang Pass, Himachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Nathu La in Sikkim

Explanation:

The 14th edition of the annual Sino-Indian border trade opens at Nathu La, which is the frontier post at Sino-Indian border in Sikkim. Officials and traders of India and China made their presence at the border to symbolise the beginning of the border trade. Every year, between 1st May to 30th November, the bilateral border trade between 2 nations is held for 4 days a week for 6 months. After a long interval of 44 years, cross border trade commenced on July 6, 2006 to promote the benefits of trade, increase tourism in Sikkim, thus offering employment for people of the region.

6) Vice President, M. Venkaiah Naidu has released a postage stamp to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of which spiritual icon?

- 1) Manavala Mamunigal
- 2) Sri Vedanta Desikan
- 3) Yamunacharya
- 4) Nathamuni
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sri Vedanta Desikan

Explanation:

In order to commemorate the 750th birth anniversary of Sri Vedanta Desikan, Vice President, M.

Venkaiah Naidu unveiled a postage stamp in New Delhi on May 2, 2019. The stamp has been released by Indian postal department. The releasing of commemorative postage stamps inspire the younger generation to practice humanism, peace and compassion propagated by the great saint and spiritual icon.

7) Which Institute has signed MoU with Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) for setting up a Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies in India as a part of commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?

- 1) IIT Kanpur
- 2) IIT Bombay
- 3) IIT Delhi
- 4) IIT Madras
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) IIT Delhi**

Explanation:

Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT Delhi) have inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for setting up a Centre of Excellence for Waste to Wealth Technologies in India as a commemoration of 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi on 2 October 2019. The MoU has been signed by Principal Scientific Advisor to the Govt of India, Prof K. Vijay Raghavan and Director, IIT Delhi, Prof V. Ramgopal Rao in New Delhi. The Centre will work towards the implementation of sustainable, scientific and technological solutions for waste management by deploying available technologies for transformation of waste to wealth. The project has been approved under the recently constituted Prime Minister's Science Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC). Apart from this, a waste to wealth programme management centre will also be set up at IIT Delhi.

8) Name the cyclone that has hit the Indian States of Odisha and West Bengal recently.

- 1) Cyclone Hudhud
- 2) Cyclone Gaja
- 3) Cyclone Phailin
- 4) Cyclone Fani
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Cyclone Fani**

Explanation:

Cyclone Fani with a maximum wind speed of 240-250 kmph, is one of the most biggest and fiercest cyclonic storm over the east coast in nearly two decades. Several villages nearby Puri in Odisha have submerged due to heavy rains and till now at least 3 people have lost their life. Central government has released Rs 1086 crore advanced financial assistance to four states for undertaking preventive and relief measures to deal with cyclone 'Fani'. Out of this sanctioned amount, Odisha will receive Rs 340.87 crore, West Bengal Rs 235.50 crore, Tamil Nadu Rs 309.37 crore and Andhra Pradesh will get Rs 200.25 crore. ii. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has started helpline number 1938 for Cyclone Fani. The people can call this helpline number and can ask for help from the government.

9) Cyclone Fani hits Odisha and West Bengal recently, the word 'Fani' means _____?

- 1) Snake
- 2) Cobra
- 3) Heavy Storm
- 4) Destruction
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Snake**

Explanation:

Cyclone Fani with a maximum wind speed of 240-250 kmph, is one of the most biggest and fiercest cyclonic storm over the east coast in nearly two decades. The word Fani (pronounced as Foni) means

snake.

10) Cyclone Fani hits Odisha and West Bengal recently, which country has suggested the name 'Fani'?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) Oman
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bangladesh

Explanation:

The name Fani was suggested by Bangladesh. The name of cyclone 'Fani' was picked up from a pool containing 64 names suggested by eight countries in the North Indian Ocean basin. (Eight Countries are India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Maldives, Myanmar, Oman, Pakistan and Thailand).

11) Name the Scheme, which is set to be reinforced by the CSC (Common Services Centre) e-Governance Services India Limited along with Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur.

- 1) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
- 3) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan

Explanation:

A Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics & IT, (Information Technology) CSC (Common Services Centre) e-Governance Services India Limited, has partnered with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kanpur to upscale 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan'. 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan project' is being led by Dr. Reeta Singh, from IIT Kanpur. 'Unnat Bharat Abhiyan' is the programme of the HRD (Human Resource Development) Ministry which is working towards achieving solutions for increasing sustainable growth in rural India. IIT-Kanpur has brought together 15 leading higher education institutions from UP (Uttar Pradesh) to work together with CSC, under this policy, for the villages' development. Through CSC, they will adopt gram panchayats and equip themselves with citizen-centric services. IIT Kanpur has adopted 5 villages for its holistic development. The villages are situated on the outskirts of Kanpur and are as follows: Hridayapur, Baikantpur, Ishwariganj, Pratappur Hari and Saxupurva.

12) Which organization has notified, that FAME-II plan stands to reduce 64% energy needs and 37% carbon needs by 2030?

- 1) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 2) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- 3) NASSCOM
- 4) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Explanation:

The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has notified certain observations regarding the second phase of the Faster Adoption and Manufacture of (Hybrid and) Electric Vehicles in India (FAME India). It has observed that India can save 64% of anticipated road-based mobility-related energy demand and 37% of carbon emissions by 2030. The reduction in energy demands would lead in the reduction of 156 million tonnes of oil equivalent in diesel and petrol consumption and net savings of approximately \$60 billion in 2030 at current oil rates. This will boost India's vision of reducing oil imports by 10% by 2022. The

tentative aim is to have 30% electric vehicles by 2030 and the electric vehicle penetration in India is currently at 1%. Therefore, CII added that FAME alone is not enough to reach the 2030 target.

13) Where was the India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Sherpas meeting held recently?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Bengaluru, Karanataka
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Cochin, Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Cochin, Kerala

Explanation:

India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA) Sherpas meeting was held in Cochin, Kerala from May 3 to May 5, 2019. Before IBSA Sherpas meeting, the 9th IBSA trilateral Ministerial Meeting was also concluded at the same venue. Indian delegation was led by T.S. Tirumurti, Secretary (Economic Relations) in Ministry of External Affairs and Amb. Norberto Moretti, Sherpa of Brazil and Prof. Anil Sooklal, Sherpa of South Africa led their respective delegation at the meeting. The Sherpas of all three countries conveyed their happiness that the first Gandhi Mandela Memorial Freedom Lecture was delivered by Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa on 25th January, 2019 in New Delhi. The Sherpas welcomed 6th India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime (IBSAMAR) exercise conducted off the Coast of South Africa in September, 2018.

14) Name the mission, under which Khadi and Village Industries Commission(KVIC) distributed 1 lakh bee-boxes that produced 246 metric tonnes of honey so far.

- 1) Honey Mission
- 2) Sweet Mission
- 3) Bee Mission
- 4) Honey Bee Mission
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Honey Mission

Explanation:

For the first time in India, under the 'Honey Mission' initiative, (KVIC) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (in less than 2 years) distributed more than 1 lakh bee-boxes among farmers and jobless youths across India. KVIC has helped in creating more than 10,000 new jobs and 25,000 additional man-days through the manufacturing of bee boxes and honey extractors. Bee-keeping would also open many job avenues for aspiring young entrepreneurs. In August 2017, the initiative of 'Honey Mission' was launched in accordance with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for 'Sweet Revolution' in 2016 while introducing Banas Honey project at Deesa, Gujarat.

15) Where did India-US Bilateral trade meeting held?

- 1) Kolkata
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Bengaluru
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) New Delhi

Explanation:

On May 6th, 2019, India-US Bilateral trade meeting was held in New Delhi. It was co-chaired by Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Government of India and Mr Wilbur Ross, Secretary of Commerce, USA. An official release said both leaders appreciated the strong, robust and growing bilateral ties across the spectrum of trade and commerce. Both the sides expressed satisfaction over the year 2018, with bilateral trade in Goods and Services registering a growth of 12.6%. Both sides agreed to deepen economic cooperation and bilateral trade by ensuring greater cooperation amongst stakeholders.

16) The life and works of which Politician is set to be filmed jointly by India and Bangladesh?

- 1) Obaidul Quader
- 2) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman
- 3) Kazi Nazrul Islam
- 4) Hussain Muhammad Ershad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman

Explanation:

India and Bangladesh in a meeting agreed to jointly produce the film based on the life and works of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and documentary of Bangladesh Liberation War 1971. The delegation from Bangladesh side led by Dr. Gowher Rizvi, Adviser to Prime Minister of Bangladesh met Amit Khare, Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Ministry. The co-production of the film was earlier announced by the PM of both India and Bangladesh. The movie will be directed by Shyam Benegal and the scriptwriter of the movie will be Atul Tiwari and the director of the documentary will be from Bangladesh who would be assisted by a co-director from India.

17) Who has headed the 'chintan baithak' session for stakeholders in renewable energy industry held in New Delhi recently?

- 1) S. K. Shukla
- 2) R. K. Singh
- 3) Anand Kumar
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Anand Kumar

Explanation:

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) held a session for stakeholders in the renewable energy industry termed as 'chintan baithak' in New Delhi, where CEOs (Chief Executive Officers) made presentations on subject matters, namely, regulatory hurdles, energy storage, transmission constraints and low cost, long term funding. The meeting was headed by Secretary, MNRE, Shri Anand Kumar. Renewable Energy (RE) sector inclusive of the dignitaries of the major RE developers, equipment manufacturers, financiers, regulators, think-tanks, industry bodies, and skill developers attended the meeting.

18) Which country's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Sedat Onal had visited India from 7th May-9th May, 2019 and discussed about enhancing deep-rooted bilateral relations between two countries?

1. Sri Lanka
2. Turkey
3. Russia
4. Bulgaria
5. None of these

Answer - 2. Turkey

Explanation:- As part of the regular exchange between India and Turkey, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey, Mr Sedat Onal visited India from 7th May-9th May, 2019. Mr Sedat Onal had previously visited India as part of the delegation of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in May 2017. Under the mechanism of Foreign Office Consultations, Mr. Onal had a meeting with Mr Gitesh A Sarma, Secretary(West), in New Delhi as a part of the visit.

19) To which country India has signed a protocol for exportation of Indian chilli meal?

1. United Kingdom
2. United States
3. Japan

4. China
5. None of these

Answer - 4. China

Explanation:

After a meeting of Commerce Secretary Anup Wadhawan and General Administration of Customs of China (GACC) Vice Minister Li Guo, India and China signed a protocol for exportation of Indian chilli meal to China. In the meeting both the dignitaries discussed the challenges related to trade regarding the pending Indian request for agricultural products, that wasn't been given clearance.

20) In which state the Char Dham Yatra had begun during the occasion of Akshay Tritiya?

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Uttar Pradesh
3. Uttarakhand
4. Himachal Pradesh
5. None of these

Answer - 3. Uttarakhand

Explanation:-

On the ceremonious occasion of Akshay Tritiya, The Char Dham Yatra in Garhwal Himalayas, Uttarakhand began with the gates of Gangotri and Yamunotri shrines in Uttarkashi district being opened at 11:30 am and 1:15 pm respectively. The opening of these famous shrines symbolises the beginning of the Char Dham Yatra or 'journey to 4 holy sites' that attracts lakhs of devotees from within and outside India.

21) Which state police has deployed the first Anti-Naxal Women's Commando unit named 'Danteshwari Ladake' or 'Fighters of Goddess Danteshwari'?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Chhattisgarh
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Jharkhand
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

The Chhattisgarh police have deployed first ever Anti-Naxal women's commando unit named 'Danteshwari Ladake' or 'Fighters of Goddess Danteshwari'. These women commandos have inducted in the District Reserve Guard (DRG) which is Chhattisgarh's frontline anti-naxal force. This specially raised squad was part of the security forces "short action teams" that eliminated three Naxal commanders in the past one month, has now inducted in the state's Naxal-hit Dantewada district. The unit comprised of 30 women commandos led by Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Dineshwari Nand. Out of these 30 women commandos, 10 are surrendered women Naxals and 10 are assistant constables, part of anti-naxal movement Salwa Judum.

22) Name the national agency that organized a meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) recently.

- 1) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)
- 2) Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)
- 3) Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
- 4) Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals (DGS&D)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)

Explanation:

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) had organised a meeting of the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) from

8th May to 10th May, 2019. India hosted this meeting as the Vice Head of the Asia Pacific region, duties it assumed on 1st July, 2018 for a 2-year period.

23) Where was the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) meeting held?

- 1) Bengaluru
- 2) Kochi
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Kochi**

Explanation:

Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) had organised a meeting of the **Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region** of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) from 8th May to 10th May, 2019 in Kochi. India hosted this meeting as the **Vice Head** of the Asia Pacific region, duties it assumed on **1st July, 2018 for a 2-year period**. In the meeting, was discussed India's progress in carrying forward the programmes, initiatives of WCO to improve and provide security in the cross-border trade, the capacity building and technical assistance needed to achieve this goal, work programs of the Vice-Chair and facilitation of bilateral meetings to be held between the Member States.

24) Who headed the Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) meeting, that held in Kochi?

- 1) Raj Kumar Barthwal
- 2) John Joseph
- 3) Pranab Kumar Das
- 4) Susanta Kumar Panda
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Pranab Kumar Das**

Explanation:

Regional Heads of Customs Administration of Asia Pacific Region of the World Customs Organisation (WCO) meeting was headed by Mr. Pranab Kumar Das, Chairman, CBIC. The participants of the meeting included customs delegates from more than 20 countries of the Asia Pacific region and the senior dignitaries of the WCO and its regional bodies, namely, Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB) and Regional Intelligence Liaoning Office (RILO). iii. Mr. Pranab Kumar Das, Chairman focussed on the strategic principles guiding India. The principles are as follows: Greater communication and connectivity within the region Making use of the technological advancements Developing an inclusive approach Agreement on major issues

25) India and UK have agreed to strengthen their ties in which of the following field?

- i. Indo-Pacific cooperation
 - ii. Renewable energy
 - iii. Geology and Mineral Resources
 - iv. Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy
- 1) Option i alone
 - 2) Option ii alone
 - 3) Option i & ii
 - 4) Option ii & iii
 - 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Option i alone**

Explanation:

India and United Kingdom (UK) hold Foreign Office consultations in which both countries have agreed to strengthen their ties in the field of Indo-Pacific cooperation, climate change, disaster resilience,

development in third world countries and others. Foreign Secretary, Vijay Gokhale led the Indian delegation and Sir Simon McDonald, Permanent Under-Secretary Foreign and Commonwealth Office of British government led the UK delegation. i. Besides the meeting, UK representative Sir Simon McDonald formally handed the instrument of ratification of the UK joining the International Solar Alliance (ISA) to Vijay Gokhale.

26) Name the aircraft, that entered the Indian air space from an unauthorised air route recently.

- 1) Antonov An-13
- 2) Antonov An-12
- 3) Antonov An-14
- 4) Antonov An-15
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Antonov An-12

Explanation:

Antonov An-12 heavy cargo plane coming entered the Indian air space from an unauthorised air route & it was forced to land at Jaipur airport. It was left off after a thorough investigation.

27) Aircraft, Antonov An-12 was in news recently, it is from which country?

- 1) Russia
- 2) China
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Georgia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Georgia

Explanation:

Antonov An-12 heavy cargo plane coming entered the Indian air space from an unauthorised air route & it was forced to land at Jaipur airport. It was left off after a thorough investigation. The aircraft neither responded on international distress frequency nor to visual signals during interception. However, when challenged, the aircraft responded and informed that it was a non scheduled An-12 aircraft that had got airborne from Tbilisi (Georgia) for Delhi via Karachi. The aircraft was shadowed and forced to land at Jaipur for necessary investigation.

28) Name the organization, that has released the report titled 'Forecasting the future need and gaps in requirements for public health professionals in India upto 2026' stating that India faces severe shortage of healthcare providers.

- 1) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- 2) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 3) Association of South East Nations (ASEAN)
- 4) United Nations Education Scientific & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) World Health Organization (WHO)

Explanation:

The WHO (World Health Organization) has published a research paper titled 'Forecasting the future need and gaps in requirements for public health professionals in India upto 2026' in the 'WHO South-East Asia Journal of Public Health', in which it states that India faces critical shortage of healthcare professionals, especially in Bihar, Jharkhand, U.P. (Uttar Pradesh) & Rajasthan which have the worst hit ratio as compared to Delhi, Kerala, Punjab and Gujarat which are in a relatively better position. Health workforce includes all those people engaged in actions whose primary intent is to enhance and improve the health of the general public affected with any kind of health issue.

29) Which department/association has issued new norms for the University Grants Commission-funded scheme for those who pursue research?

- 1) Department of School Education & Literacy
- 2) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 3) Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR)
- 4) Higher Education Department
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Higher Education Department

Explanation:

The Higher Education Department has strictly issued new norms for the University Grants Commission-funded scheme which are meant for the faculties of colleges and universities who pursue research. This order is issued after the detection of numerous violations by the beneficiaries of the scheme. The Government has observed that many teachers leave the programme midway or fail to submit their thesis. Some teachers fail to render the compulsory service after they return from the Faculty Improvement Programme(FIP) deputation. It has led to the huge loss of public money.

30) What is the name of new 'province' in India that has claimed by Islamic State terror group, ISIS?

- 1) Wilayah of Levant
- 2) Wilayah of Hind
- 3) Wilayat Sinai
- 4) Wilayat Khorasan
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Wilayah of Hind

Explanation:

After the occurrence of clashes between militants and security forces in Kashmir on May 10, 2019, for the very first time ISIS, the Islamic State terror group has claimed to have established a new 'province' in India, termed as "Wilayah of Hind" (India Province) in Arabic. This has been announced through its Amaq News Agency. ISIS (The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, also known as the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria. Officially known as the Islamic State) did not speak about the Indian province's geographical territory though.

31) Where was the 2 day ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) held?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Kolkata
- 3) Chennai
- 4) Mumbai
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) New Delhi

Explanation:

India hosted a 2-day (May 13-14, 2019) ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in New Delhi in which ministers from 16 developing nations and 6 least developed nations had participated to discuss major problems and challenges facing the multi-lateral trading system.

32) Who is the Director General of World Trade Organisation (WTO)?

- 1) Renato Ruggiero
- 2) Mike Moore
- 3) Roberto Azevedo
- 4) Pascal Lamy
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Roberto Azevedo

Explanation:

India hosted a 2-day (May 13-14, 2019) ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in New Delhi in which ministers from 16 developing nations and 6 least developed nations had participated to discuss major problems and challenges facing the multi-lateral trading system. The Ministerial Meeting had commenced with a dinner hosted by the Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu, in which Roberto Azevedo, the Director General of WTO, was also present.

33) Name the 2-week long summer vacation residential programme launched for the first time by Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO)?

- 1) 'Yuva Vaigyanik Kendra' (Yuvika-2019)
- 2) 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' (Yuvika-2019)
- 3) 'Yuva Vaigyanic Krishikosh' (Yuvika-2019)
- 4) 'Yuva Vaigyanic Kaushal Vikas Yojana' (Yuvika-2019)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' (Yuvika-2019)

Explanation:

ISRO launched a maiden 2-week long (13th May 2019 to 26th May 2019) summer vacation residential programme termed 'India Young Scientist Programme' (Yuvika-2019) or 'Yuva Vaigyanic Karyakram' in line with the central government's vision of 'Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan'. This two-week-long programme is regarded as "Catch them young". The selected students from 29 states and 7 Union Territories across India would be able to avail this novel programme.

34) Name the tamil militant and political organization, which has been banned by the central government for an additional 5 years recently.

- 1) Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization(TELO)
- 2) Eelam People's Democratic Party(EPDP)
- 3) Eelam People's Revolutionary Liberation Front(EPRLF)
- 4) Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam(LTTE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam(LTTE)

Explanation:

Under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government has extended the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) for an additional 5 years with immediate effect. The notification stated that the LTTE's perpetual violent activities are extremely detrimental to the integrity of our nation. LTTE has continuously been adopting a vehement anti-nationalist stand and has been posing as a grave threat to Indian's safety and security.

35) What is the name of the joint exercise carried out by the India Armed Forces namely Indian Army, Navy and Air Force that was held in Teressa Island, Andaman and Nicobar?

- 1) Bull Strike
- 2) Emerald Mercury
- 3) Desert Strike
- 4) Shatrujeet
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bull Strike

Explanation:

All Indian armed forces comprising Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force hold joint exercise Bull Strike at Teressa Island in Andaman and Nicobar. The objective is to enhance their coordination in dealing with major security challenges which are currently facing the country and also to showcase joint operation capability of the three forces, Indian Army, Navy and Air Force and further enhance operation coordination. Total 170 troops from all three services participated and carried out para drop operations in a Combat Free Fall and Static Line mode.

36) As per the MoU signed by National Mission for Clean Ganga, HCL Foundation and INTACH, which tree is set to be planted in the catchment area of river Ganga?

- 1) Peepal Tree
- 2) Rudraksh Trees
- 3) Neem Tree
- 4) Kadamb Tree
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rudraksh Trees**

Explanation:

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), HCL Foundation and Indian National Trust for Art and Culture Heritage (INTACH) signed tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Plantation of Rudraksh Trees in Uttarakhand under the 'Namami Gange' Programme. The objective is to create a greener ecosystem in the Ganga Basin along the stretch of 97 towns and 4,465 villages. Under the project, the aim is to plant 10,000 Rudraksh trees in the catchment area of Ganga River in Uttarakhand. This project will also help to generate income for people residing in those areas.

37) Where was the Indian Navy's first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) inaugurated recently?

- 1) Panambur Harbour, Karnataka
- 2) Kandla Harbour, Gujarat
- 3) Diamond Harbour, West Bengal
- 4) Mormugao Harbour, Goa
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Diamond Harbour, West Bengal**

Explanation:

The Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba inaugurated Indian Navy's first full-fledged Service Selection Board (SSB) at 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-Service Selection Board of the Indian Navy. It selects both Permanent and Short Service Commission officers. The other Boards are located in Bhopal, Bengaluru, Visakhapatnam, and Coimbatore. SSB (Kolkata), sprawling over 27 acres on the Hooghly river-bank can screen an estimated 5000 officer-candidates annually.

38) Which country has the highest mortality rate among children under five years of age in 2015, as per the researchers from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, US?

- 1) China
- 2) U.S.
- 3) India
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India**

Explanation:

Researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, US (United States) evaluated India's state-level information on the causes of casualty among children under 5 years of age for the years 2000-2015, to find that India had progressed from reducing the annual mortality among children under 5 years from 2.5 million in 2000 to 1.2 million in 2015 which, still was the highest in the world. The study used data from different countries to evaluate the causes of death among children under 5 years of age between 2000 and 2015. The research studies were published in The Lancet Global Health. The study also found great differences on child mortality rates between richer and poorer states, the highest mortality rate being in Assam which was more than 7 times that in Goa.

39) Name the national agency, which has introduced a weightage system for appointments under compassionate grounds.

- 1) National Small Industries Corporation(NSIC)
- 2) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs(CBIC)
- 3) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation(EPFO)
- 4) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India(ECGC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs(CBIC)

Explanation:

Recently, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has introduced a weightage system for appointments under compassionate grounds which will be based on nine criteria like family income, dependents, remaining service period of the deceased etc. The objective is to ensure objectivity, transparency and uniformity in the selection process for appointments on the compassionate ground. The guidelines for appointment are issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) and CBIC introduced weightage points system for its cadres according to the guidelines of DoPT. Under this new system, the preference would be given to the widow of the deceased government servant.

40) Which country is set to host the fifth Army International Scout Masters Competition for the first time, a part of International Army Games(5th edition) ?

- 1) Russia
- 2) China
- 3) Azerbaijan
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

For promoting geniality among the participating nations, India, for the first time will host a part of an international military sports event named ' Army Scout Masters Competition ' in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan's for 9 days in August (August 6 to August 14, 2019). India will host the fifth Army International Scout Masters Competition as part of the games. The competition will be held under the patronage of the Indian Army and is organised by the Konark Corps at Jaisalmer military station. The last International Army Games (fourth edition) was held at Novosibirsk, Russia in 2018. The International Army Games provides a competitive platform for participants of various nations to test their skills and develop camaraderie among each other.

41) Name the Indian State, which is urging the United Nations (UN) to set up an international centre for disaster mitigation and recovery.

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Odisha
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Odisha

Explanation:

The Odisha government urged the United Nations (UN) to set up an international centre for disaster mitigation and recovery in the state. The proposal was mooted by Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik when he met the officials of United Nations, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and other international organisations here in a meeting. Officials of the Department of Economic Affairs were also present. Stating that the UN system plays an important role in developing global public good, Patnaik said the United Nations University could consider setting up an international centre for disaster mitigation and recovery in Bhubaneswar.

42) Name the online writing of Annual Performance Appraisal Report (APAR) project launched for Group 'B' and 'C' Officers of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC).

- 1) OPT(Officers Performance Tools)
- 2) SPARROW (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window)
- 3) PAOW (Performance Appraisal Online Window)
- 4) PAOWO (Performance Appraisal Online Window for Officers)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) SPARROW (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window)

Explanation:

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified that for better human resource management, it will conduct annual performance appraisal report (APARs) of over 46,000 Group B and C officers (IRS– Indian Revenue Service officers in Customs and Central Excise in 2016-17) online in SPARROW (Smart Performance Appraisal Report Recording Online Window). This project is being implemented in over 400 formations of CBIC across India. The DGHRM (Directorate General of Human Resource Management), the HR (Human Resource) arm of CBIC, is the implementing agency for this project.

43) Where was the 11th India Iran Joint Consular Committee Meeting (JCCM) held recently?

- 1) Kolkata
- 2) Mumbai
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Chennai
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) New Delhi

Explanation:

The 11th India Iran Joint Consular Committee Meeting (JCCM) held in New Delhi on May 14, 2019. Indian delegation was led by Amit Narang, Joint Secretary in Consular, Passport and Visa (CPV) division and the Iran delegation was led by Ali Asghar Mohammadi, Director General of Consular Affairs. The purpose of this meeting is to review the status of ongoing cooperation in consular and visa related issues and also to discuss the strategy to further expand people to people contacts and to promote friendly exchanges between India and Iran. Both countries have discussed some important issues between India and Iran: Early conclusion of Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance on civil and commercial matters. To extend longer duration of e-Visa for each other nationals on reciprocity. Visa facilitation for greater people to people contacts etc.

44) _____ edition of India-Botswana Foreign Office Consultations held recently in New Delhi, India?

- 1) 2nd
- 2) 1st
- 3) 4th
- 4) 3rd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 3rd

Explanation:

The 3rd round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Botswana was held in New Delhi on 15th May, 2019. Indian delegation was led by Neena Malhotra, Joint Secretary (East and Southern Africa) and the Botswana delegation led by Tapiwa Mongwa, Deputy Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation. The purpose of the Foreign Office Consultation is to review bilateral relation which includes political, economic, commercial, defence, consular and international cooperation related to United Nations. Botswana government had also decided to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA). The next round of Foreign Office Consultations will be held in Botswana on mutually agreed dates.

45) Which act was approved by Maharashtra Cabinet to provide reservation to Maratha students in post-graduate medical courses recently.

- 1) Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Reservation Act, 2018
- 2) Educational Institutions (Regulation of Fee) Act, Maharashtra 2011
- 3) Educational Institutions (Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, Maharashtra 1988
- 4) Education and Employment Guarantee (Cess) Act, Maharashtra 1962
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Reservation Act, 2018

Explanation:

In order to provide reservation to Maratha students in postgraduate medical courses, the Maharashtra Cabinet approved to circulate an ordinance to amend the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes (SEBC) Reservation Act, 2018, and also approved to recompense the fees to the general category-students, who will be affected after the promulgation of the ordinance. Previously the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court did not grant 16% reservation to the Maratha community students for admissions to post-graduate (PG) medical courses and dental courses because the admission process had begun much earlier.

46) Name the state, which has around 35% of India's total Graphite reserves, as per the report released by Geological Survey of India (GSI).

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

The Geological Survey of India (GSI) in its report notified that the highest graphite reserves of India, that is, around 35% of India's total Graphite reserves are found in Arunachal Pradesh. The data was presented during GSI's annual interactive meeting with the Department of Geology and Mining & Industries, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in Itanagar. Arunachal Pradesh could now be developed as the leading producer of graphite in India to meet the nations' future needs, since currently, India imports the majority of Graphite from other nations.

47) Name the India's fastest train which has completed 1 Lakh kilometers without missing a single trip .

- 1) Rajdhani Express
- 2) Shatabdi Express
- 3) Gatimaan Express
- 4) Vande Bharat Express
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vande Bharat Express

Explanation:

India's fastest train 'Vande Bharat Express' completed 1 Lakh kilometers without missing a single trip. It was flagged off by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi under 'Make In India' Initiative, on February 15, 2019, from New Delhi to Varanasi. This 16 coach train began its commercial run from February 17, 2019. The indigenously-built high-speed train was manufactured by the Integral Coach Factory in Chennai. This high-speed train is expected to replace Shatabdi Express trains soon. The train has facilities like high-speed onboard WiFi, GPS-based passenger information system, touch-free bio-vacuum toilets, LED lighting, mobile charging points, and a climate control system which automatically adjusts to the temperature.

48) Which has become the first state in India to list Masala Bond in the overseas market?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kerala

Explanation:

Recently, Kerala became the first state to tap into masala bond market by listing the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB)'s masala bond worth of USD 312 million (Rs 2,150 crore) in London Stock Exchange (LSE)'s International Securities Market (ISM). The masala bond has a tenor of 5-year and a 9.723% coupon. This was the brainchild of Kerala's state finance minister Thomas Issac. The objective of this initiative was to tap masala bond market and to rebuild the infrastructure in Kerala from the proceeds of the masala bond.

49) Name the flagship program launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which provides crop insurance to farmers.

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Gramin Awaas Yojana
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY)

Explanation:

The flagship program of Prime Minister Modi, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) which provides crop insurance to farmers has failed. Recently, a senior official from Agriculture Ministry disclosed that out of Rs 1,400 crore designated fund for the North-Eastern state annually under PMFBY, only around 0.57% or Rs 8 crore was spent in 2018-19. Four North-eastern states are not covered under PMFBY and the states are Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur and Mizoram. Other large states like Bihar and West Bengal had earlier withdrawn from crop insurance scheme and launched their own state-level scheme and states like Punjab had never joined the scheme.

50) Name the High Peace Council Secretary of Afghanistan, who visited India recently.

- 1) Adil Abdul-Mahdi
- 2) Umer Daudzai
- 3) Ashraf Ghani
- 4) Barham Salih
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Umer Daudzai

Explanation:

Sushma Swaraj, External Affairs Minister met Umer Daudzai, (during his visit to India) Afghanistan's High Peace Council Secretary who briefed her on the outcome of the recently held the historic 'Loya Jirga' or peace meeting in Kabul. "Loya jirga" peace summit in Kabul was held in May 2019 which had around 3,200 religious and tribal leaders, politicians and representatives. The 'loya jirga' had delegates from across Afghanistan who demanded an immediate and permanent ceasefire, and President Ashraf Ghani was conditionally prepared to implement the demand. Daudzai, special envoy of President Ashraf Ghani and National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval also met Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale. National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval notified that the conflict in Afghanistan should be resolved through direct talks, led and owned by the Afghanistan government. India has expressed its full support for sustainable peace, economic development, and stability in Afghanistan.

51) Mendez Nunez (Frigate) ship was in news recently, the ship belongs to which country?

- 1) France
- 2) Portugal
- 3) Spain
- 4) Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Spain

Explanation:

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. The Commanding Officer of 'Mendez Nunez' will interact with Rear Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding, Maharashtra Naval Area, during its stay, it said. 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.

52) Central government has issued “drought advisory” to six states, which of the following state is one among them ?

- i. Maharashtra
 - ii. Kerala
 - iii. Madhya Pradesh
 - iv. New Delhi
- 1) Option ii
 - 2) Option i
 - 3) Option iii
 - 4) Option iv
 - 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Option i

Explanation:

Recently, centre has issued a “drought advisory” to six states named Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Tamil Nadu due to water storage in dams dropped to a “critical level”. Centre has asked these 6 states to use water judiciously. Central Water Commission (CWC) always issues drought advisory whenever the water level in reservoirs is 20 percent less than the average of live water storage figures of the past 10 years. According to figures released by CWC, the total water storage available was 35.99 billion cubic metres, which is 22 percent of the total storage capacity of these reservoirs.

53) Where was the 8th edition of Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) inaugurated?

- 1) Western Naval Command, Mumbai
- 2) Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam
- 3) Southern Naval Command, Kochi
- 4) Andaman & Nicobar Command, Port Blair
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Andaman & Nicobar Command, Port Blair

Explanation:

The 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) has started at Andaman and Nicobar Command in Port Blair which will be held from May 20 to 28, 2019. The CORPAT initiative was first started in 2013. The Myanmar delegation was led by Commodore Htein Win, Ayeyarwady Naval Command and Indian delegation was led by Cmde Ashutosh Ridhorkar, VSM, Naval Component Commander. The ships of both countries will patrol along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) of two countries covering a distance around 725 km in 4 days. The objective of the CORPAT is to address issues of terrorism, illegal fishing, drug trafficking, human trafficking, etc. and to enhance the mutual

understanding and fostered improved professional interaction between the two navies for maritime interoperability.

54) Naval ships UMS King TabinShweHtee and UMS Inlay was in news recently, these ships belong to which country?

- 1) Myanmar
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Srilanka
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Myanmar**

Explanation:

The 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR) has started at Andaman and Nicobar Command in Port Blair which will be held from May 20 to 28, 2019. Myanmar Navy Ship UMS King TabinShweHtee (773) and UMS Inlay (OPV-54) participated in the patrol.

55) Name the Indian Naval ship, which participated in 8th Indo-Myanmar coordinated patrol (IMCOR) .

- 1) INS Sumedha
- 2) INS Sunayna
- 3) INS Saryu
- 4) INS Sumitra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) INS Saryu**

Explanation:

Indian Naval Ship Saryu participated in 8th Indo-Myanmar Coordinated Patrol (IMCOR). The CORPAT initiative was first started in 2013. The Myanmar delegation was led by Commodore Htein Win, Ayeyarwady Naval Command and Indian delegation was led by Cmde Ashutosh Ridhorkar, VSM, Naval Component Commander. The ships of both countries will patrol along the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) of two countries covering a distance around 725 km in 4 days.

56) Which ministry organized the 7th Edition of Economic Census (7th EC) in New Delhi?

- 1) Ministry of Urban Development
- 2) Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation
- 3) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
- 4) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation**

Explanation:

As a run-up to the 7th Edition of Economic Census (7th EC), its Master trainers (enumerators and supervisors) were imparted training during the "National Training Workshop of Master Trainers" which was organized by Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) in New Delhi. The objective of the training was to provide a thorough knowledge of key concepts, processes, digital platform and application to be used for the enumeration in the field. In the month of May and June, similar kind of exercise will be undertaken through 6000 State and District level training workshops as the fieldwork for the 7th EC will commence in June 2019. The 7th Economic Census -2019 is being conducted by MoSPI in partnership with Common Service Centres, CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology as the implementing agency.

57) Name the campaign launched by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau of India and UN Environment India in order to raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade ahead of international day of biological diversity.

- 1) "Animal-behaviour, wildlife-conservation"
- 2) "Power of wildlife"
- 3) "Future of wildlife and the habitat"
- 4) "Not all animals migrate by choice"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) "Not all animals migrate by choice"

Explanation:

On May 20, 2019, a campaign "Not all animals migrate by choice" was launched by Wildlife Crime Control Bureau of India and UN Environment India in order to raise awareness on illegal wildlife trade ahead of the International Day of Biological Diversity which is observed on May 22. The campaign is aimed at creating awareness among the general public for the protection and conservation of wildlife, prevention of smuggling and reduction in demand for wildlife products. It complements worldwide action on illegal trade in wildlife through UN Environment's global campaign, Wild for Life. It is to be displayed at major airports across the country.

58) Which ministry is set to introduce artificial intelligence system in MCA 21 portal?

- 1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Communications
- 3) Ministry of Communications and Information Technology
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs

Explanation:

Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA) has rolled out its plan to introduce Artificial Intelligence(AI) system in MCA 21 portal. The Union ministry will introduce Version 3 in MCA portal. This is introduced in order to make the compliance process easier and ensure that enforcement activities are done regularly on autopilot basis. The Ministry aims to rationalize all the forms and follow the principle of a single source of truth. It means that one is not required to fill in the known details as it is automatically updated. It will also interlink the databases so that routine enforcement is done 24x7 on autopilot basis.

59) Which city has become the most vulnerable cities to cyberattacks in 2019 as per the report titled "The Annual Threat Report 2019" by Quick Heal Security Labs ?

- 1) Kolkata
- 2) Bengaluru
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mumbai

Explanation:

Recently, Quick Heal Security Labs in its report titled "The Annual Threat Report 2019" has disclosed that Mumbai topped the list of 15-city which are more vulnerable to cyberattacks in 2019. The other two cities which followed Mumbai are: Delhi, Bengaluru, Kolkata, and Pune. The report has also revealed that Maharashtra, Delhi and West Bengal are the top three states which are prone to cyber attacks.

60) Which two department have signed MoU with M/o Science and Technology for supporting joint collaborative research programmes in the area of Cancer?

- i. Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)
- ii. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)
- iii. Department of Bio-Technology (DBT)

iv. Department of Science and Technology (DST)

- 1) Option i & ii
- 2) Option i & iii
- 3) Option ii & iii
- 4) Option ii & iv
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Option i & iii**

Explanation:

Two departments under the Government of India, Department of Biotechnology (DBT, M/o Science and Technology) and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for supporting joint collaborative research programmes in the area of Cancer. The MOU was signed by Dr Renu Swarup, Secretary DBT and Shri K N Vyas, Secretary DAE. MOU will help to build different initiatives in the field of cancer like 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.

61) Which paramilitary force of India has signed an 'Affiliation Charter' with Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Shaurya' to utilise each other's assets for operational training, sports and adventure ?

- 1) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) (1st Battalion)
- 2) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) (2nd Battalion)
- 3) Border Security Force (BSF) (4th Battalion)
- 4) Assam Rifles (3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Assam Rifles (3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion)**

Explanation:

The Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Shaurya' and the 3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion of the Assam Rifles has signed an 'Affiliation Charter' at Laitkor in Shillong. The objective is to enhance inter-armed forces cooperation and utilise each other's assets for training and sports. The 'Affiliation Charter' was signed by director generals of Indian Coast Guard and Assam Rifles. The Assam Rifles is the oldest paramilitary force of India. They have total 46 battalions guarding the India-Myanmar border and also countering the insurgency in the north-eastern states. The 3rd (Naga Hills) Battalion of Assam Rifles is the oldest battalion which was first time raised in 1835 as 'The Cachar Levy'. They have total 750 personnel under the battalion which comprised of all the ranks for guarding the Eastern Frontier of Assam from Brahmaputra River to the Cachar Hills.

62) Where was the Border Personnel Meet (BPM) of Indian and Chinese army held?

- 1) Ladakh
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Kolkata
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ladakh**

Explanation:

On May 21, 2019, The Border Personnel Meet (BPM) between the armies of India and China was held in Eastern Ladakh sector of Jammu and Kashmir at the Daulat Beg Oldi (DBO) - TWT Meeting Point. The Indian delegation was led by Major General Arvind Kapoor from the Fire and Fury Corps and the Chinese delegation was led by Senior Colonel Gan Wei Han. The BPM began by saluting the National Flags by members of the delegation and then followed by the exchange of greetings. India and China emphasized the mutual desire of maintaining peace and tranquility and improving relations at the functional level at the border areas.

63) Which government agency has organized 5th Smart Cities India 2019 Expo in New Delhi recently ?

- 1) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC)
- 2) National Centre for Trade Information (NCTI)
- 3) India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO)
- 4) State Trading Corporation of India Limited (STCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO)

Explanation:

On May 22, 2019, 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 (MoHUA), Government of India at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The event was organized by India Trade Promotion Organization(ITPO) and Exhibitions India Group. It initiated to strengthen 'Smart Cities Mission' through the display of various products and solutions relevant to building smart cities in India.

64) Under which ministry Indian government agency, India Trade Promotion Organisation(ITPO) works ?

- 1) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
- 2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 3) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- 4) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Explanation:

The event was organized by India Trade Promotion Organization(ITPO) which works under Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

65) Who headed the high level panel, which suggested the issuance of 'Elephant Bonds' for infrastructure projects and investing undisclosed income ?

- 1) Sanjeev Sanyal
- 2) Rajiv Kher
- 3) Adil Zainulbhai
- 4) Surjit Bhalla
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Surjit Bhalla

E6xplanation:

A government-appointed high-level panel has suggested for issuance of 'Elephant Bonds' for infrastructure projects and people who are declaring undisclosed income will have to mandatorily invest half of that amount in these securities. The duration of 'Elephant Bond' will be 25-years. The 12-member panel headed by economist Surjit Bhalla was set up by Ministry of Commerce and Industries last year.

66) Under which act terror outfit, Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh also known as Jammat-ul-Mujahideen India or Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Hindustan was banned recently in India ?

- 1) Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976
- 2) Contempt of Courts Act, 1971
- 3) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967
- 4) Anti-Corruption Laws (Amendment) Act, 1967
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)

Explanation:

Recently, Home Ministry in a notification declared Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, also known as Jammatt-ul-Mujahideen India or Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Hindustan as a banned terrorist organisation. The Home Ministry has given the reason for banning the outfit due to its committed acts of terrorism, promoted acts of terrorism and recruitment of youths for terrorist activities in India. The outfit was banned under the first schedule to the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

67) Under which article, Union Cabinet has passed a resolution for the dissolution of 16th Lok Sabha for the formation of new Government ?

- 1) Article 53 (2) of the Indian Constitution
- 2) Article 43 (2) of the Indian Constitution
- 3) Article 73 (2) of the Indian Constitution
- 4) Article 83 (2) of the Indian Constitution
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Article 83 (2) of the Indian Constitution**

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, Union Cabinet passed a resolution for the dissolution of 16th Lok Sabha for the formation of new Government after the Prime Minister Narendra Modi led Bharatiya Janta Party (BJP) won the Lok Sabha elections. The tenure was supposed to end on June 3, 2019. Official data from the Election Commission showed that BJP had secured 303 seats (352 with coalition) out of 542, 22 more than 2014 elections. Indian National Congress led by Rahul Gandhi secured 52 seats. The process of constituting 17th Lok Sabha will begin after the handover of the list of newly elected members to the President Ram Nath Kovind, the head of the Parliament, by the Election Commission. The dissolution of the Lower House is announced as per Article 83 (2) of the Indian Constitution. It is speculated that the swearing-in of the new government will be held on May 30, 2019.

68) Which two institutions are merged to create new statistical body National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)?

- i. Central Statistical Organisation (CSO)
- ii. National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)
- iii. National Statistical Organisation (NSO)

- 1) Option i & ii
- 2) Option i & iii
- 3) Option ii & iii
- 4) All the above options
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Option i & ii**

Explanation:

Central government has decided to merge two institutions the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to create new statistical body National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The objective is to streamline and strengthen the statistical system. This restructuring is in line with the proposed National Policy on Official Statistics which was floated last year. The proposed NSO would be headed by MoSPI secretary.

69) Who headed the National Statistical Commission which has suggested to create new statistical body National Statistical Office (NSO) by merging Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)?

- 1) Amitav Ghosh
- 2) M. Narasimham
- 3) C Rangarajan
- 4) I. G. Patel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) C Rangarajan

Explanation:

Central government has decided to merge two institutions the Central Statistical Organisation (CSO) and the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) to create new statistical body National Statistical Office (NSO) under Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The objective is to streamline and strengthen the statistical system. This restructuring is in line with the proposed National Policy on Official Statistics which was floated last year. The proposed NSO would be headed by MoSPI secretary. The decision has taken on the United Progressive Alliance (UPA)'s 2005 tenure, which was based on recommendations of the report of the National Statistical Commission, headed by former Reserve Bank of India governor C Rangarajan.

70) For whom the sahara hostel has been inaugurated by Anij Baijal in New Delhi ?

- 1) Disabled Childrens
- 2) Disabled Military Personnel
- 3) 'Naval Widows' or 'Veer Naris'
- 4) Retired Military Personnel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 'Naval Widows' or 'Veer Naris'

Explanation:

Anij Baijal, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi has inaugurated Sahara Hostel for 'Naval Widows' or 'Veer Naris' at Vasant Kunj in New Delhi. The objective is to provide rehabilitation of Naval Widows or Veer Naris and their families at a time after the unfortunate demise of their husband who were serving Indian Navy. This is a unique project steered by the Indian Navy and has been built with the help of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) partnership with National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC). The Hostel built over four floors and also has a common dining table and community hall.

71) Where was India's first Tree Ambulance inaugurated ?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

On the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity i.e. on May 22, a first of its kind, tree ambulance was inaugurated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu by Vice President of India, Venkaiah Naidu. Services provided by Tree Ambulance first-aid treatment are uprooted tree planting, seed bank, seed ball distribution, plant distribution, aiding tree plantation, shifting trees, a survey of trees and removal of dead trees.

72) Name the Green man of India, who proposed the new initiative of India's first Tree Ambulance in Chennai, Tamil Nadu .

- 1) Sunitha Krishnan
- 2) Dr K Abdul Ghani
- 3) Medha Patkar
- 4) Sunderlal Bahuguna
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dr K Abdul Ghani

Explanation:

The initiative was proposed by Green man of India, Dr K Abdul Ghani and it is sponsored by the SASA Group. The ambulance can be availed through the number 9941006786 and volunteers can register

on www.treeambulance.org. The reallocation of trees will be done free of cost. The ambulance has helpers and a plant expert, who carry gardening tools, water, manure, and pesticide with them.

73) How many state was penalised with Rs.1 Crore for not submitting their action plans on plastic disposal to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) recently ?

- 1) 22
- 2) 23
- 3) 24
- 4) 25
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 25**

Explanation:

25 state governments faced Rs. 1 crore each penalty for missing deadline for not submitting their action plans on plastic disposal to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). The National Green Tribunal (NGT) had set a deadline as April 30, 2019. The NGT had directed all states and Union territories except Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, West Bengal and Puducherry to submit an action plan for implementation of various provisions of Plastic Waste Management (PWM) Rules 2016 by April 30, 2019. The 22 states/Uts are - Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Daman and Diu, Dadra Nagar Haveli, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, UP and Uttarakhand had imposed complete ban on use of plastic carry bags but due to lack of proper regulation, thin carry bags and other plastic products were stocked, sold and used in majority of cities/towns across the country.

74) Under which law, government has constituted a tribunal for adjudicating ban on Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)?

- 1) Powers-of-Attorney Act (POAA)
- 2) Indian Criminal Law Amendment Act (ICLAA)
- 3) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)
- 4) Armed Forces (Emergency Duties) Act (AFA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3)) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA)**

Explanation:

Central government has constituted a tribunal under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA). The objective of this move is to adjudicate whether or not there is sufficient reason to continue the ban on the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). The central government has constituted "Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal" by exercising the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967). It is comprised of a sitting judge of Delhi High Court, Sangita Dhingra Sehgal. Home Ministry has extended the ban on the LTTE for 5 years on the ground that LTTE continued violent and disruptive activities are prejudicial to the integrity and sovereignty of India. A terror outfit LTTE is based on Sri Lanka, which has assassinated former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

75) Who lead the 'Missing Man' formation, which is conducted to honour Squadran Leader Ajay Ahuja and heroes of the Kargil war who were killed during 'Operation Safed Sagar'?

- 1) Subroto Mukherjee
- 2) B S Dhanoa
- 3) R Nambiar
- 4) Anil Khosla
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) B S Dhanoa**

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Air Force (IAF)'s Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa flew the 'missing man' formation in a MiG-21 aircraft to pay tributes to Squadron Leader Ajay Ahuja and heroes of the Kargil war. Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) Western Air Command Air Marshal R Nambiar also accompanied B S Dhanoa in the flypast organised at Air Force Station in Bhisiana. According to IAF, the 'missing man' formation is an aerial salute accorded to honour the fallen comrades-in-arms. It is like an arrow formation, with a gap between two aircraft in the formation depicting the missing man. BS Dhanoa led a four MiG-21 aircraft 'Missing Men' to honour the valour and supreme sacrifice of men who were killed in action during 'Operation Safed Sagar' at Kargil, J&K.

76) Which armed force of India, has signed an agreement with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) for selecting and training astronaut for Gaganyaan Programme.

- 1) Indian Army
- 2) Indian Air Force
- 3) Indian Navy
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer – 2) Indian Air Force

Explanation:

On May 28, 2019, The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) signed an agreement on the selection of crew and training for Gaganyaan Programme. It was signed between Air Vice Marshal (AVM) RGK Kapoor, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (ACAS) Operations (Space), IAF and Shri R Hutton, Project Director of Gaganyaan Programme. The Institute of Aerospace Medicine (IAM) will lead the selection and training of astronauts on behalf of IAF. Gaganyaan Programme was announced by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2018.

77) Name the Squadron, which would be the first unit to receive the Rafale combat aircraft in september 2019.

- 1) No. 10 Squadron nicknamed "Daggers"
- 2) No. 14 Squadron nicknamed "Bulls"
- 3) No. 12 Squadron nicknamed "Yaks"
- 4) No. 17 Squadron nicknamed "Golden Arrows"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) No. 17 Squadron nicknamed "Golden Arrows"

Explanation:

The first Rafale combat aircraft would be inducted in the 'Golden Arrows' 17 Squadron of Indian Air Force (IAF). This squadron was commanded by Air Chief Marshal BS Dhanoa during the Kargil war in 1999. Another squadron of the fighter aircraft will be based out of Hashimara in West Bengal to tackle the front facing China. Earlier, 17 Squadron was located at Bhatinda, Punjab and was used to operate the MiG-21. Hereafter, it will be shifted to Ambala in Haryana. The first Rafale is expected to be handed over to the Indian Air Force in September 2019.

78) Where was the SWIFT India and South Asia Conference 2019 held ?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Explanation:

The SWIFT India and South Asia Conference was held successfully on 9 May 2019 at the St Regis Mumbai, Maharashtra. The conference saw the participation of 500 delegates representing financial institutions,

regulators, market infrastructure experts, multinational corporations, and other industry professionals, to discuss the most pertinent issues concerning the nation's financial market.

79) What was the theme of the SWIFT India and South Asia Conference 2019 held in Mumbai recently ?

- 1) Theme – “Think equal, build smart, innovate for change”
- 2) Theme – “Act to change laws that Discriminate”
- 3) Theme – "Digitisation in transition: The future of innovation and cyber security"
- 4) Theme – “United Nations Promotes SDGs- Safe Ground- Safe Home”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – "Digitisation in transition: The future of innovation and cyber security"**

Explanation:

The SWIFT India and South Asia Conference was held successfully on 9 May 2019 at the St Regis Mumbai, Maharashtra. It was organized and hosted by SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication). The theme of the conference was "Digitisation in transition: The future of innovation and cyber security". The objective of the conference was to discuss these key issues with a specific focus on innovation and our preparedness to face challenges around cybersecurity.

80) Which city is set to host the 10th National Science Film Festival of India(NSFFI) in the year 2020 ?

- 1) Agartala, Tripura
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Agartala, Tripura**

Explanation:

10th National Science Film Festival of India (NSFFI) will be held in Agartala, Tripura in January-February 2020. This is for the second time the event will be held in a North-Eastern city. It will be jointly hosted by Vigyan Prasar of the Central Government, State Government, and Tripura Central University. The Chief Minister of the State Biplab Kumar Deb had requested the Union Science and Technology Minister to hold the NSFF in Tripura.

81) Which ministry has launched a song "Hawa Aane De" to spread awareness about Air pollution ahead of World Environment day 2019 ?

- 1) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- 2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
- 3) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 4) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)**

Explanation:

Ahead of the World Environment Day (WED) on 5th of June, Union Environment Ministry has launched the song “Hawa Aane De” to spread awareness about Air pollution. It was launched by Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), C K Mishra in the presence of actor Shekhar Suman and singer Shaan. Every year, on the occasion of WED, a celebration is held at Vigyan Bhawan.

82) Name the Indian lyricist, who penned the song "Hawa Aane De" to spread awareness about Air pollution recently .

- 1) Jaideep Sahni
- 2) Irshad Kamil

- 3) Rajendra Krishan
- 4) Swanand Kirkire
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Swanand Kirkire**

Explanation:

“Hawa Aane De” Song was produced by MoEFCC, in collaboration with Bhamla Foundation, Mumbai, as the theme song for WED 2019. It is written by Swanand Kirkire. It is sung by Shantanu Mukherjee, Kapil Sharma, Sunidhi Chauhan and Shankar Mahadevan. The film has been directed by Romanchak Arora.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1) Which of the following city has set a new Guinness World Record for the number of national flags raised in a city for 24 hours?

- 1) Abu Dhabi
- 2) Cairo
- 3) Beirut
- 4) Jerusalem
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Beirut**

Explanation:

Lebanon's capital Beirut has set a new Guinness World Record for the number of national flags raised in a city for 24 hours. The Beirut Alive Association in the national capital raised a total of 26,852 Lebanese flags breaking New York's Waterloo record of 25,599 flags.

2) Pakistan Air Force 's (PAF) retaliatory action against India on February 27 will be observed as _____?

- 1) Operation Maitri
- 2) Operation Blue Star
- 3) Operation Trishul
- 4) Operation Swift Retort
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Operation Swift Retort**

Explanation:

The Pakistan Air Force announced that they will observe its retaliatory action against India on February 27 against the Balakot strike of Indian Air Force as 'Operation Swift Retort'. The Indian air strikes at Balakot terror camp on February 26 was response of Pakistan based Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) attack by a suicide bomber in Pulwama that killed 40 CRPF jawans. In response to Indian attack, Pakistan Air Force (PAF) retaliated and captured IAF Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman who was released by Pakistan on March 1.

3) Who was designated as 'global terrorist' by 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) recently?

- 1) Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh
- 2) Masood Azhar
- 3) Mushtaq Ahmed Zargar
- 4) Rashid Rauf
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Masood Azhar**

Explanation:

The 1267 Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) designated Pakistan based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) leader Masood Azhar as a 'global terrorist' on May 1, 2019. This could be possible because China has lifted its technical hold on the proposal to blacklist

Masood Azhar. In earlier four instances, China had blocked the proposal to designate Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. This is a huge diplomatic win for India and also a symbolic victory towards the fight against terrorism. This time the proposal was moved by P3 countries (USA, France and United Kingdom), a permanent member to the United Nations Security Council (UNSC), on February 27, 2019 to designate Azhar as a global terrorist. This move was the response of deadly terror attack in Pulwama by Pakistan based militant group Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) which killed 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawans.

4) Which country's parliament has become the first national legislative body in the world to declare a Environment and Climate Emergency?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) United States
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) United Kingdom**

Explanation:

The UK Parliament becomes the first national government to pass an exemplary measure, that is, a national declaration of an Environment and Climate Emergency. This move marks a serious emergency in dealing with climate change. The declaration was preceded by a visit by teenage activist Greta Thunberg (to the Parliament), the feature of David Attenborough's documentary movie titled 'Climate Change: The Facts' and the 11-days of constant protest by an environmental group 'Extinction Rebellion'. Britain's opposition Labour Party called for this serious action.

5) Name the bill signed into a law recently by Russian President Vladimir Putin, in order to allow Russian authorities gain control over the Internet.

- 1) Internet Solitarity
- 2) Lone Internet
- 3) Sovereign Internet
- 4) Internet Control
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Sovereign Internet**

Explanation:

On 2 May 2019, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed into law a "sovereign internet" bill that will allow Russian authorities to isolate the country's internet to expand the Government Control of the Internet. This move is being publicly denounced by all rights groups in Russia and will lead to censorship over large parts of the Internet. The new move requires Internet providers to install equipment for routing Russian web traffic through servers in Russia which will allow the Russian intelligence agencies of state authorities to control public information. Roskomnadzor's chief (Roskomnadzor is Russia's chief media regulator), Aleksandr Zharov, notified that the measures would also target the Telegram app widely used by Russians. The text of the law was published on 1st May 2019 and will come into effect after November.

6) Where was the 16th Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue(ACD) held recently?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Doha, Qatar
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Doha, Qatar**

Explanation:

Asia Cooperation Dialogue's (ACD) 16th Ministerial Meeting was held in Doha, Qatar. Deputy Prime

Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, H E Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani headed the 2019 dialogue. The Indian delegation was led by Gen. (Dr) V.K. Singh (Retd), Minister of State for External Affairs. Before this, the Senior Officers' Meeting (SOM) was held on April 30 and attended by Mr. Manish, the Joint Secretary (South). Dr. V.K. Singh, in his address, expressed his grief for the terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka (on April 21, 2019) and focussed for the global community to adopt the UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (UNCCIT) efficiently.

7) What was the theme of 16th Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue held in Doha, Qatar?

- 1) "Future across the globe"
- 2) "Partners in Progress"
- 3) "Climate change & Food security"
- 4) "Citizen well-being & happiness"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) "Partners in Progress"

Explanation:

The 16th Ministerial Meeting of Asia Cooperation Dialogue held in Doha, Qatar with the theme 'Partners in Progress'. Dr. V.K. Singh, in his address, expressed his grief for the terrorist attacks in Sri Lanka (on April 21, 2019) and focussed for the global community to adopt the UN Comprehensive Convention on International Terrorism (UNCCIT) efficiently. By putting more stress on the theme "Partners in Progress", the minister brought into limelight India's desire to work collaboratively with all ACD Member States, in agreement with the Indian Government's approach of "Collective Efforts, Inclusive Growth". He emphasized the Member States in joining the International Solar Alliance that was launched in November 2015 to bring in energy security for sustainable development and poverty removal by in Asia by promoting renewable energy sources like solar and wind power.

8) Where was the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting 2019 held?

- 1) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- 4) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Explanation:

Nirmala Sitharaman, the current Defence Minister of India held a bilateral meeting with General Wei Fenghe, Honourable Defence Minister of China, in which they discussed regional and bilateral security issues. The meeting was held on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meet in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Nirmala Sitharaman was in Kyrgyzstan on a 3-day visit to attend the SCO meet and to hold bilateral meetings with the member-countries on the summit's sidelines. In the SCO ministerial meeting, the 8 member-states discussed on the different facets to raise cooperation to curb terrorism. The present SCO meeting is being held before the SCO summit, which would take place from 14th June to 15th June, 2019.

9) Which institute has launched a new initiative named Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GRVD)?

- 1) International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)
- 2) Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI)
- 3) Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)
- 4) Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI)

Explanation:

Stockholm International peace research institute (SIPRI) has launched a new initiative named Global Registry of Violent Deaths (GReVD) to establish the annual number of violent deaths worldwide. GReVD will count deaths caused by all forms of violence and display these in an open-source database and enable monitoring of progress on the world's commitment to 'significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere' by 2030 as set out in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)—Goal 16. The database will enable policymakers and researchers and the general public to track trends in violence at global, regional, national, provincial, city and municipal levels. GReVD will hold a single entry for every violent death, including perpetrator, time, location, victim and type of violence.

10) Where was the 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held recently?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Sydney, Australia
- 3) Mumbai, Australia
- 4) Canberra, Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Canberra, Australia**

Explanation:

The 11th meeting of the joint working group on counter-terrorism between India and Australia held at Canberra, Australia on May 2, 2019. Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary (Counter-Terrorism) led Indian delegation while Paul Foley, Australia's Ambassador for Counter Terrorism led Australian delegation for the meeting. The objective of this meeting is to discuss the counter-terrorism challenges which both countries are facing such as financing of terrorism, the use of the internet for terror purposes, radicalisation and foreign terrorist fighters. The Joint Working Group also agreed to further deepen counter-terrorism cooperation through mutual capacity building efforts, regular exchange of information, mutual legal assistance, regular exchange of information, sharing of best practices on counter-terrorism and radicalization.

11) Which country is set to host the 45th G7 summit in August, 2019?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Italy
- 3) France
- 4) Canada
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) France**

Explanation:

India will be invited to the G7 summit at Biarritz, France. France, which is the chair of the G-7 grouping has invited India to the summit scheduled for August 24-26, 2019 where discussions will be focused on combating inequality. The group consists of US, UK, Canada, France, Germany, Japan and Italy.

12) Where was the G7 Environment Ministers Meeting held to discuss about climate crisis?

- 1) Rome, Italy
- 2) Metz, France
- 3) Ottawa, Canada
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Metz, France**

Explanation:

The G7's (Group of Seven) Environment Ministers from Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States gathered for a 2-day meeting in Metz, France to discuss on steps required to handle deforestation, plastic pollution, depletion of coral reefs and ways to build pacts between the countries in

order to achieve the target. IMF (International Monetary Fund) notified that the G7 nations have the 7 largest advanced economies globally, thus representing 58% of the net global wealth which amounts to 317 \$ trillion. The G7 countries also represent more than 46% of the global GDP (Gross Domestic Product) based on nominal values, and more than 32% of the global GDP based on purchasing power parity.

13) Which country's parliament has approved a constitutional reform to remove the post of prime minister recently?

- 1) Mali
- 2) Ivory Coast
- 3) Nigeria
- 4) Senegal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Senegal**

Explanation:

In the very first initiative of President Macky Sall's 2nd term in office, Senegalese parliament has approved a constitutional reform to remove the post of prime minister. The motion was passed with 124 MPs (member of parliament) voting in favour of the motion, while 7 MPs voting against the motion. The parliament also supported the legislative alterations, whose prime objective was to prevent the president from dissolving the National Assembly. In doing so, it could no longer raise a motion of no confidence against the government. The Opposition parties have rejected the constitutional alterations.

14) Who is the Prime Minister of Mali, succeeding Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga, who resigned after Ogossagou massacre?

- 1) Boubou Cisse
- 2) Modibo Keita
- 3) Moussa Mara
- 4) Oumar Tatam Ly
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Boubou Cisse**

Explanation:

Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, Mali's president named a new government comprising of 37 members to oversee the formation of a "broad-based" government, under Prime Minister Boubou Cisse, after his predecessor Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga resigned in April. Maiga and his entire cabinet ministry had resigned amid the massacre of over 160 members of the Fulani herding community in Ogossagou village (near Mali's border) with Burkina Faso. Thousands of grieving commoners took to the streets on 5th April, 2019 to protest against the rising violence that killed 600 people. Prime Minister Boubou Cisse had signed an agreement declaring his agreement for setting up a politically-inclusive new government, with the opposition and majority party representatives, in Bamako.

15) Where was the 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting held?

- 1) Lappi Areena, Rovaniemi, Finland
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- 3) Bergen, Oslo, Norway
- 4) Nacka, Stockholm, Sweden
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Lappi Areena, Rovaniemi, Finland**

Explanation:

On May 7, 2019, Finland held the 11th Arctic Council Ministerial Meeting in Lappi Areena, Rovaniemi, Finland. The dignitaries from the 8 Arctic States had approved the work completed under the 2-year Finnish Chairmanship to enhance sustainable development and environmental conservation in the Arctic region. The Arctic States were joined by delegates from the Arctic Council's Permanent Participant

organizations, the heads of the 6 Working Groups, and Observers. Arctic States concluded the Arctic Council Ministerial meeting by signing a joint agreement as the Arctic Council Ministers meet, passed the Chairmanship from Finland to Iceland.

16) Which country was re-elected as an observer to Arctic Council?

- 1) Russia
- 2) U.S.
- 3) India
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India**

Explanation:

India was re-elected as an Observer to Arctic Council and India committed to contributing more to Arctic Council. India had received the Observer status in 2013 during the Kiruna Ministerial meeting in Sweden. Since the year 2008, India has its Arctic research station, termed as 'Himadri' in Svalbard, Norway.

17) Qantas Airways of which country has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight named 'QF739'?

1. Australia
2. United States
3. Germany
4. Russia
5. None of these

Answer- **1. Australia**

Explanation:-

Recently, the Australian flight carrier, Qantas has operated world's first zero waste commercial flight named QF739 from Sydney to Adelaide which disposed all waste through compost, reuse or recycle. This airline has substituted over 1000 single-use plastic items with more environment friendly items which has helped airline to achieve zero-waste during commercial flight.

18) Name the Indian airport, which has ranked 8th among the top 10 Best Airport's in the World, as per the survey by Air Help.

- 1) Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport, Mumbai
- 2) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
- 3) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
- 4) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad**

Explanation:

In a survey conducted by Air Help, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport of Hyderabad has been ranked as the world's 8th Best Airport. The airports were rated on the basis of time performance, service quality and food & shopping options. AirHelp is an organization which is specialized in air traveler rights and seeks compensation in cases of delays or cancellations of flights.

19) Hamad International Airport topped in the best airport in the world survey conducted by Air Help. It is located in which country?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Greece
- 3) Qatar
- 4) Brazil
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Qatar

Explanation:

10 Best Airports of 2019:

1. Hamad International Airport, Qatar (DOH)
2. Tokyo International Airport, Japan (HND)
3. Athens International Airport, Greece (ATH)
4. Afonso Pena International Airport, Brazil (CWB)
5. Gdansk Lech Wasa Airport, Poland (GDN)
6. Sheremetyevo International Airport, Russia (SVO)
7. Changi Airport Singapore, Singapore (SIN)
8. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, India (HYD)
9. Tenerife North Airport, Spain (TFN)
10. Viracopos/Campinas International Airport, Brazil (VCP)

20) Name the exercise, in which Indian Naval Ships, INS Kolkata & INS Shakti participated along with the ships of Japan, Philippines and US, that held in South China Sea.

- 1) Corpat
- 2) Varuna
- 3) Konkan
- 4) Group Sail
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Group Sail

Explanation:

Guided Missile Destroyer, INS Kolkata and Fleet Support Ship, INS Shakti participated in 'Group Sail' exercise with Helicopter Carrier JMSDF Izumo & Guided Missile Destroyer JMSDF Murasame of Japan; Frigate BRP Andres Bonifacio of Philippines and Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer USS Williams P Lawrence of the USA in the disputed South China Sea. This was 6-day long group sail exercise from May 3 to May 9 and objective was to deepen the existing partnership and foster mutual understanding among navies of friendly countries.

21) Which country is set to host the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)'s Ocean Conference in the year 2020 ?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Lisbon, Portugal
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Lisbon, Portugal

Explanation:

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has decided to hold Ocean Conference 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal from June 2 to 6, 2020. The objective of this conference is to support the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG 14) which stated as to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

22) What will be the theme of the Ocean Conference 2020?

- 1) Theme – “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”
- 2) Theme – “To Create and bring around a Transformational leadership for Individuals and industry”
- 3) Theme – “Harnessing the power of technology in Healthcare”
- 4) Theme – “To finalize the strategy and questionnaire for the Census 2021”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions”

Explanation:

United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has decided to hold Ocean Conference 2020 in Lisbon, Portugal from June 2 to 6, 2020 with a theme of “Scaling up ocean action based on science and innovation for the implementation of Goal 14: stocktaking, partnerships and solutions.” To support this conference, the resolution was adopted by the 80th plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) 73rd session.

23) Name the rare disease caused by the virus, that was first time affected in Singapore.

- 1) Sheep Pox
- 2) Horse Pox
- 3) Cow Pox
- 4) Monkey Pox
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Monkey Pox

Explanation:

Singapore, for the first time, has detected a case with the rare monkey pox virus which was brought in by a Nigerian man. He thought to have got this rare virus by eating bushmeat. Monkey pox is a rare disease caused by the virus that is transmitted from animals, such as rodents and monkeys (through the hunting and consumption of bush meat), to humans. It is usually found in the central and western parts of Africa's tropical rainforest. Symptoms of the disease are lesions, fever, muscle ache and chills. At least 23 persons have been traced and they were in the close contact of the infected Nigerian.

24) Which country has released first of its kind “Global Health Security Strategy” in order to prevent, detect and respond to threats from infectious diseases?

- 1) India
- 2) Japan
- 3) United States
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) United States

Explanation:

The US government has released first of its kind “Global Health Security Strategy”. The objective is to prevent, detect and respond to threats from infectious diseases occurring naturally or accidentally and make efforts to help improve the world's ability to stop and contain deadly outbreaks before they spread to other countries. The “Global Health Security Strategy” focuses mainly on three interrelated goals: To strengthen partner country global health security capacities. To increase international support for global health security. Prepare and resilient against the global health threats.

25) What is the name of the world's fastest bullet train that is tested by Japan recently?

- 1) ALFA-X
- 2) Renfe AVE
- 3) Korail KTX
- 4) Maglev
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) ALFA-X

Explanation:

Japan has begun testing the ALFA-X version of its fastest-ever Shinkansen bullet train that could reach 400 km per hour (249 mph). The bullet train ALFA-X (Advanced Labs for Frontline Activity in Rail Experimentation) is scheduled to start its service in 2030, when, rail company JR East would operate it at 360 kilometres per hour (224 mph). This speed will make it 10 kph faster than China's Fuxing Hao,

which links Beijing and Shanghai and operates at the same top speed. This would make ALFA-X, the world's fastest bullet train. The ALFA-X's futuristic design features 10 cars and a sleek pointed nose. The bullet train will be tested (after midnight, when the line is quiet) twice a week on the line between Sendai and Aomori, 2 Japanese cities, which are 280 kilometres apart.

26) _____ edition of the Venice Biennale has started in Italy recently?

- 1) 55th
 - 2) 50th
 - 3) 58th
 - 4) 60th
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) 58th**

Explanation:

After a long gap of 8 years, India has again marked its presence at the 58th Venice Biennale, Italy which will be held from 11th May till 24th November 2019 (6 month's period). The title of the exhibition is "May You Live In Interesting Times". It is curated by Ralph Rugoff.

27) What is the theme of the Indian Pavillion in the 58th Venice Biennale that has started in Italy?

- 1) Theme – "150 years of Mahatma Gandhi"
 - 2) Theme – "The Queen of the Adriatic"
 - 3) Theme – "Everyone Agrees: It's About To Explode"
 - 4) Theme – "Our Time for Future Caring"
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) Theme – "150 years of Mahatma Gandhi"**

Explanation:

Venice Biennale was organized by the Venice Biennale foundation, chaired by Paolo Baratta and focuses on contemporary art, contemporary dance, architecture, cinema, and theatre. India's debut at the biennale happened in 2011 with 'Everyone Agrees: It's About To Explode', curated by Ranjit Hoskote. This was nearly 116 years after the event first started. The theme for Indian Pavillion is "150 years of Mahatma Gandhi" while India's exhibition title is "Our Time for Future Caring" curated by Roobina Karode. It has been laid down by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

28) Where was the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14) held?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

In Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG) Geneva, Switzerland, the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14), the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Rotterdam Convention (RC COP-9) and the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Stockholm Convention (SC COP-9) held from April 29 to May 10, 2019.

29) What was the theme of the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14) that held in Geneva, Switzerland?

- 1) Theme – "Prevention, minimization and sound management of chemicals"
- 2) Theme – "A future detoxified: sound management of chemicals and waste"
- 3) Theme – "Prevention, minimization and recovery of wastes"
- 4) Theme – "Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste"

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste”**

Explanation:

In Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG) Geneva, Switzerland, the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14) held. The theme of the meeting was “Clean Planet, Healthy People: Sound Management of Chemicals and Waste”.

30) Which country has refused to take part in the pledge to restrict the global plastic waste?

- 1) United States
- 2) Russia
- 3) Japan
- 4) United Kingdom
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) United States**

Explanation:

In the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Basel Convention (BC COP-14), 187 countries pledge to restrict the global plastic waste but United States has refused to take part in this pledge.

31) Who has led the Indian delegation during an official visit to Vietnam to enhance bilateral ties?

- 1) Sushma Swaraj
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) M Venkaiah Naidu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) M Venkaiah Naidu**

Explanation:

In order to improve upon India’s strategic collaborative relationship with Vietnam, M Venkaiah Naidu, India’s Vice President went on a 4-day official visit to the Southeast Asian nation. He was invited by H.E. Ms. Dang Thi Ngoc Thinh, Vice President of Vietnam.

32) Where was the 16th United Nations Day of Vesak held?

- 1) Laos
- 2) Cambodia
- 3) Vietnam
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Vietnam**

Explanation:

M Venkaiah Naidu held talks with the Vietnamese leaders and participated in the 16th United Nations Day of Vesak at Tam Chuc pagoda in Ha Nam, Vietnam’s northern province. This event globally attracted around 10,000 Buddhist followers, 1,500 religious dignitaries, researchers and scientists. Vesak, considered sacred to Buddhists, is celebrated to commemorate the birth of Buddha, His gaining of enlightenment and his demise. M Venkaiah Naidu’s participation at the event would strengthen the relation between the Indian and Buddhist communities globally.

33) Where was the 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR ?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Vienna, Austria
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Geneva, Switzerland
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) has started in Geneva, Switzerland from 13th May to 17 May 2019 and is co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR. The Science and Policy Forum for the Implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) will be summoned in parallel with the Global Platform for DRR 2019.

34) What is the theme of 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019)?

- 1) Theme – “Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies”
- 2) Theme – “Globalization towards Occupational Health and Safety”
- 3) Theme – “Optimize Applications. Transform the Business. Drive Growth”
- 4) Theme – “Reimagining the Knowledge Enterprise”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies”

Explanation:

The 6th Session of the biennial Global Platform for (DDR) Disaster Risk Reduction (GP2019) has started in Geneva, Switzerland from 13th May to 17 May 2019 and is co-chaired by Switzerland and UNISDR. The session is summoned under the theme, ‘Resilience Dividend: Towards Sustainable and Inclusive Societies’. The agenda of the session is to represent the next key opportunity for the international community to enhance the implementation of the Sendai Framework, related Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, and commitments of the Paris Climate Agreement. The session has been hosted by Switzerland’s Government and has been summoned and organized by the UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR).

35) Which country is set to co-chair the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) 2020?

- 1) U.S.
- 2) India
- 3) Germany
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) India

Explanation:

For the fiscal year 2020 (FY20), India was chosen as the Co-chair of the Consultative Group (CG) of Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) during the session of the GFDRR in Geneva, Switzerland. India expressed its interest to co-chair the meet, at the 5th session of GFDRR held in October 2018. India became a Member of the Consultative Group (CG) of GFDRR in 2015 and this will be India’s 1st time in co-chairing the CG meeting of GFDRR which will, in turn, help India in working with the member countries and organisations in advancing the disaster risk reduction agenda during its tenure.

36) Where was the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations held recently?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Tokyo, Japan
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Beijing, China

Explanation:

The opening ceremony of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations was held in the China National Convention Center, Beijing, where Xi Jinping, Chinese President delivered a keynote speech. The Forum on Global Influence of Asian Civilizations is 1 of the 6 parallel forums of the “Conference of

Dialogue on Asian Civilizations".The Forum on Global Influence of Asian Civilizations is organized by the National Radio and Television Administration of the People's Republic of China.

37) What was the theme of the Global Influence of Asian Civilizations forum?

- 1) Theme – "Good Governance – Focus on Aspirational Districts"
- 2) Theme – "Building consensus for fair and sustainable development"
- 3) Theme – "Addressing the Critical Challenges of Our Time: Interdependence, Mutual Prosperity, and Universal Values"
- 4) Theme – "Asian Values for the World"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – "Asian Values for the World"**

Explanation:

The opening ceremony of the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations was held in the China National Convention Center, Beijing, where Xi Jinping, Chinese President delivered a keynote speech. The representatives from 47 Asian and other invited countries attended the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilizations event. The theme of the forum was "Asian Values for the World" where the speakers discussed the rich and contemporary values of Asian civilizations. A supporting activity termed as the "Dialogue on Asian Internet Audio-Visual Broadcasting Policy and Release of Cooperation Results," will be held in line with the forum.

38) Where was the multilateral maritime security field exercise, Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) held?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Singapore
- 3) U.S.
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Singapore**

Explanation:

A multilateral maritime security field exercise has concluded in Singapore on May 13 after the completion of its sea phase. Singapore's Ministry of Defence announced the conclusion of the sea phase of the exercise conducted under the Asean Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) grouping. The ADMM-Plus comprises the 10 Asean countries as well as Australia, China, Japan, India, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia and the United States.

39) Which country has become the second country in the world after UK to declare 'climate emergency' ?

- 1) Russia
- 2) U.S.
- 3) Ireland
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ireland**

Explanation:

Ireland becomes second country in the world after UK to declare 'climate emergency'.The country's climate action minister, Richard Bruton, warned climate change was the greatest threat facing humanity and the level of urgency was justified. An amendment to a parliamentary report declaring a "climate emergency" and calling on parliament "to examine how (the Irish government) can improve its response to the issue of biodiversity loss" was accepted without a vote late Thursday. Irish Green Party leader Eamon Ryan, who moved the amendment, called the decision "historic".

40) As per the Mint Globetrotter Index, which city topped the index and became the most expensive city?

- 1) Amsterdam
- 2) Cape Town
- 3) Bali
- 4) Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Amsterdam

Explanation:

The Mint Globetrotter Index was prepared by Mint's data partner Howindialives.com which is a database and search engine for public data that took into account 25 essential spends in total, ranging from multifarious categories, namely, accommodation, shopping, leisure, market and food and came up with an index which would help general public to travel well-informed. Amsterdam is the most expensive city on the index, whereas Bali is the 9th cheapest. Cape Town, the oldest city in South Africa ranked 16 on the overall index and is 47% costlier than Delhi. Dubai is much more costlier than Delhi and ranks 24 on the overall cost index. The cost profile of Lagos is very similar to that of India and ranks 5th on the index and is the cheapest in the category.

41) Name the initiative that is joined by several nations including India in Paris, to fight against online terrorism and extremism and make the internet secure.

- 1) 'Call to ban terrorism'
- 2) 'Call for action against terrorism and extremism'
- 3) 'Christchurch call to action'
- 4) 'Abolish terrorism'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 'Christchurch call to action'

Explanation:

India joined France, New Zealand, Canada and several other nations in launching a key initiative, termed 'Christchurch call to action' in Paris to fight against online terrorism and extremism and make the internet secure. The initiative was termed after 51 people were killed (on 15th March, 2019) in an attack on mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand and the video of which went viral. The initiative was headed by New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and France's President Emmanuel Macron. The objective of the initiative is to assemble collective efforts to globally secure the internet from terror groups as the internet is no more immune to abuse by terrorist and violent extremist actors.

42) Name the country, which has attained 'Observer' status in CTBTO (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation) and also got access to its International Monitoring System (IMS) data.

- 1) Russia
- 2) Australia
- 3) U.S.
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

CTBTO (The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation) has offered India an 'Observer' status and access to the International Monitoring System (IMS) data. CTBT is a global treaty that runs IMS which constantly monitors the Earth for nuclear explosions and shares evaluative findings with its member states. CTBTO's headquarters is in Vienna, Austria. Currently, IMS has 337 facilities, located in 89 nations. In 1996, CTBT was opened for signature after being adopted by the UN General Assembly. India wants CTBT to have a clause on complete nuclear disarmament and didn't yet sign the treaty as CTBT favours 5 nuclear weapon states, namely, China, US, Russia, France and UK.

43) Which country has become the first in Asia, to legalise same-sex marriage?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Taiwan
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Taiwan

Explanation:

For the first time in Asia, Taiwan's parliament legalised same-sex marriage, as lawmakers passed a bill permitting same-sex couples to form 'exclusive permanent unions' which would let them apply for a 'marriage registration' (under Clause Four) with government agencies. In 2017, Taiwan's constitutional court ruled that same-sex couples had the right to legally marry, but also notified that Taiwan had 2 years to make necessary changes to the law. The vote took place on the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia, that is on 17th May, 2019. Taiwan has been 1 of the most progressive societies in Asia for gay rights, in the last 10 years. Taiwan had staged Asia's biggest annual gay pride parade. The only places in the broader Asia-Pacific region to have passed gay marriage laws are Australia and New Zealand.

44) Name the Maritime Exercise between Singapore and India that held in Singapore recently.

- 1) SIMBEX
- 2) Varuna
- 3) INDRA NAV
- 4) SLINEX
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) SIMBEX

Explanation:

INS Kolkata (being designed and built in India, it is an advanced stealth destroyer capable of engaging multiple threats from the air, sea and underwater) and INS Shakti (is a fleet support ship that provides fuel, provisions and munitions to warships at sea), the 2 warships of the Indian Navy participated in a 3-day Asia Pacific naval and maritime event titled the International Maritime Defence Exhibition Asia (IMDEX Asia-2019) (it commenced on May 14, 2019) held in Changi Exhibition Centre, Singapore. After IMDEX, Indian Naval ships together with an Indian Navy surveillance aircraft P8I have participated in the 26th edition of Singapore India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX).

45) Which country's people is seeking help to reduce their alcohol intake, as per the 8th edition of Global Drug Survey 2019?

- 1) Thailand
- 2) India
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) India

Explanation:

According to the 8th edition of Global Drug Survey (GDS) 2019, Indians are seeking help more than any other countries to reduce their alcohol intake. The survey was conducted online in between October and December 2018. Around 1,00,000 respondents from 30 countries have participated in the online survey. People participated from India are mostly male (age 25 to 34 years). GDS is an independent research organization based in London, UK. Indians are reported drunk on an average of 41 times in the last 1 year which is well behind countries like UK, US, Canada, Australia and Denmark which have an average of 33 times in the last 1 year.

46) Name the scheme launched by Government of Saudi Arabia for the first time to give permanent residency to certain expatriates by allowing them to own real estates.

- 1) "Privileged Maja"
- 2) "Privileged Talo"
- 3) "Privileged Huis"
- 4) "Privileged Iqama"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) "Privileged Iqama"

Explanation:

On May 15, 2019, for the first time, the Cabinet of Saudi Arabia approved to give permanent residency to certain expatriates by allowing them to own real estates. They are eligible to reside with their families without a Saudi sponsor (Kafeel). This new system is named as the "Privileged Iqama". This is aimed to attract the long term investments in order to boost domestic spending. The owned residence under the "Privileged Iqama" system can be renewed annually. The newly adopted scheme will boost the growth in private sector and increase the employment opportunities in Saudi Arabia. This scheme is benefitted to the highly skilled expatriates and owners of capital funds. The scheme is commonly called as the Saudi Green Card. Three years ago, this was announced for the first time by the Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman as a part of Vision 2030 plan.

47) Which country has blocked all language editions of Wikipedia?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) India
- 3) China
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) China

Explanation:

According to a report by the Open Observatory of Network Interference (OONI), China started blocking all language editions of Wikipedia last month. Previously, most editions of Wikipedia—besides the Chinese language version, which was reportedly blocked in 2015—were available, OONI said in their report. Beijing has broadened its block of online encyclopedia Wikipedia to include all language editions, an internet censorship research group reported just weeks ahead of China's most politically explosive anniversary.

48) As per Israel proposal, which country has been selected as the focus country in Jerusalem Film Festival, 2020?

- 1) India
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

Indian Delegation led by Amit Khare, I&B Secretary met Film Commissioners of participating countries at Cannes Film Festival. The Delegation further met Eti Cohen, Director of Film Department and Council, Ministry of Culture and Sports, Israel. During the meeting, Israel proposed India to be the focus country in Jerusalem Film Festival, 2020. The buzz created by the Hindi movie Newton in Israel was also highlighted by the Israeli Delegation. Israel also proposed the idea of making concept based films in India, with a focus on regional and small budget films.

49) Which country has launched new initiative named 'Merit-Based Immigration System' for permanent legal residency?

- 1) Russia
- 2) United States
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) United Arab Emirates
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) United States

Explanation:

US President Donald Trump in an announcement in Rose Garden speech, unveiled a new 'Merit-Based Immigration System'. This is a point based system for professionals where skills of the people will be preferred for permanent residency against the current country based quotas which requires family ties for green cards. It will replace the existing green cards with 'Build America' visa. Under the new plan, 57% of the proportion of green cards or lawful permanent residence status will be given to people with skill-based visas as against the present rate at 12%. In addition to this, immigrants are required learn English and pass a civics exam prior to admission.

50) TAPI pipeline was in news recently, what does A stands for _____?

- 1) Albania
- 2) Algeria
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) Angola
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Afghanistan

Explanation:

A refers to Afghanistan in TAPI pipeline, Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI). TAPI was in news recently because the gas pipeline meeting was held recently.

51) Where was the TAPI (Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India) gas pipeline meeting held recently?

- 1) Islamabad, Pakistan
- 2) Ashgabat, Turkmenistan
- 3) Kabul, Afghanistan
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Explanation:

The Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) gas pipeline meeting was held in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. The Pakistani delegation led by Special Assistant to Prime Minister Imran Khan on Petroleum, Nadeem Babar attended the meet to finalize the groundbreaking of the project, which will be held in Pakistan in October, 2019.

52) Which country topped in the Kids Right Index 2019, released by Kids Right Foundation recently?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Iceland
- 3) United States
- 4) Portugal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Iceland

Explanation:

Recently, the annual global index named Kids Right Index has ranked countries on the basis of how much they adhere to and are equipped to improve child rights. Iceland topped the ranking followed by Portugal.

53) What is the rank of India, in the Kids Right Index 2019 released by Kids Right Foundation?

- 1) 115
 - 2) 116
 - 3) 118
 - 4) 117
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) 117

Explanation:

Recently, the annual global index named Kids Right Index has ranked countries on the basis of how much they adhere to and are equipped to improve child rights. India ranked 117th out of 181 countries and Iceland topped the ranking followed by Portugal.

54) Which country has launched a permanent residency scheme to grant permanent residency to investors and exceptional doctors, engineers, scientists and artists?

- 1) United Arab Emirates(UAE)
 - 2) Qatar
 - 3) Oman
 - 4) Kuwait
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 1) United Arab Emirates(UAE)

Explanation:

The United Arab Emirates has launched 'golden card' permanent residency scheme to woo wealthy investors and exceptional talents such as doctors, engineers, scientists, students, and artist. This move can attract Indian professionals and businessmen to UAE and total 6,800 people will get the benefit of the scheme under the first round of applications. The program was launched by UAE Prime Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al-Maktoum.

55) Where was the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting 2019 held recently ?

- 1) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
 - 2) New Delhi, India
 - 3) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan(Kyrgyz Republic)
 - 4) Beijing, China
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 3) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (Kyrgyz Republic)

Explanation:

The meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) held in Bishkek, the Kyrgyzstan Republic on May 21-22, 2019. This was India's second meeting of Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) after becoming a full member of SCO. The last meeting of CFM was held in Beijing, China on April 23-24, 2018. The next SCO summit will be held in Bishkek, the Kyrgyz Republic on June 13-14, 2019. The purpose of the meeting of CFM was to review the preparations for the forthcoming SCO Summit in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic. India delegation was led by External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj. India and Kyrgyzstan also hold bilateral meetings on the sideline of CFM meeting of SCO.

56) US State Department has agreed to sell, air-defense missiles worth over USD 600 million to which of the following countries?

- 1) Japan

- 2) South Korea
- 3) North Korea
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 1 & 3

Answer - 4) Both 1 & 2

Explanation:

US State Department has approved to sell air-defense missiles for the worth of more than USD 600 million to Japan and South Korea. This approval was the result of rising tension with North Korea when a pair of the missile was tested by North Korea last week. US government has approved the sale of 94 SM-2 Block IIIB surface-to-air missile (SAM) interceptors used by ships against air threats along with 12 guidance systems for a total cost of USD 313.9 million to South Korea. US government has also approved the sale of 160 AIM-120C-7 Advanced Medium Range Air-to-Air Missiles (AMRAAM), and one AIM-120C-7 AMRAAM guidance section to Japan for USD 317 million.

57) Name the first of its kind naval exercise, which has participants from four countries viz the United States, Japan, South Korea and Australia that held near Guam, United States .

- 1) Pacific Vanguard
- 2) Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC)
- 3) Sahyog-Hyeoblyeog
- 4) Naseem-Al-Bahr (Sea Breeze)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pacific Vanguard

Explanation:

The four countries US, Japan, South Korea, and Australia have kicked off first-of-its-kind Pacific Vanguard Naval Exercise near Guam, U.S. island territory in Micronesia. In naval drills, more than 3,000 sailors from four countries have participated and the naval exercise has focused on live-fire exercises, defensive counter-air operations, anti-submarine warfare, and replenishment at sea. Australian Navy has participated in the exercise with its two frigates, HMAS Melbourne and HMAS Parramatta. Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force participated with JS Ariake and JS Asahi and South Korea participated with ROKS Wang Geon.

58) Which of the following countries were declared as the malaria-free countries by World Health Organization (WHO) recently ?

- i. Libya
 - ii. Algeria
 - iii. Argentina
 - iv. Sudan
- 1) Option i & iii
 - 2) Option ii & iii
 - 3) Option iii & iv
 - 4) Option i & iv
 - 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Option ii & iii

Explanation:

World Health Organization has officially declared Algeria and Argentina as malaria-free countries after recording no new cases for more than three years. Now, the numbers of malaria-free countries increased to 38 from 36. Argentina reported the last indigenous case in 2010 while in Algeria it was reported in 2013. In the 1960s, there were 80,000 cases a year in Algeria which dropped to 28,000 in 2000. Algeria is the second African nation to have eliminated the disease after Mauritius which achieved the goal in 1973. It is only in Algeria, where the malaria parasite was discovered by French physician Dr. Charles Louis Alphonse Laveran in 1880. Malaria is a parasitic disease transmitted through the bite of female Anopheles mosquitoes.

59) Where was the second Urban 20 (U20) Mayors summit held?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Berlin, Germany
- 4) Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tokyo, Japan**

Explanation:

The second Urban 20 (U20) Mayors summit was held in Tokyo, the capital city of Japan from May 20 to May 22, 2019.

60) What was the theme of the second Urban 20 (U20) Mayors summit ?

- 1) Theme – “Localizing the Post 2015 development Agenda”
- 2) Theme – “SDG 11 on Sustainable Cities and Human Settlements”
- 3) Theme – “Climate Action, Circular Economy, Social Inclusion and Integration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Gender Equality”
- 4) Theme – “Global Taskforce of Local and Regional Governments in the Habitat III process”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Climate Action, Circular Economy, Social Inclusion and Integration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Gender Equality”**

Explanation:

The themes of the summit were Climate Action, Circular Economy, Social Inclusion and Integration, Sustainable Economic Growth and Gender Equality. The U20 Mayors summit takes place one month ahead of the G20 summit which is to be held in Osaka, Japan.

61) Where was the 2nd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Mass Media Forum held recently ?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

Explanation:

Indian delegation participated in 2nd Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Mass Media Forum at Bishkek in Kyrgyzstan. It is a 4 day forum inaugurated by the President of Kyrgyz Republic, S. Jeenbeko held from May 23-26 May, 2019. The Indian delegation was represented by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting which included TVK Reddy, Addl. Director General and Ankur Lahoty, Asst. Director. The main aim is to strengthen the exchange and cooperation in the field of mass media amongst SCO countries. Indian Delegation featured the vital role of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in the development of the mass media landscape within the country. The SCO Member States adopted the Resolution of Media Forum which calls for establishing successful collaborations of Mass Media Organizations of the SCO member Countries. The Delegation invited all the SCO member delegates to the Golden Jubilee edition of International Film Festival of India to be held in Goa in November 2019.

62) Which Organization, has introduced a new strategy to prevent and control snakebite envenoming ?

- 1) World Health Organisation (WHO)
- 2) United Nations (UN)
- 3) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 4) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) World Health Organisation (WHO)

Explanation:

World Health Organisation (WHO) in its report, introduced a new strategy to prevent and control snakebite envenoming, a neglected tropical disease which affects 1.8 to 2.7 million people every year and 81,000 to 1,38,000 people died. The objective of this strategy is to halve the numbers of deaths and cases of disability due to snake envenoming over the next 12 years. This new strategy unveiled by WHO was developed by a 28-member panel of global experts in consultation with WHO regional offices, the scientific and research community, health foundations, advocacy groups and other stakeholders. The impact of snake venom is very serious. It can cause paralysis that stops breathing, bleeding disorders, irreversible kidney failure and tissue damage that can cause permanent disability and limb loss. According to WHO reports, the most affected people with snakebites are living in the world's tropical and poorest regions, and children are worse affected due to their smaller body size.

63) Name the country, which is using CFC-11 or Trichlorofluoromethane, a banned Ozone-Depleting chemical against 1987 Montreal Protocol .

- 1) Malaysia
- 2) Japan
- 3) China
- 4) Pakistan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) China

Explanation:

China has been using CFC-11 or Trichlorofluoromethane, a banned Ozone-Depleting chemical. This was published in the journal Nature. It is against the 1987 Montreal Protocol. As per the study released in May 2018, emissions of CFC-11 were on the rise since 2013. It witnessed 25% since 2012. Between 2008 and 2012, eastern China emitted an average of about 6,400 metric tonnes of CFC-11 per annum and it was increased to 13,400 metric tonnes per annum from 2014 to 2017. China is the world's largest polyurethane foam market. According to UK-based Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), the Chinese foam manufacturers have been using CFC-11 illegally to save on the higher cost of alternatives such as hydrochloro-fluorocarbons like HCFC-141b and factories in Shandong province were still making and using gas to manufacture foam insulation.

64) Which country is set to host World Leaders Conference to Combat Anti-Semitism in October 2020?

- 1) India
- 2) Sweden
- 3) Russia
- 4) U.S.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sweden

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, Swedish Prime Minister Stefan Lofven announced that Sweden will host an International Conference against Anti-Semitism in memory of the Holocaust in October 2020. It will be held in Malmo, Southern Sweden, on October 27 and 28, 20 years after the Declaration of the Stockholm International Forum on the Holocaust and 75 years after the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp.

65) Where was the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) inter-sessional meeting held ?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Bangkok, Thailand

- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bangkok, Thailand**

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) inter-sessional meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand. The officials from 16 countries which included the 10-member ASEAN, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and India participated in this meeting. China is the largest producer and exporter of aluminum products. Copper and Aluminum associates are of the opinion that if India reduces import duties to 0%, it will lead to Chinese goods being dumped into Indian markets. As a result, it will lead to the immediate closure of small-scale units.

66) What is the rank of India in mobile speeds as per Ookla's Speedtest Global Index for April 2019 ?

- 1) 121
- 2) 120
- 3) 125
- 4) 123
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 121**

Explanation:

On May 27, 2019, In Speedtest Global Index for April 2019 published by Ookla, India's mobile internet speeds fell for the month April 2019. It was ranked 121 in mobile speeds and 68 in fixed broadband speeds. As per the report, India has maintained its position in fixed broadband with the average download speeds of 29.25 Mbps but the mobile speeds declined and the average download speed was 10.71 Mbps. In 2018, India was ranked 67 for fixed broadband speeds and 109 for mobile internet speeds.

67) Where was the India and China Industry Cooperation Forum held recently?

- 1) Guizhou, China
- 2) Mumbai, India
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Guizhou, China**

Explanation:

On May 27, 2019, India and China Industry Cooperation Forum was held in Guizhou, China. The objective was to create a new chapter in India-China cooperation in the new era of the digital transition. The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has also opened an Information Technology (IT) corridor for the purpose of better exchanges between two countries in the IT sector. The idea is also to help Indian companies especially small and medium enterprises to connect with China businesses looking for partners in IT sector.

68) Which country has been elected to the Executive Board of first UN-Habitat Assembly?

- 1) Japan
- 2) India
- 3) Russia
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) India**

Explanation:

On May 26, 2019, The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs announced that India has been elected to the Executive Board of the first UN-Habitat Assembly at the Plenary Session of the Assembly held in

Nairobi, Kenya.

69) What is the theme UN-Habitat Assembly 2019?

- 1) "Harnessing the power of technology in Healthcare"
- 2) "Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future"
- 3) "Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities"
- 4) "Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) "Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities"

Explanation:

The theme for UN-Habitat Assembly is "Innovation for Better Quality of Life in Cities and Communities". The event was inaugurated by Kenya's President Uhuru Kenyatta. ii. This is the first session of UN-Habitat Assembly held at Nairobi, Kenya, its headquarters. It began on May 27 and will conclude on May 31, 2019.

70) Where was the 72nd session of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Health Assembly held ?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Washington D.C., U.S
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Geneva, Switzerland

Explanation:

The 72nd session of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Health Assembly held in Geneva, Switzerland from May 20 to 28, 2019. The World Health Assembly was attended by delegations from all 194 World Health Organisation (WHO) Member states. The main focus of the session is on a specific health agenda prepared by the Executive Board.

71) What was the theme of the 72nd session of the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s World Health Assembly ?

- 1) Theme – "Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities"
- 2) Theme – "Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future"
- 3) Theme – "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind"
- 4) Theme – "Harnessing the power of technology in Healthcare"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind"

Explanation:

The theme of this year is "Universal Health Coverage: Leaving no one behind". WHO appointed four new goodwill ambassadors for promoting global health. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf – He was former President of Liberia. Cynthia Germanotta – She is President of "Born This Way Foundation" Alisson Becker – He is the goalkeeper of the Brazilian and Liverpool football team Natalia Loewe Becker – She is a medical doctor and health advocate from Brazil.

72) Which country topped the World Competitiveness Rankings 2019 released by IMD (Institute for Management Development)?

- 1) Singapore
- 2) United States
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) UAE
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Singapore

Explanation:

Singapore topped the 2019 edition of the IMD (Institute for Management Development) World Competitiveness Rankings. US ranked 3rd in the rankings. The improvement of India's rank was the result of its robust economic growth, large labour force, and its huge market size.

Rank	Country
1 st	Singapore
2 nd	Hong Kong SAR
3 rd	US
4 th	Switzerland
5 th	UAE

73) What is the rank of India in by IMD (Institute for Management Development)'s World Competitiveness Rankings 2019 ?

- 1) 44th
 - 2) 41st
 - 3) 42nd
 - 4) 43rd
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) 43rd

Explanation:

India has improved its rank by one place to rank 43rd most competitive economy in the world and Singapore topped the chart by toppling the US from the first position, now US ranked 3rd in the rankings. The improvement of India's rank was the result of its robust economic growth, large labour force, and its huge market size.

74) Which of the following countries signed a Tripartite Pact with Sri Lanka to develop "East Container Terminal(ECT)" in the Port of Colombo ?

- i. India
 - ii. Bangladesh
 - iii. Japan
 - iv. Nepal
- 1) Option i & ii
 - 2) Option i & iii
 - 3) Option i & iv
 - 4) Option ii & iv
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 2) Option i & iii

Explanation:

On May 28, 2019, India, Japan signed a Tripartite Pact with Sri Lanka to develop "East Container Terminal (ECT)" in the Port of Colombo. The Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) was signed in Colombo, Sri Lanka by Sri Lankan port minister Sagala Ratnayake, Indian high commissioner to Sri Lanka Taranjit Singh Sandhu and a Japanese representative. As per the agreement, Sri Lanka Port Authority (SLPA) will hold a majority stake of 51% in the port development whereas Japan and India will hold a combined stake of 49%.

75) Where did India and Pakistan discuss the modalities for a corridor linking Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Punjab's Gurdaspur district to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib?

- 1) Kartarpur Zero Point
- 2) Islamabad
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Punjab

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kartarpur Zero Point**

Explanation:

Officials from India and Pakistan hold the meeting at Kartarpur Zero Point to discuss the modalities for a corridor linking Dera Baba Nanak shrine in Punjab's Gurdaspur district to Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Kartarpur across the border. The Indian delegation has officials from different ministries like from Ministry of External Affairs, Home Ministry, Land Ports Authority of India, National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and other others. Last month also, officials from both the countries which include technical experts and foreign officials had participated in the talks held at the same venue.

BANKING & FINANCE

1) Which public sector bank, has become the first bank in the country that has linked its deposit accounts and short term loans to an external benchmark?

1) State Bank of India (SBI)

2) Canara Bank

3) Indian Bank

4) Bank of Baroda

5) None of these

Answer – **1) State Bank of India (SBI)**

Explanation:

India's largest bank State Bank of India (SBI) has moved to a new interest rate regime on large savings account deposits with balance above Rs 1 lakh as well as short-term loans like overdraft and cash credit. In March 2019, SBI has announced that it will link its interest rate on large savings account deposits and short term loans to RBI's repo rate which would be effective from May 1, 2019. By this move, SBI became the first bank in the country which has linked deposit accounts and short term loans to an external benchmark. Currently, repo rate is 6%. So according to external benchmarking formula, the large savings account with balance above Rs 1 lakh earn less interest rate as compare to small savings account. However, if the repo rate increases and goes above 6.25% then large savings account will earn more interest rate than small savings account.

2) Find the online payment system, that launched One Touch experience using Google Smart Lock forging India, the first market to use Google Smart Lock?

1) Oxigen Wallet India

2) PayPal India

3) PayUbiz India

4) MobiKwik India

5) None of these

Answer – **2) PayPal India**

Explanation:

PayPal India used Google Smart Lock and launched its OneTouch experience in India. The launch of the OneTouch feature permits Indian consumers to register their Android device with PayPal and stay logged into PayPal for further PayPal purchases on that device, thus removing the issue of repeated log-ins and enabling a seamless payments experience. The integration with Google Smart Lock will offer a hassle-free payment procedure as well as maintain security to prevent fraud. India becomes the first market where the feature of Google Smart Lock has been integrated. PayPal's Buyer Protection feature will provide an extra layer of security to this feature for eligible transactions, that is, if items that are purchased online mismatch with the description of the product that was sold, the Buyer Protection feature enables them to claim a refund for eligible transactions.

3) Name the skill development centre, launched by LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL) in association with Lok Bharti Education Society for providing training in the sectors of BFSI, Retail and IT/ITES.

- 1) UDYAM
- 2) GET EMPOWERED
- 3) SKILL INDIA
- 4) TALENT
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) UDYAM**

Explanation:

As a part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL) in association with Lok Bharti Education Society has unveiled a skilling centre named “UDYAM” in Bangalore, which will provide skill development training to marginalized youth in the sectors of BFSI, Retail and IT/ITES. Currently it has been launched in Delhi and Bangalore and later on be expanded to other cities.

4) Which bank has launched the 5\$ billion Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies for the Asia and Pacific region recently?

- 1) Bank for International Settlements
- 2) World Bank
- 3) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

Explanation:

Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched 5\$ billion Action Plan for Healthy Oceans and Sustainable Blue Economies for the Asia and Pacific region. This will support ADB’s developing member countries’ efforts for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), inclusive of the SDG 14: Life Below Water. Among the 10 rivers that transports 88% to 95% of plastics into the sea globally, 8 are in Asia and Pacific region.

5) Where was the 52nd Annual Meeting of ADB’s Board of Governors held during which they launched the Action Plan for Healthy Oceans?

- 1) Frankfurt, Germany
- 2) Nadi, Fiji
- 3) Manila, Philippines
- 4) Yokohama, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nadi, Fiji**

Explanation:

The Healthy Oceans Action Plan was launched at the 52nd Annual Meeting of ADB’s Board of Governors, Nadi, Fiji. ADB President is Mr. Takehiko Nakao. Healthy Oceans Action Plan will expand financing and technical assistance for ocean health and marine economy projects to \$5 billion from year 2019 to 2024. The 4 areas that the Action Plan will focus on, are as follows: creating inclusive livelihoods and business opportunities in tourism and fisheries conserving marine ecosystems and major rivers decreasing land-based sources of oceanic pollution, including plastics, wastewater, and agricultural runoff improving sustainability in port and coastal infrastructure development.

6) Which bank has slipped by 3 notches to the 10th spot as a most valued bank?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Yes Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank

5) None of these

Answer - **3) Yes Bank**

Explanation:

For the 1st time, private lender YES Bank Ltd, in terms of market valuation, has slipped by 3 levels to come down to the 10th spot. Previously, YES Bank was the 7th most-valued bank. The position of the bank has come down due to its shares collapsing over 30% in the last 4 sessions after YES bank had reported a net loss of Rs. 1500 crore in its March quarter earnings. The most valued Indian bank with a market cap of Rs. 6.34 trillion is HDFC Bank Ltd. This is followed by (SBI) State Bank of India and Kotak Mahindra Bank with market cap of Rs 2.76 trillion and Rs 2.68 trillion, respectively. Shares of YES Bank were down 5.3% at Rs.166.30 on the 6th of May, 2019 and its market capitalization was Rs. 38,515.71 crore. ICRA (Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency) downgraded Yes Bank's Tier 2, lower Tier 2, infrastructure notes to AA- from AA, and cut the upper Tier 2, Tier 1 bonds to A+ from AA-, thus showing an increase in its lower-rated advances.

7) How much amount was raised by SBI Card from banks and financial institutions to grow above industry average?

1) 500 Crore

2) 700 Crore

3) 250 Crore

4) 600 Crore

5) None of these

Answer - **2) 700 Crore**

Explanation:

SBI Card raised Rs. 700 crore from various financial institutions including its parent SBI (State Bank of India) in the 2nd half of FY19 (Financial Year) to grow above the industry average. SBI Cards and Payment Services Pvt. Ltd (SBI Card) raised Rs. 100 crore from ICICI Securities Primary Dealership Ltd, Rs. 250 crore from State Bank of India and Rs. 50 crore each from Canara Bank and Axis Bank by issuing NCDs (Non Convertible Debentures) at 9.15% coupon. SBI Card also raised additional Rs. 250 crore from Axis Bank through a coupon of 9.55%. The Rs. 700 crore fundraise is part of SBI Card's plan to raise Rs. 1,500 crore in a few tranches.

8) What is the revised housing loan limit to an individual in metropolitan centre's under Priority sector Lending (PSL) RRBs (Regional Rural Banks) and SFBs (Small Finance Banks)?

1) Rs.40 Lakh

2) Rs.35 Lakh

3) Rs.25 Lakh

4) Rs.30 Lakh

5) None of these

Answer - **2) Rs.35 Lakh**

Explanation:

To include the RRBs (Regional Rural Banks) and SFBs (Small Finance Banks) in the same level as the other Scheduled Commercial Banks, (RBI) Reserve Bank of India has notified them to enhance housing loan limits to individuals up to Rs 35 lakh in metropolitan centres (which would have a population of over 10 lakhs) and Rs 25 lakh in other centres, under Priority sector Lending (PSL). The total cost of the dwelling unit in the metropolitan centres should not exceed Rs 45 lakh and at other centres should not go beyond Rs 30 lakh for them to be eligible for classification under PSL. Previously, in case of SFB's loans up to Rs 28 lakh to individuals in metropolitan centres and Rs 20 lakh in other centres, were eligible for classification under PSL, provided that the cost of dwelling unit did not exceed Rs 35 lakh for metropolitan centres and Rs 25 lakh for other centres.

9) Which insurance company has commemorated 6th day of each month as 'Protection Day' to raise awareness on financial protection?

- 1) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance
- 2) Canara HSBC OBC Life Insurance
- 3) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance
- 4) Max Life Insurance Co Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Max Life Insurance Co Ltd

Explanation:

Max Life Insurance Co Ltd has notified that it will commemorate the 6th day of each month as 'Protection Day'. The objective of this initiative was to raise awareness on financial protection. Aalok Bhan, Director and Chief Marketing Officer, Max Life notified that this date of the calendar month was selected, because, generally, number 6 indicates love, harmony and is also a symbol of secured financial future. 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.

10) Which of the below is going to avail a AI-supported "touchless" technology from Artificial Intelligence based HR solutions provider, Talocity for the hiring process and to attain high-quality talent?

1. Yes Bank
2. HDFC Bank
3. ICICI Bank
4. Axis Bank
5. None of these

Answer - 1. Yes Bank

Explanation:-

Artificial Intelligence based HR solutions provider, Talocity will provide Yes Bank its touchless technology in hiring process for Yes bank. This is done to enhance the hiring process and to attain high-quality talent. 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.

11) Find the name of Financial technology that had launched India's first UPI Bahi Khata (Digital Ledger) for merchants.

1. Rubique
2. PayMe India
3. BharatPe
4. Paisa Dukaan
5. None of these

Answer - 3. BharatPe

Explanation:-

India's first Fintech (Financial technology) start-up enabling payments via interoperable UPI (Unified Payments Interface) QR (Quick Response) codes, BharatPe notified its venture into merchant services by launching a new app named 'BharatPe for Merchants' that allows merchants to keep a track of their cash/credit (Udhar) sales customer wise, to request the accounts receivable from customers through SMS (Short Message Service) payment links or through WhatsApp and to record accounts that are payable to suppliers.

12) In which city did 15th Finance Commission of India (FCXV) held 2-day meetings with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and with the Banks and Financial Institutions recently?

- 1) Mumbai
- 2) New Delhi

- 3) Bengaluru
- 4) Kolkata
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Mumbai**

Explanation:

The 15th Finance Commission of India (FCXV) had a 2-day visit to the financial capital of India, Mumbai (at the headquarters of the RBI), on 8th and 9th May, 2019 to conduct meetings with the Reserve Bank of India (which is headed by its Governor Shri Shaktikanta Das), the Banks and the Financial Institutions. The Commission was comprised of all the Commission Members and senior officials.

13) 15th Finance Commission of India (FCXV) was in news recently, who is the chairman of the commission?

- 1) Shaktikanta Das
- 2) N.K. Singh
- 3) Anoop Singh
- 4) Ajay Narayan Jha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) N.K. Singh**

Explanation:

The 15th Finance Commission of India (FCXV) chaired by Shri N.K. Singh. The meeting was attended by several banks, namely, State Bank of India (SBI), Bank of Baroda (BOB), Bank of India (BOI), Bank of Maharashtra, Central Bank of India (CBI), Union Bank of India (UBI), Axis Bank Ltd. HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd., IndusInd Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Yes Bank Ltd, IDFC First Bank Ltd., IDBI Bank Limited.

14) By what percent does the bank credit grows for the financial year 2018-19, as per the Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?

- 1) 12.24%
- 2) 12.54%
- 3) 13.24%
- 4) 13.54%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 13.24%**

Explanation:

According to Reserve Bank of India data, the bank credit grew by 13.24 percent in financial year 2019 (FY19) to Rs 97.67 lakh crore as compared to 10.3 percent in FY18 and the deposits up by 10.03 percent in FY19 to Rs 125.72 lakh crore as compare to 6.7 percent in FY18. Additional Information According to the data available till February 2019, the credit growth in service sector was 23.7 percent and in retail sector it was 16.7 percent. Overall credit growth in the industry sector was 5.6%.

15) Name the Indian regulatory body, whose subsidiary Nabventures launched 'NABVENTURES Fund I' to provide support for agriculture, food and rural start-ups with capital investment of Rs 700-crore.

- 1) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD)
- 2) Reserve Bank of India(RBI)
- 3) Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority(IRDAI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD)**

Explanation:

A subsidiary of NABARD (The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development), Nabventures notified its first time funding termed 'NABVENTURES Fund I' which is a Rs 700-crore venture capital fund for equity investments to provide support for agriculture, food and rural start-ups (which would

help improve rural livelihoods).The fund has a proposed corpus of Rs 500 crore, has a greenshoe option of Rs 200 crore and has received an anchor commitment from NABARD.The aforementioned fund is registered with SEBI as a Category II Alternative Investment Fund and would raise the resources from domestic and global investors.

16) Which non-life insurance provider has launched a scheme termed 'Mosquito Disease Protection Policy' which will cover a person against common mosquito-borne diseases?

- 1) United India Insurance Company
- 2) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
- 3) Reliance General Insurance Company Limited
- 4) Aviva Life Insurance Company Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company

Explanation:

India's 3rd-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company launched a scheme termed 'Mosquito Disease Protection Policy' which will cover a person against common mosquito-borne diseases, namely, Dengue Fever, Malaria, Chikungunya, Japanese Encephalitis, Kala-azar, Lymphatic Filariasis and Zika Virus. There has been a stark rise of 300% dengue cases in India between 2009-2017, according to the report published by National Health Profile 2018. These mosquito-borne diseases lead to financial burden due to hospitalisation or affects the No Claim Bonus of any conventional Health Insurance.

17) Which Telecommunications company has tied up with Housing Development Finance Cooperation (HDFC) Life to provide life cover for its prepaid customers ?

- 1) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)
- 2) Reliance Jio
- 3) Bharti Airtel
- 4) Vodafone Idea Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bharti Airtel

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel and the Housing Development Finance Cooperation (HDFC) Life had tied up to offer life cover for customers at a prepaid recharge of Rs 249. This new Rs 249 prepaid recharge will include 2 GB data, unlimited calls across all the networks and 100 SMS per day with an insurance cover of the worth of Rs 4 lakh from HDFC Life. The recharge validity is for only 28 days.

18) Name the multi-currency card that has been launched by ICICI Bank in Collaboration with online travel booking portal Goibibo.

- 1) ICICI Goibibo Card for Travel
- 2) Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card
- 3) ICICI Goibibo Travel Card
- 4) Travel ICICI Goibibo Card
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card

Explanation:

On May 13, 2019, Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) Bank along with online travel booking portal Goibibo launched co-branded multi-currency card- Goibibo ICICI Bank Travel Card. Customers can use one card for multiple currencies and enjoy discounts on flights and hotel bookings. It can be used by anyone who are travelling abroad irrespective whether they hold an account in ICICI bank or not. It is accepted across 200 countries and 4.6 merchants globally and can be dealt in 15 currencies.

19) Which bank has partnered with the digital payments company, Paytm and launched the 1st cash-back driven credit card called "Paytm First Card"?

- 1) IDBI Bank
- 2) Federal Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Citibank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Citibank

Explanation:

The digital payments company Paytm has collaborated with Citibank and launched its 1st credit card 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 cash-back driven white-label credit card claimed to be internationally accepted and would offer 1% 'unlimited cash back universally' to the customers. In this policy, Paytm notified that its unlimited 1% cash back would be automatically credited each month bereft of any restrictions. The card comes with an annual fee of Rs 500 and this fee will be fully waived off on expenses above Rs 50,000 per year.

20) Which private sector bank has collaborated with IMGC (India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation) for a mortgage guarantee-backed home loan?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Yes Bank
- 4) Citibank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

HDFC has collaborated with IMGC (India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation) for a mortgage guarantee-backed home loan. Mortgage guarantee is a financial product which compensates lending institutions for the losses that may occur when a home owner defaults on a mortgage loan. In 'mortgage guarantee', the risk of the home loan gets transmuted from the bank/FIs (financial institution) to the mortgage guarantee company. This collaboration will help HDFC provide more loan to a home loan customer on an improved eligibility. This initiative will also support the government's mission under Prime Minister 'Awas Yojana Scheme' to provide Housing for all by 2022.

21) Name the bank, that was penalized by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) with Rs.1 Crore for failing to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process.

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) Nainital Bank
- 3) RBL Bank
- 4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nainital Bank

Explanation:

Mumbai-based Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has imposed Rs 1 crore fine to Nainital Bank. The reason behind this monetary penalty was because of Nainital Bank's failure to fully automate the non-performing asset (NPA) identification process, despite specific directions issued in this regard. Under the provision of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 RBI has imposed the penalty because Nainital Bank has failed to adhere to the aforesaid direction issued by the RBI.

22) Which organization has released the statement titled "Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019-2021" in order to achieve a 'highly digital' and 'cash-lite' society?

- 1) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

- 2) Reserve Bank of India(RBI)
- 3) Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)
- 4) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development(NABARD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Reserve Bank of India(RBI)**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its statement on 'Payment and Settlement Systems in India: Vision 2019–2021', which notifies the steps that RBI will take to promote innovation, cyber-security, financial inclusion, customer protection, and competition through which the vision looks forward to achieve a 'highly digital' and 'cash-lite' society. The Reserve Bank of India will implement the approach outlined in this Vision during the period 2019 – 2021. The report consists of 36 specific action points with 12 specific outcomes, based on different inputs from stakeholders and guidance of the Board for Regulation and Supervision of Payment and Settlement Systems. The RBI has notified the requirement for a self-regulatory organisation for the digital payment space, that would serve as a 2-way communication channel between the players and the regulator.

23) Which financial institution, has launched a pilot scheme for fintech Non Banking Financing Companies (NBFCs) in order to boost digital lending ?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India(RBI)
- 2) Export–Import Bank of India(Exim Bank)
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India(SIDBI)
- 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

Explanation:

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has launched a pilot scheme for fintech Non Banking Financing Companies (NBFCs) to give financial assistance up to Rs. 10 crore in order to boost digital lending. SIDBI has set the credit exposure limit to a new fintech NBFC to 30% of the Net-Owned Fund(NOF) of the new fintech NBFC, with the maximum capital of Rs. 10 crores. The new fintech NBFCs must hold in trust the underlying securities or receivables on behalf of SIDBI. The minimum fee of 0.075% to 0.25% of the sanctioned amount along with applicable taxes is charged by the development bank.

24) Name the General Insurance Company which has partnered with IBM to jointly setup data lab in India to improve business efficiency and profitability.

- 1) HDFC ERGO
- 2) ICICI Lombard
- 3) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 4) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) HDFC ERGO**

Explanation:

HDFC ERGO, General Insurance Company and IBM, technology giant, announced to jointly setup data lab in India to improve business efficiency and profitability. It will analyze the customer data and develop customized solutions. Neither HDFC ERGO nor IBM has disclosed the amount of investment in setting up the lab. The experts from HDFC ERGO and a team of 25 experts from IBM Garage which includes data scientists, technology architects, and design engineers are working together to improve customer experience by working on different test cases. HDFC ERGO is the third largest private general insurance company of India with 11 million customers associated with the business.

25) Who is the head of 5 member panel constituted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for promoting digital payments?

- 1) Sanjay Jain
- 2) Kishore Sansi
- 3) Nandan Nilekani
- 4) H R Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Nandan Nilekani**

Explanation:

The Central Bank notified that the (Reserve Bank of India) RBI-appointed committee chaired by Nandan Nilekani, Aadhaar architect, submitted the panel's suggestions on promoting digital payments to Shaktikanta Das, the Governor of RBI. In January 2019, the Central Bank had set up the 5-member panel with an objective to promote digitisation of payments, thus improving financial inclusion through digitisation. Besides Infosys co-founder Nilekani, former RBI deputy governor H R Khan, former MD and CEO of Vijaya Bank, Kishore Sansi, former secretary in ministries of IT (Information Technology) and steel Aruna Sharma, chief innovation officer, Centre for Innovation, Incubation & Entrepreneurship (CIIE), IIM Ahmedabad, Sanjay Jain were also members of the panel.

26) Which Financial services company, has launched a specialised insurance cover titled 'Mumbai Local Train Cover' for passengers travelling in local trains in Mumbai.

- 1) SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 2) Bajaj Finserv
- 3) Max Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 4) Exide Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bajaj Finserv**

Explanation:

Bajaj Finserv, through its lending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd has launched a specialised insurance cover titled 'Mumbai Local Train Cover' for passengers travelling in local trains in Mumbai. This policy provides coverage in case of mishap during a train journey. The passengers will get an insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh against a payment of Rs 399 per annum. In the event, when an insured passenger suffers a disability as a result of a Mumbai-local train accident, the passenger is covered against loss of income, with Rs. 2000 per week during the policy period. Local train travellers who are eligible for this insurance cover are persons above 18 years of age and below 70 years of age.

27) HDFC Capital Advisors launched an initiative termed as HeART, with an objective to mentor, partner and invest in real estate technology companies. What does A stand for?

- 1) Affordable
- 2) Asset
- 3) Auction
- 4) Amount
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Affordable**

Explanation:

HDFC Capital Advisors, (a wholly-owned subsidiary of HDFC Ltd) launched an initiative termed as HDFC Affordable Real Estate and Technology Programme (HeART), the objective of which is to mentor, partner and invest in real estate technology companies which produce innovative products that aim at lowering costs and creating efficiencies in every stage of the development cycle of the affordable housing system. Due to the upcoming technology disruptions, all processes like land approvals, planning and design, construction, project management, sales and facilities management would undergo drastic change. HDFC Capital will also be collaborating with leading academic institutions, industry platforms

and accelerators which would aid in creating an ecosystem that supports various components in the development affordable housing.

28) Which is the first Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in India, that was permitted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start treasury function of the Tripura government and open a currency chest?

- 1) Tripura Gramin Bank
- 2) Tripura Grameena Bank
- 3) Tripura Grameena Vikas Bank
- 4) Tripura Godavari Grameena Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Tripura Gramin Bank

Explanation:

Tripura Gramin Bank is the first RRB in India which have been granted a permission by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to start treasury function of the Tripura government and open a currency chest. Tripura Gramin Bank is among India's top three Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) in terms of profit, business, and growth. Currently, India has 45 Regional Rural Bank out of which Tripura Gramin Bank ranked 3rd in the country. Tripura Gramin Bank has posted a profit for 7 successive years to Rs 125.45 crore in fiscal 2018-19. The Bank also registered the business of Rs. 9,000 crores, with net Non-Performing Asset (NPA) of zero percent and gross NPA of 8.94 percent. In Tripura Gramin Bank, the central government has a 50% stake, the Union Bank of India has 35% stake and rest 15% is held by the Tripura government. Tripura Gramin Bank is the only RRB in the north-eastern region out of eight, which has been making profit to 7 successive years.

29) Name the credit card launched by the Transport Company, Ola Cabs in collaboration with SBI Cards .

- 1) SBI Ola Money Credit Card
- 2) SBI Ola Credit Card
- 3) Ola SBI Credit Card
- 4) Ola Money SBI Credit Card
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ola Money SBI Credit Card

Explanation:

Transport Company, Ola Cabs has launched Ola Money SBI Credit Card in partnership with SBI Card to provide a flexible and convenient payment system to its customers. The credit card is powered by Visa. This partnership will enhance the co-brand card portfolio and also enable SBI Card to access Ola's vast customer base to make new acquisitions.

30) Name the subsidiary of World Bank, which has collaborated with Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), enabling world's first Blockchain Bond Transaction using Bond i.

- 1) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- 2) International Development Association (IDA)
- 3) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 4) International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)

Explanation:

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD, World Bank) in partnership with Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA) enabled recording of secondary market bond trading using blockchain technology. With this, Bond-i become the first bond whose issuance and trading is recorded on a blockchain platform. This also marked the next phase of the bond-i (blockchain operated new debt instrument) project. Bond-i, first issued in August 2018 by World Bank, is the world's first bond entirely

based on blockchain, a type of Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT). CBA was the sole arranger of the bond. That experiment phase of 2018 helped the World Bank to raise \$81 million at the time.

31) PoS is in news recently, the term PoS refers to _____?

- 1) Progress of Statements
- 2) Process of Sales
- 3) Point of Sales
- 4) Progress of Sales
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Point of Sales

Explanation:

PoS refers to Point of Sales, it was in news recently when RBI released the data indicating that Point of Sales (PoS) terminals have been increased over 27% in March 2019.

32) By what percent, the usage of debit card swipes on Point of Sales (PoS) terminals rise in March 2019 from its previous year, as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data?

- 1) 35%
- 2) 27%
- 3) 30%
- 4) 25%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 27%

Explanation:

In accordance with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, debit card swipes on Point of Sales (PoS) terminals have been increased over 27% in March 2019 in comparison to the same period of 2018. While, withdrawals from ATM hiked at a low rate of 15%. Debit card payments for merchant transactions have gone up more than 250% between March 2019 and 2016. The usage of Credit cards for PoS transactions mounted 22% versus 2018, as there were 162 million PoS transactions in March 2019 against 127 million in March 2018.

33) Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) having assets over _____ crore, was directed to appoint chief risk officer (CRO) by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Rs.7000 crore
- 2) Rs.2000 crore
- 3) Rs.10000 crore
- 4) Rs 5000 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rs 5000 crore

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) which have assets over Rs 5000 crore to appoint a chief risk officer (CRO). The rationale behind this direction is to improve standards of risk management practices of NBFCs. RBI's direction to appoint a CRO is a result of ongoing rating downgrades of NBFC which has raised fears of another liquidity crisis. According to RBI direction, the primary role of the CRO is to identify, measure and mitigate risk and all credit products shall be assessed by CRO with an objective to control risks.

34) ETCD was in news recently, what does C stands for _____?

- 1) Credit
- 2) Capital
- 3) Commodity
- 4) Collateral
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Commodity

Explanation:

C stands for Commodity in Exchange-traded commodity derivatives (ETCD).

35) Which Indian regulatory body allows mutual funds to invest in Exchange-traded commodity derivatives (ETCD) ?

- 1) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI)
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 3) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 4) National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation:

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has given its consent for the participation of mutual funds (MF) in exchange-traded commodity derivatives (ETCD) except sensitive commodities. The participation of MFs is allowed through hybrid schemes, which include the multi-asset scheme and gold ETFs (Exchange-traded fund). The decision has been taken to boost participation of mutual funds in the commodities market. For participation in ETCDs, the unitholders of the existing scheme would be given minimum of 30 days to exercise the option to exit at prevailing net asset value (NAV) without any exit load charges.

36) Name the customized product launched by Karnataka Bank for salaried class.

- 1) KAB SB Salary
- 2) KB SB Salary
- 3) KA SB Salary
- 4) KBL SB Salary
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) KBL SB Salary

Explanation:

Karnataka Bank has launched a customized product for the salaried class. The new savings bank product, KBL SB Salary has been designed with three variants namely SB Salary Executive, SB Salary Prime, and SB Salary Classic to cater the financial needs of the 'employer-employee ecosystem'. Its major features include- 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 Also, bank will provide an insurance coverage of up to Rs 50,000 without any charges against chain snatching, theft and burglary for women employees falling in the top category of the salary scheme.

37) In which sector bank credit grew by 18.5 per cent to Rs 10.55 lakh crore as of 2018-19 as per Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s data?

- 1) Infrastructure Sector
- 2) Manufacturing Sector
- 3) Food and Beverages Sector
- 4) Educational Sector
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Infrastructure Sector

Explanation:

In accordance with the data compiled by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the bank credit has been mounted by 18.5% to Rs 10.55 lakh crore for infrastructure in financial year 2018-19. It is highest since 2012-13 fiscal. Other hikes within Infra Sector Loans to the power sector had increased by 5% to Rs 5.69 lakh crore compared to Rs 5.19 lakh crore in FY18. Credit growth to roads sector mounted 2% to Rs 1.86 lakh

crore as of end-March 2019. Credit to telecommunications and other infrastructure (excluding above) rose by 7% and 53.5%, respectively over FY18, the RBI data showed.

38) Name the public sector bank, which has collaborated with FMCG arm of The Art of Living, to provide a discount of 15% to its customers.

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) Union Bank of India
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) State Bank of India (SBI)

Explanation:

State Bank of India (SBI) has tied up with the FMCG arm of The Art of Living, Sri Sri Tattva under which SBI's YONO users can avail a discount of 15% on the entire range of products offered by Sri Sri Tattva such as food, personal care, healthcare, homecare, BYOGI apparels and Shankara skincare products. YONO is an integrated digital banking platform of SBI.

39) Which bank has signed an agreement with Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), to provide USD 750 million long-term financing for the Railways Track Electrification Project?

- 1) New Development Bank
- 2) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 4) World Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

Asian Development Bank (ADB) has inked an agreement with Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), an entity owned by Government of India (GOI) to provide USD 750 million long-term financing for the Railways Track Electrification Project, as part of a broad modernization program to reduce the dependence India's railway sector on fossil fuels. It is the largest single non-sovereign loan ever. IRFC will use the proceeds from the loan to install electric traction equipment along about 3,378 kilometres of existing railway lines. Then, the electrification assets will be leased to Indian Railways, under a long-term lease agreement. The GOI has already developed a 5-year, \$132 billion capital expenditure program for the modernization of Indian Railways.

40) Where was the 576th two day meeting of the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) held?

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

The 576th two day meet of the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, under the Chairmanship of Governor Shaktikanta Das to review the current economic situation, global and domestic challenges and various areas of operations of the Reserve Bank. The key matter of the discussion was the Medium-Term Strategy document, covering the Mission Statement and the Vision Statement. During the meet, it was decided to create a "Specialised Supervisory and Regulatory Cadre" with RBI to strengthen the supervision and regulation of commercial banks, urban cooperative banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC).

41) Which Indian regulatory body along with Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) introduced Regulatory Sandbox Framework for Fintech Startups ?

- 1) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 3) Pension Fund Regulatory & Development Authority (PFRDA)
- 4) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation:

On the lines of the initiative taken by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), regarding the setting up of the regulatory sandbox (RS) in its draft “Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox” in April for fintech innovations; the market watchdog Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and insurance watchdog Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) have also introduced the similar RS. SEBI has released a testing environment, “Innovation Sandbox”, for firms not regulated by SEBI and also for individuals. They could test their proposed products subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility criteria, based on market-related data made available by stock exchanges, depositories, and qualified registrar and share transfer agents (QRTAs). On the other hand, for the IRDAI sandbox, an applicant should have a net worth of Rs 10 lakh with proven financial record of at least one year for testing new digital and tech-based innovations, before launching them in the market.

42) What is the maximum rate of service charge revised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the non-chest bank branches, which has deposited in the modern Currency Chests (CC)?

- 1) Rs.7 per packet
- 2) Rs.8 per packet
- 3) Rs.6 per packet
- 4) Rs.9 per packet
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs.8 per packet

Explanation:

On May 23, 2019, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) permitted the modern Currency Chests (CC) to hike service charges on the cash deposited by non-chest bank branches from Rs.5 per packet of 100 pieces to a higher rate subject to a maximum of Rs.8 per packet. Only those Currency Chests (CC) will be classified as large modern Currency Chests who fulfill the minimum standards. After the fulfillment of this criteria, the rates can be increased.

43) LCR was in news recently, what is the full form of LCR ?

- 1) LCR – Liquidity on Commodity Rate
- 2) LCR – Liquified Commercial Rate
- 3) LCR - Liquid Cover Rate
- 4) LCR - Liquidity Coverage Ratio
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR)

Explanation:

The full form of LCR is Liquidity Coverage Ratio

44) Name the bank, which released the report titled “Liquidity Risk Management Framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies and Core Investment Companies” recently.

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) Reserve Bank of India
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Myanmar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Reserve Bank of India

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the “Liquidity Risk Management Framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies and Core Investment Companies” for public comments by June 14, 2019. The eligible entities for this draft framework are all deposit taking NBFCs; non-deposit taking non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) with an asset size of over Rs 100 crore and all core investment companies (CICs) registered with RBI.

45) As per RBI's recent report , Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) is set to be introduced for all deposit-taking NBFCs, and non-deposit taking NBFCs with an asset size of more than _____ crore?

- 1) Rs.5000 crore
- 2) Rs.1000 crore
- 3) Rs.10000 crore
- 4) Rs.7000 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rs.5000 crore

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced the “Liquidity Risk Management Framework for Non-Banking Financial Companies and Core Investment Companies” for public comments by June 14, 2019. To introduce Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) for all deposit-taking NBFCs, and non-deposit taking NBFCs with an asset size of Rs 5,000 crore and above. Starting from April 2020, NBFCs will have to maintain a minimum of 60% of LCR as high liquid assets which will be increased to 100% by April 2024. LCR is the proportion of high liquid assets set aside to meet short term obligations. ii. NBFC's should ensure that the difference between inflows and outflows during the first 7 days is not more than 10% of the total outflows. Similarly over the next 8-14 days and 15-30 days, the cash flow mismatch should be only 10-20% of the cumulative outflows.

46) Name the product launched by Corporation Bank for GST- registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME).

- 1) Corp SME Sufia
- 2) Corp SME Sugam
- 3) Corp SME Suvidha
- 4) Corp SME Surmi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Corp SME Suvidha

Explanation :

Corporation Bank has launched a new product named ‘Corp SME Suvidha’ for GST- registered Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME). It was launched by PV Bharathi, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Corporation Bank in Mangaluru in the presence of Gopal Murli Bhagat, Executive Director and general managers. The newly designed product is a part of bank's efforts to provide best products to MSME sector. During the Financial Year 2018-19, the bank had settled altogether 987 claims under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) and Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY). Under PMJJBY, 776 claims for the last fiscal along with 45 claims of April 2019 were settled. Under PMSBY, 211 claims for the last fiscal along with 10 claims of April 2019 were settled.

47) Who is the head of the SEBI constituted panel that suggested significant changes to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) Regulations recently ?

- 1) M Narasimham
- 2) Dr. Y V Reddy
- 3) S Venkitaramanan
- 4) R Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) R Khan

Explanation:

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) constituted panel suggested significant changes to Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPI) Regulations including simplified registration requirements for certain categories and barring entities that fail to furnish beneficial ownership details. It has sought the comments from the public on this regard till June 14, 2019. The working group on SEBI (Foreign Portfolio Investors) Regulations, 2014 headed by former RBI deputy governor R Khan after consultations with various stakeholders had submitted the report.

48) RBI modified the norms on VRR investment recently, VRR stands for _____?

- 1) VRR - Volatile Retention Rate
- 2) VRR - Voluntary Retention Route
- 3) VRR - Voluntary Route Rate
- 4) VRR - Volatile Rate for Radical business
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) VRR - Voluntary Retention Route

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India has modified the norms on Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) investment by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) by fixing the investment limit at Rs. 54,606.55 crores.

49) Which bank has collaborated with IBM to Trade AI Engine, which will automate the high risk process of trade documentation ?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) Standard Chartered
- 4) Citibank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Standard Chartered

Explanation:

Standard Chartered in partnership with IBM has launched the Trade AI Engine which will automate the high-risk process of trade documentation. It will enhance client experience through increased operational efficiency and strengthened operational control. This newly launched Trade AI Engine will replace the Traditional documentary trade consisting of millions of data elements in paper-based that are reviewed through a largely manual process.

50) Name the organization, which has tied up with Oriental Bank of Commerce to offer loans for purchase of equipment under a co-lending arrangement.

- 1) Srei Equipment Finance
- 2) Paisalo Digital Ltd
- 3) MAS Financial Services Ltd
- 4) Paisalo Digital Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Srei Equipment Finance

Explanation:

On May 27, 2019, Srei Equipment Finance tied up with Oriental Bank of Commerce to offer loans for the purchase of equipment under a co-lending arrangement. Srei Equipment Finance is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Srei Infrastructure Finance. The funds for the project will be sourced through a platform named iQuippo, a unique digital market place of Kanoria Foundation. It will help in loan origination, loan dues collection, auction of equipment, valuation of equipment and other facilities. The co-lending arrangement will include the financing of construction, mining and allied equipment, medical equipment, commercial vehicles and farm equipment.

51) What is the new time limit of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) for customer transactions from earlier 4.30 P.M, revised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently ?

- 1) 6 P.M.
- 2) 5 P.M.
- 3) 4 P.M.
- 4) 7 P.M.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 6 P.M

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the time window of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) for customer transactions from 4.30 pm to 6 pm. The move has been taken due to the increase in the number of transactions by 8% to Rs 1,335 crore in March 2019. There has been 12% rise in an aggregate amount of transactions, year-on-year, which amounted to Rs 1,255.51 crore. It will come into effect from June 1.

52) Under which articles, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the time limit of Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) for customer transactions ?

- 1) Section 18 of Transfer of Funds Act
- 2) Section 18 of Limitation Act
- 3) Section 18 of Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007
- 4) Section 18 of Reserve Bank (Transfer of Public Ownership) Act
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Section 18 of Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007

Explanation:

The timing has been changed under Section 10 (2) read with Section 18 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act 2007 (Act 51 of 2007). The Charges for transactions in RTGS from 1 pm to 6 pm shall be Rs 5 per outward transaction. After 6 pm, these charges will be Rs 10. There are NIL charges for transaction between 8 am to 11 am then from 11 am to 1 pm it charges Rs 2.

53) Which public sector bank has introduced a mobile van facility named "Bank on Wheels" to provide door-step banking facility, especially for senior citizens ?

- 1) Canara Bank of India
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) Bank of Baroda
- 4) Indian Overseas Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Indian Overseas Bank

Explanation:

Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) has launched a mobile van facility named "Bank on Wheels" in 14 districts of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and the Vijayawada region of Andhra Pradesh to provide door-step banking facility, especially for senior citizens. The van will be accompanied by banking correspondent with a micro ATM inside to take care of services such as account opening, enrollment of customers in Social Security Scheme, passbook printing, and other financial inclusion activities.

54) Who is the head of 6 member panel on secondary market for corporate loans constituted by Reserve Bank of India recently ?

- 1) R A Sankara Narayanan
- 2) Matam Venkata Rao
- 3) T N Manoharan
- 4) H Krishnamurthy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) T N Manoharan

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has formed two separate 6 member panels to strengthen the sale of stressed corporate assets and housing loan portfolios. The six-member task force on the development of the secondary market is headed by its chairperson, T. N. Manoharan, Chairman of Canara Bank and will submit its report by the end of August 2019. The panel on secondary market for corporate loans headed by Canara Bank Chairman T N Manoharan will measure the possibility of setting up a loan transaction platform for the sale stressed asset and creation of a loan contract registry to standardize information. The task force will review the existing state of the market for loan sale or transfer in India and at International level.

55) Who headed the 6 member panel, which will review the the current market operations and recommend policy interventions for housing loan securitization ?

- 1) Siddhartha Karri
- 2) Harsh Vardhan
- 3) Satish Shankar
- 4) Dinkar Ayilavarapu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Harsh Vardhan**

Explanation:

Panel for housing loan securitization is headed by Bains and Co. advisor, Harsh Vardhan. RBI's panel for housing loan securitization will review the current market operations and recommend policy interventions. ICRA, credit rating agency, figured out that securitization volume in FY19 was more than double as against FY18 to Rs.2 lakh crore as the Housing Financing Companies (HFCs) sold loans to banks in order to raise funds owing to tough liquidity conditions.

56) Which bank has partnered with Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) for providing financing solutions for vehicles across the country ?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) IDFC First Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) IDFC First Bank**

Explanation:

On May 28, 2019, Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India (HMSI) partnered with IDFC FIRST Bank to provide financing solutions for vehicles across the country. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed for the loan facility up to 100% of vehicle cost, zero processing fee, down payment of Rs.999 and extended loan tenure of 48 months offered to two-wheeler customers. This will lead to extra savings of Rs 5,000 on an average loan. The partnership will help IDFC FIRST Bank to offer speedy and convenient financing solutions to the customers.

57) Which of the following identity proof is to submitted to banks by the customers who receive any benefit or subsidy under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) as per Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?

- 1) Aadhaar number
- 2) Permanent Account Number (PAN)
- 3) Both 1 & 2
- 4) Either 1 or 2
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Aadhaar number**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has permitted banks to accept Aadhaar number (Offline verification) for Know Your Customer(KYC) verification with the consent of the customers. RBI has added the 'Proof of

possession of Aadhaar number' to the list of Officially Valid Documents (OVD). This was notified by the RBI in its amended Master Direction on KYC. RBI's Master Direction is a rule book that the regulated entities need to follow. The bank should obtain the Aadhaar number from the customers who receive any benefit or subsidy under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). For Non-DBT beneficiary customers, the Regulated Entities (REs) should obtain a certified copy of any OVD describing the details of the customer's identity and address along with 1 recent photograph.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

1) Name the Ship building and repairing company, which has signed a contract with defence ministry to build eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water crafts (ASWSWCs) for Indian Navy at the cost of Rs 6311.30 crore.

- 1) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
- 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.
- 3) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
- 4) Goa Shipyard
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd.

Explanation:

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) Ltd. has signed a contract with defence ministry to build eight anti-submarine warfare shallow water crafts (ASWSWCs) for Indian Navy at the cost of Rs 6311.30 crore. The first ship will be delivered to the Indian Navy in 42 months and subsequently, two ships will be required to deliver per year and the time of completion of the project will be 84 months. These vessels will have a deep displacement of 750 tonnes and speed of 25 knots and also capable of full-scale subsurface surveillance of coastal waters. It will also be capable of destroying subsurface targets in coastal waters.

2) Which Non profit association has entered a strategic partnership with GE Healthcare to enhance digital healthcare solutions?

- 1) Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
- 2) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)

Explanation:

IT industry body, The National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) has entered a strategic partnership with GE Healthcare. The objective is to bring digital healthcare solutions to the market. NASSCOM has announced this partnership through its Centre of Excellence-Internet of Things (CoE-IoT). This partnership will also help to flourish the health-tech start-up ecosystem in the country which further help in co-creating solutions for real-world healthcare challenges in the areas of digital applications for early detection, productivity solutions and remote and connected care among others.

3) Name the Indian firm, that has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) for implementing different projects related to e-mobility?

- 1) Bharat Earth Movers Limited
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited
- 3) NTPC Limited
- 4) Gail Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Explanation:

Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) have together signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) for effective cooperation on different projects related to e-mobility and implement solutions for electric & trolley bus, EV (Electric Vehicles) chargers, battery and charger testing, etc. The MoU was signed by Rashmi Urdhwarshie, Director, ARAI and Renuka Gera, BHEL. Electro mobility (e-mobility) The term electro mobility refers to full and hybrid electric vehicles as well as those using hydrogen fuel cell technology. These vehicles represent electronically driven vehicles in the future.

4) Which stock exchange was banned for 6 months owing to the Co-Location Case by the Market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- 1) Madras Stock Exchange
- 2) National Stock Exchange(NSE)
- 3) Bombay Stock Exchange(BSE)
- 4) Calcutta Stock Exchange
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Stock Exchange(NSE)**

Explanation:

Market regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has banned NSE, National Stock Exchange from gaining access to the securities market for a period of 6 months. SEBI also fined NSE a sum of Rs.1,000 crore, that is, Rs. 624.89 crore and an additional 12% interest, from 1st April 2014 for NSE's failure to exercise effective due diligence during co-location facility. The amount is to be deposited in the Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF).

5) Name the country that become the third largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India during 2017-18.

- 1) Singapore
- 2) Mauritius
- 3) US
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Netherlands**

Explanation:

The Netherlands, a country in north-western Europe, became the third largest source of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in India during 2017-18, with an investment of United States Dollar (USD) 2.67 billion across all sectors. Mauritius and Singapore are the top two countries for FDI in India during 2017-18 with an investment of USD 13.41 billion and USD 9.27 billion respectively. After Singapore, the Netherlands was the second largest destination for foreign investment by Indian companies with an investment of USD 12.8 billion in 2017-18.

6) India's largest telecom operator, Vodafone Idea Ltd has notified a 5-year multi-million-dollar with IBM in which of the following sectors?

- 1) Implementing IOT(Internet of Things)
- 2) IT outsourcing deal
- 3) 5G Implementation
- 4) Gaming
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) IT outsourcing deal**

Explanation:

Vodafone Idea Ltd, India's largest telecom operator notified a 5-year multi-million-dollar IT outsourcing deal with IBM (International Business Machines Corporation).The collaboration will contribute to Vodafone Idea's merger synergy objectives by decreasing its IT related costs.This partnership will offer

Vodafone Idea with a hybrid cloud based digital platform to enable engagement with its 387 million subscribers (as of 31 December, 2018), thus boosting business efficiency, scale and easiness of its business processes. Moreover, IBM's analytics, AI (Artificial Intelligence), IoT (Internet of Things) and security capabilities will boost Vodafone Idea's progression.

7) What is the growth projection of Asia-Pacific region in the year 2019, as per the Asian Development Bank?

- 1) 6.5%
 - 2) 5.5%
 - 3) 6%
 - 4) 5.7%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) 5.7%**

Explanation:

According to Takehiko Nakao, President and Chairperson of Asian Development Bank, the Asia-Pacific region is supposed to grow at 5.7% in 2019 but the rising trade tensions might hinder its growth. ADB's Asian Development Outlook 2019 report released in April states that developing Asia comprising of 45 countries is estimated to grow by 5.7% in 2019 (which is pointed out by Nakao). However, the growth outlook for developing Asia is approximated to come down to 5.6% in 2020. While addressing the opening session of the Board of Governors at ADB's 52nd Annual Meeting, Mr. Nakao notified that the consumer and investor behaviour could diminish due to trade tensions between the nations. ADB's lending hiked to a high of 21.6 \$ billion in 2018 which was 10% higher as compared to 2017.

8) Which department has signed joint agreement with Income Tax Department for decreasing black money generation?

- 1) Revenue Department
 - 2) Financial Services Department
 - 3) Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)
 - 4) Expenditure Department
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN)**

Explanation:

The income tax (I-T) department and Goods and Services Tax Network (GSTN) signed a joint agreement to enhance information exchange between the 2 firms and to arrest tax evaders and decrease generation of black money. The income tax department will exchange important financial information, namely, status of I-T (Income Tax) return filings, yield of business, gross total income, turnover ratio with GSTN. The 2 agencies are yet to decide on the procedure of information exchange for "automatic", "spontaneous" and "request based" data. The principal of I-T (systems) or director general of I-T (systems) will sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GSTN for exchange of such information.

9) Which country has emerged as the top most country to attract Indian FDI with 52 projects in the year 2018?

- 1) US
 - 2) UK
 - 3) Singapore
 - 4) UAE
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) UK**

Explanation:

London & Partners (L&P), the Mayor of London's promotional agency, in the new report analysis, based on FDI (Foreign Direct Investments) Markets and FDI Intelligence data stated that in 2018, the UK became the top-most nation to attract Indian FDI with 52 projects. US attracted Indian FDI with 51

projects while the UAE with 32 projects. Indian companies investing and expanding in London reached an all-time high in 2018, with 32 investment projects, which is a huge leap from 2017. Taxi hailing firm, Ola and Indian hospitality firm, OYO (On Your Own) have also notified investments in the British capital in 2018.

10) Which department has relaxed income tax rules in order to facilitate fundraising by start-ups which is a part of the 'Startup India Vision 2024'?

- 1) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- 2) Department of Commerce
- 3) Department of Heavy Industry
- 4) Department of Export Promotion Council
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

Explanation:

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has brought relaxation in the income tax rules related to residential properties' sale and carry-forward of losses, in order to facilitate fundraising by start-ups. The relaxation laws are part of the 'Startup India Vision 2024' that's been prepared by the DPIIT. The DPIIT recommended amendments in Section 54GB of the Income Tax Act, that is, capital gain on transfer of residential property not to be charged in certain cases and Section 79 that states, carry forward and set off of losses would be done for specific companies. The DPIIT has proposed to reduce shareholding requirements of founders from 50% to 20% and compulsory tenure from 5 years to 3 years. iv. Start-up promoters need to hold 100% shares for carrying forward of losses.

11) Name the product from Indonesia, which has been imposed Anti Dumping Duty by Government of India recently.

- 1) Splenda
- 2) Saccharin
- 3) Stevia
- 4) Isomalt
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Saccharin

Explanation:

Based on the recommendation of the Designated Authority in the Commerce Ministry in March 2019, the revenue department under the Ministry of Finance has imposed anti-dumping duty of 1,633.17 \$ per tonne on saccharin imports from Indonesia. This duty, unless withdrawn earlier, will be valid for a period of 5 years. Import of saccharin into India has increased from 421 tonnes in 2014-15 to 543 tonne in 2017-18. The petition seeking anti-dumping probe on saccharin imports from Indonesia was filed by Swati Petro Products Pvt Ltd.

12) What is the reason behind the fall in Direct tax collections of Rs 82,000 crore in 2018-19?

- 1) Technological Development
- 2) Social and Political Factors
- 3) Shortage in low corporate tax collections
- 4) Demonetisation
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Shortage in low corporate tax collections

Explanation:

Direct tax collections fell short by Rs. 82,000 crore at 11.18 crore in FY2019 (financial year), and one of the major reasons for this shortage is low corporate tax collections. The collections from some regions were much lesser than the last year. Rs.12 lakh crore was the target set by the government. But the sum total of the tax collection numbers indicate that it got 13.4% more than the previous fiscal year but fell

short of the updated target of 18%. Moreover, the profits of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) have been lesser, which again had a negative impact on tax collections.

13) Name the Blockchain based service launched by tech giant, Microsoft.

- 1) Azure Blockchain Service
- 2) Abra Blockchain Service
- 3) Ardor Blockchain Service
- 4) Bitswift Blockchain Service
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Azure Blockchain Service

Explanation:

Recently, Microsoft has released its own fully managed Azure Blockchain Service. This will help in simplifying the formation, management and governance of the businesses so that they can pay attention to workflow logic and application development. Businesses can develop their applications on this new cloud-based platform. "Quorum", an enterprise-focused version of open-sourced platform Ethereum, will be the first ledger available in Azure Blockchain Service. This has been announced after a partnership between J.P Morgan and Microsoft.

14) Which organization in collaboration with Yes Bank has released the report titled "India Inbound Tourism: Unlocking the Opportunity" indicating that India's MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions) tourism grow by 8% a year?

- 1) NASSCOM
- 2) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
- 3) Confederation of Indian Industry(CII)
- 4) Federation of Indian Chambers & Industry (FICCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Federation of Indian Chambers & Industry (FICCI)

Explanation:

The report titled "India Inbound Tourism: Unlocking the Opportunity" published that India's MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibition) tourism are growing at 8 per cent a year. The report is published by the Federation of Indian Chambers & Industry (FICCI) in collaboration with Yes Bank. India has ranked 24th in MICE tourism worldwide. Out of 12,563 international meetings held in 2018, India hosts only 175 meetings which are around 1.4% and MICE tourism was pegged at Rs 25,000 crore with a yearly growth of 8%. In 2018, India ranked 5th in the Asia Pacific region in MICE tourism. The top four countries were Japan followed by China, South Korea and Australia.

15) Which ministry has organized a 2-day long interaction with embassies of 11 African nations to deepen the India-Africa trade relations?

- 1) Ministry of Commerce
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 4) Ministry of Finance
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ministry of Commerce

Explanation:

The Commerce Ministry, Indian High Commissions and embassies of 11 African nations organized a 2-day, (that is on May 3rd and May 6th) long interaction to deepen the India-Africa trade relations. This was arranged over Digital Video Conference (DVC) and was attended by more than 400 members of the Indian business community in Africa. The interactions with the Indian Diaspora were held in 11 African nations, namely, Tanzania, Uganda, Kenya, Zambia, and Mauritius, Nigeria, Mozambique, Ghana, South Africa, Botswana, and Madagascar, to construct an efficient engagement with the Indian Diaspora in

Africa. This initiative gives more focus on the requirement for a multi-faceted strategy to enhance trade and investment between India and Africa.

16) Name the global analytical company, which has released a report stating that Discoms will return to pre-UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurances Yojana) levels of Rs 2.6 lakh crore by 2020.

- 1) India Ratings & Research
- 2) Moody
- 3) CRISIL
- 4) Fitch
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) CRISIL**

Explanation:

According to CRISIL (formerly Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited) report, the external debt of state-owned electricity distribution companies (discoms) will return to pre-UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurances Yojana) levels of Rs 2.6 lakh crore by the financial year 2020 (FY20). The CRISIL's report is based on the analysis of 15 states which account for 85% of aggregate losses. After the implementation of the UDAY scheme by various states, aggregate discom debt had fallen from Rs 2.7 lakh crore in Sep. 2015 to Rs 1.9 lakh crore in FY16 and Rs 1.5 lakh crore in FY17. But now this downward trajectory is started to reverse and in FY19 aggregate losses will be Rs 2.28 lakh crore and in FY20 the aggregate losses will be Rs 2.64 lakh crore.

17) Name the association, which has signed MoU with Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Ltd. to help in the preservation of resources.

- 1) Association of New and Renewable Energy
- 2) Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)
- 3) Oil Industry Safety Association
- 4) Association of Hydrocarbons
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA)**

Explanation:

Tractors and Farm Equipment (TAFE) Ltd. notified its signing of (MoU) memorandum of understanding with the Petroleum Conservation Research Association (PCRA), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas, GOI to help in the preservation of resources. The MoU was signed by Petroleum association's executive director Alok Tripathi and TAFE's president and COO-product strategy and corporate relations (Chief Operating Officer) T R Kesavan. Under the MoU, the Petroleum Conservation Research Association would collaboratively conduct the agricultural workshops by taking the aid of TAFE's extended network of dealership. The main objective of this initiative is to spread awareness on the advantages of better maintenance of tractors, thus resulting in lower usage of fuel, minimum cost, and maximum productivity.

18) To improve which sector, does India and Japan's ISE Foods signed MoU recently?

- 1) Subsistence farms
- 2) Pastoral farms
- 3) Arable farms
- 4) Poultry farms
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Poultry farms**

Explanation:

India has inked Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ISE Foods, Japan's largest egg producer. The objective is to improve the quality of eggs, disease diagnosis and waste management in poultry farms across India. ISE Foods will establish two poultry farms in India out of which first will be in Gujarat's Surat city and second will be in Telangan's Siddipet. The egg production process used by ISE Foods is fully automated, the chickens are totally antibiotic-free and ISE's production process is considered the most

hygienic in the world. ISE Foods also regulates "ISE Integration System" which supervise the production of feed, poultry farming, egg collection, packing and delivery production to control quality.

19) Name the country, whose bilateral trade with India in the sectors of merchandise and services has grown by 12.6% from USD 126 billion in 2017 to USD 142 billion in 2018.

- 1) Japan
- 2) Russia
- 3) U.S.
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) U.S.

Explanation:

The bilateral trade between India and the US in merchandise and services has grown by 12.6% from USD 126 billion in 2017 to USD 142 billion in 2018. This was welcomed by the two countries in the recently concluded India-US bilateral trade meeting in New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, along with the Wilbur Ross, US Secretary of Commerce. Both countries have started many initiatives to boost trade and deepen economic cooperation including the private sector led US-India SME (Small and Medium-sized Enterprise) Forum.

20) Which Indian IT firm has surpassed Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and becomes India's most valued firm?

- 1) Mphasis
- 2) Wipro
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Tata Consultancy Services(TCS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tata Consultancy Services(TCS)

Explanation:

On May 9th, Indian IT firm, Tata Consultancy Services(TCS) surpassed the Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), led by Mukesh Ambani, in terms of Market capitalisation and became the India's most valued firm by market capitalisation. As per BSE data, the market-cap of TCS stood at Rs. 8.13 trillion whereas the market-cap of RIL was Rs.7.95 trillion.

21) Where is India's first ever ice café located, which was created by Border Road

Organisation(BRO) officials recently ?

- 1) Gaya, Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Vijay Pur, Samba, Jammu and Kashmir
- 3) Nowshera, Rajouri, Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Zangla, Kargil, Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Gaya, Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

Border Road Organisation (BRO) officials have created India's first ever ice cafe in the mountain village of Gaya in Ladakh region of Jammu and Kashmir, at 14,000 feet height above sea level, on the famous Manali-Leh Highway. The ice sculpture, resembles a Buddhist meditation place, was created by natural process. The design of the ice cafe has been inspired by the works of famous Indian engineer and innovator and education reformist, Sonam Wangchuk.

22) Which country's railway department has signed agreement with Konkan Railways Corporation Ltd (KRCL) of Indian railways seeking two 1600 HP DEMU train sets?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Nepal

- 3) Srilanka
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nepal**

Explanation:

A PSU (Public Sector Undertaking) of the Indian government under the Railway Ministry, Konkan Railways Corporation Ltd (KRCL), signed an agreement in Kathmandu, with Nepal's Department of Railways in the presence of Manjeev Singh Puri, Indian Ambassador to Nepal and Madhusudan Adhikari, Nepalese Ministry of Physical Infrastructure and Transport Secretary. According to the agreement, KRCL will supply two 1600 HP DEMU train sets to Nepal's Department of Railways. The trains were manufactured by the Integrated Coach Factory in Chennai. The trains each will consist of 3 coaches, including 1 A.C. (air-conditioned) coach. The 1600 HP DEMU trains will run between Jayanagar in India and Kurtha in Nepal, the 34 km long stretch.

23) Which city has been selected as the center to develop WhatsApp's mobile payment service, WhatsApp Pay?

- 1) New York
- 2) London
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Paris
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) London**

Explanation:

CEO of Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg has confirmed that it has selected London to be the center to launch WhatsApp Pay. The reason to choose London than US City is because WhatsApp is widely used in UK and London is considered as a Hub for Fintech. WhatsApp has 1.5 billion users globally, out of which, more than 200 million users are in India. In the process of launching this new feature, WhatsApp will hire nearly 100 new software engineers in London and additional staff would be hired in Dublin.

24) Name the NGO foundation, whose registration was cancelled by the Home Ministry for violating the norms of receiving foreign grants.

- 1) Parinaam Foundation
- 2) Bharti Foundation
- 3) Infosys Foundation
- 4) Equitas Development Initiatives Trust
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Infosys Foundation**

Explanation:

The Home Ministry has cancelled the registration of NGO Infosys Foundation under the Foreign Contribution (Regulations) Act (FCRA) for violating the norms of receiving foreign grants. Under the FCRA Act, all non-government organisations (NGOs) have to mandatorily register under the act. Infosys Foundation had not submitted annual income and expenditure statement on foreign funding for the last 6 years. Due to this reason, the registration of Infosys Foundation was cancelled by Home Ministry. Under the FCRA Act, there are guidelines according to which registered associations are required to submit annual report of income and expenditure statement, receipts and payment account, balance sheet etc. electronically. This submission should be done within the 9 months of the closure of the financial year.

25) Which telecommunications company has partnered with google for expanding its WiFi footprint?

- 1) Reliance Jio
- 2) Vodafone Group Plc
- 3) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)

- 4) Bharti Airtel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL)**

Explanation:

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has partnered with Google on the occasion of World Telecom Day (May 17). The objective is to expand BSNL's Wi-Fi footprint in the country. Currently, there are around 38,000 BSNL Wi-Fi hotspot locations working across the country and one can use these after buying the Wi-Fi vouchers worth of Rs 19 and more. Additional Information .Recently, state-run telecom major BSNL has also taken several steps to increase the rural Wi-Fi footprints which are the part of government's "Digital India" initiative.

26) Name the Information technology company, which has recently signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with French based digital content publishing firm Rakuten Aquafadas to build customer experience offerings.

- 1) Wipro
- 2) Tech Mahendra
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Cognizant
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tech Mahendra**

Explanation:

Tech Mahendra signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with French based digital content publishing firm Rakuten Aquafadas. The objective of this partnership is to collaborate on building enhanced customer experience offerings. This partnership will also help both the companies to drive further innovation in the fields like artificial intelligence, machine learning and digital transformation space.

27) Where did Facebook Global Holdings registered a new cryptocurrency firm named 'Libra Networks LLC' ?

- 1) Vienna, Austria
- 2) Washington DC, USA
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

On May 2, 2019, Facebook Global Holdings registered a new cryptocurrency firm named 'Libra Networks LLC' in Geneva, Switzerland. It will provide financial and technology services by developing related hardware and software components. Facebook has been very secretive about its new cryptocurrency project. Facebook had registered the trademark "Libra" with the United States Patent and Trademark Office. Facebook has hired 2 cryptocurrency compliance experts who formerly worked at the major crypto exchange Coinbase to assist in their work. Facebook is looking to raise \$1 billion to build this new project.

28) Which refurbished imported product is allowed in India after receiving certification from Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)?

- 1) Televisions
- 2) Tablets
- 3) Laptops
- 4) Mobile Phones
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Mobile Phones**

Explanation:

India has allowed the import of refurbished mobile phones or second mobile phones only if they are certified by the Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS).Earlier, the Government of India didn't give its assent to refurbished mobile imports with the fear of dumping and negative effect to Make In India initiative.Mobile operators like Apple had sought the permission with the Government to give nod to the import of second iphones.

29)National Standards Body of India, Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS) was in news recently, it works under which ministry ?

- 1) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 2) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution
- 3) Ministry of Law and Justice
- 4) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution**

Explanation:

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the national Standards Body of India working under the aegis of Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Government of India. It is established by the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 which came into effect on 23 December 1986.

30)Name the cloud computing platform worth Rs.7500 crore, which is set to be established by NITI Aayog for creating an institutional framework for artificial intelligence (AI) in the country.

- 1) AIRAWAT
- 2) CLOUD
- 3) CLCOMP
- 4) AICLOUD
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) AIRAWAT**

Explanation:

Recently, a policy think tank NITI Aayog has proposed a plan for Artificial Intelligence (AI) by creating a cloud computing platform named AIRAWAT and research institutes. NITI Aayog has circulated a cabinet note to provide Rs 7,500 crore funding for a 3-year period and set up a high-level task force to oversee roll-out and implementation of Artificial Intelligence (AI). The task force will be headed by NITI Aayog member with representation from all ministries and states along with experts from different fields.

31)Find the government agency which has reduced the prices of 9 Non-Scheduled Cancer Drugs by 87%.

- 1) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI)
- 2) Drug Controller General of India(DCGI)s
- 3) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
- 4) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization(CDSCO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**

Explanation:

National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) reduced the prices of 9 Non-Scheduled Cancer Drugs by 87%. This decision was brought out by NPPA's May 15 memorandum in its price control framework. It has approved the proposal to cap trade margins of all medicines at 30%.This is a major step to make the anti-cure drugs including chemotherapy injections for lung cancer treatments, available at affordable prices.As per the revised order, the maximum retail price of chemotherapy injection pemetrexed (500mg), sold under the brand name Pemxcel has come down from Rs 22,000 to Rs 2,800. A 100mg dose of the same injection will cost Rs 800 against Rs 7,700.

32) What is the deadline set by Food Safety and Standards Authority in India (FSSAI) for the small organic producers, having an annual turnover, over Rs 12 lakh to sell their products directly to customers without certification?

- 1) May 2020
- 2) April 2020
- 3) June 2020
- 4) Jan 2020
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) April 2020

Explanation:

Recently, Food Safety and Standards Authority in India (FSSAI) has allowed 'small organic producers' which are having an annual turnover, over Rs 12 lakh can sell their products directly to customers without certification till April 2020. However, they can't use Jaivik Bharat Logo on their product. The Jaivik Bharat Logo is a kind of identity mark which is used to distinguish organic products from non-organic ones.

33) Which organization has reduced the global growth forecast to 3.2% from earlier 3.3% recently?

- 1) International Monetary Fund(IMF)
- 2) Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries(OPEC)
- 3) United Nation
- 4) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)

Explanation:

Recently, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) has reduced the global growth forecast to 3.2% as compared to earlier forecast of 3.3% due to US-China trade war. OECD has also cut the forecast for US growth by 0.2% to 2.8% this year. However, for next year OECD has predicted a slowdown to 2.3%.

34) Name the entity, that has signed a defence contract worth of Rs 300 crore with Indian Navy for implement Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based Access Control System.

- 1) Tech Mahindra
- 2) Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)
- 3) Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL)
- 4) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Tech Mahindra

Explanation:

Tech Mahindra signed a defence contract worth of Rs 300 crore with Indian Navy. Under 'Armed Forces Secure Access Card' (AFSAC) Project, Tech Mahindra will implement Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) based Access Control System across all naval bases and ships. The new Access Control System named 'Armed Forces Secure Access Card' (AFSAC) Card will replace the existing paper-based identity cards for all Navy personnel which also includes dependents and ex-servicemen. Tech Mahindra will develop a secure application which will manage the access control devices, network devices, and the AFSAC Card by using the Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) level 5.

35) Indian economy is projected to ____ percent for the fiscal year 2020 as per the United Nations(UN) ?

- 1) 7.2%
- 2) 7.5%
- 3) 7.1%

- 4) 7.3%
5) None of these
Answer – **3) 7.1%**

Explanation:

According to the report of the United Nations, India's economy is projected to grow at 7.1% in the fiscal year 2020 as a result of strong domestic consumption and investment. It is a downward revision from 7.4% which was estimated in January 2019. As per the World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update, the Indian economy expanded by 7.2% in 2018. Domestic consumption and investment are estimated at 7% in 2019 and 7.1% in 2020.

36) Economic growth of the globe is projected to _____ percent for the year, 2019 by United Nations (UN) in its report "World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update" recently?

- 1) 2.7%
2) 2.6%
3) 2.5%
4) 2.4%
5) None of these
Answer – **1) 2.7%**

Explanation:

United Nations (UN) in its mid-year report on economic prospects named "World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update" has diminished the global economic growth forecasts for 2019 to 2.7% and for 2020 to 2.9%. In the January predictions, the economic growth was projected at 3% for both years. The reason behind the lowering of the forecast is high trade tensions, uncertainty over political policies and a complicated confluence of internal and external factors affecting most of the developed and developing economies.

37) What is the GDP growth of India for the financial year 2020 as per the United Nation's report World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update ?

- 1) 7.2%
2) 7.1%
3) 7.3%
4) 7.4%
5) None of these
Answer – **2) 7.1%**

Explanation:

United Nation's report World Economic Situation and Prospects (WESP) 2019 Mid-year Update projected India's growth as 7.1%. Among developed economies, United States' will grow at 2.3%, while the European Union's overall economy will expand at 1.5%, Japan at 0.8% and Russia at 1.4%. For India, UN has cut the growth rate by 0.6% to be at 7% for 2019 from the earlier prediction of 7.6% in the January edition. But despite of downward revision, India remains the fastest growing major economy in the world, ahead of China's growth rate of 6.3%. For 2020,

38) Name the organization, which has projected India's GDP growth as 7.5% for the year 2020 recently.

- 1) World Bank
2) World Trade Organization (WTO)
3) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)
4) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
5) None of these
Answer – **3) Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)**

Explanation:

Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in its Economic Outlook projected India's GDP growth to 7.25 percent in FY19 and 7.5 percent in FY20. This growth is result of increase rural consumption, fiscal and quasi-fiscal stimulus, recent structural reforms and lower inflation. ii. Economic Outlook report also suggested that increased Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection and wider base of personal income tax will reduce high public debt-to-GDP ratio.

39) Which bank is set to buy a stake in India International Exchange (INX) a subsidiary of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) ?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

ICICI Bank has entered into an agreement with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) to buy stake in its subsidiary India International Exchange (INX) which is located at Gujarat International Financial Tec-City (GIFT City) Gujarat for around Rs 31 crore. ICICI is buying stake up to 9.9 % in INX.

40) Name the scientist and financial expert, who recommendeds a strategy to reduce oil imports while submitting their report to Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan .

- 1) Anil Kakodkar and Sidharth Pradhan
- 2) Avinash Agarwal and N K Singh
- 3) Anil Kakodkar and Bimal Jalan
- 4) Avinash Agarwal and Sidharth Pradhan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Anil Kakodkar and Sidharth Pradhan

Explanation:

A High-level Committee of Companies in its report to Oil Ministry has suggested short-term, medium-term and long-term strategies to reduce crude oil imports. The purpose of the formation of this committee is to discuss research-related synergies and tax issues for state-run oil companies. The committee led by Anil Kakodkar, a scientist and Sidharth Pradhan, an expert on financial and tax issues. The committee has suggested creating a new entity for oil services and supply of qualified manpower to the oil and gas sector around the world.

41) Which country's oil import was terminated by India after US waivers expired ?

- 1) Iraq
- 2) Canada
- 3) Venezuela
- 4) Iran
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Iran

Explanation:

The import of oil has been stopped from Iran by India after American waivers granted to eight buyers expired at the start of May 2019. As of April end, the dependency on Iranian oil has been dropped to 1 million tonnes a month from about 2.5 billion tonnes a month. On May 2, 2019, US has ended the waivers that had allowed the top buyers of Iranian oil, including India, to continue their imports for six months. It was being done to reduce Iran's crude oil export to zero.

42) Which organization has released the report titled “Women in Business and Management: The business case for change” which revealed gender diversity good for business and economy?

- 1) World Intellectual Property Organization
- 2) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- 3) United Nations
- 4) International Labour Organisation (ILO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) International Labour Organisation (ILO)

Explanation:

United Nation (UN)’s International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its report titled “Women in Business and Management: The business case for change” revealed that those companies which improve gender diversity especially at the top, perform better and rake in higher profits. The report was based on the findings on a survey of nearly 13,000 companies across 70 countries. During the survey, around 57% of the people acknowledged that growing the number at the top made it easier to attract and retain talent and around same the number of people had acknowledge that it improves creativity, innovation and openness and also enhance the company’s reputation. The ILO’s report also analysed data from 186 countries between 1991 and 2017 which revealed that increasing women’s employment is directly associated with more economic growth at the national level. The data from the report also showed that in last decade women’s employment has grown worldwide but, they still remain 26% less likely to hold a job than men.

43) Which multi-port operator, will set up its first container terminal outside India in Myanmar?

- 1) PSA International
- 2) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone(APSEZ)
- 3) Hutchison Port Holdings
- 4) Reliance port operator
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone(APSEZ)

Explanation:

India’s largest private multi-port operator, Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone(APSEZ) will set up its first container terminal outside India in Myanmar at an estimated cost of USD 290 million (over Rs 2,000 crore). After the implementation, APSEZ will become the first Indian company to set up a container terminal outside India. The Project is constructed in two phases. The BOT (build, operate, transfer)/ lease agreement is signed for 50 years and extendable twice for ten years each.

44) Name the global internet technology and financial services provider which collaborated with India to issue Permanent Account Number (PAN) card.

- 1) Steinhoff International
- 2) Evotec A.G.
- 3) Comdirect
- 4) Wirecard
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Wirecard

Explanation:

Wirecard, a German Payments Company announced that it would work with India to simplify the process of issuing tax identity cards which required for opening bank accounts, transfer money and complete business transactions. The deal between Wirecard and state company UTI Infrastructure Technology and Financial Services, seeks to widen the distribution of Permanent Account Number (PAN) card.

45) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) has to permit bio-fuel imports like ethyl alcohol, bio-diesel and petroleum oils. DGFT works under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Ministry of Finance
- 3) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- 4) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Explanation:

Recently, the central government has decided to restrict the bio-fuel imports which include ethyl alcohol, bio-diesel, and petroleum oils for all-purpose and their import will require an import license from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Till now, the import was only allowed for non-fuel purposes subject to actual user condition. The new restrictions announced by the government will affect import of ethyl alcohol and other spirits, petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals and bio-diesel.

46) GDP growth of India is projected to _____%, for the financial year 2019 as per the rating agency India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) ?

- 1) 7.3%
- 2) 6.9%
- 3) 7.1%
- 4) 7.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 6.9%

Explanation:

On May 27, 2019, India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra), a rating agency estimated India GDP Growth at 6.9% in FY19 as against 7%, marginally lower than CSO's (Central Statistics Office) advance estimate of 7%. The GDP growth was 7.2% during 2017-18. As per the report, 2018-19 will be the second consecutive year of an economic slowdown.

47) What is the purchase limit of cheaper cars for the officer category of the defence personnel excluding GST, as per the new restrictions imposed by CSD canteens ?

- 1) Rs 5 lakh
- 2) Rs 10 lakh
- 3) Rs 15 lakh
- 4) Rs 12 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rs 12 lakh

Explanation:

In order to curtail the expenditure towards procurement of vehicles, the Indian Army has imposed restrictions on the purchase of cheaper cars by defence forces personnel from CSD canteens. The new rules will come into effect from June 1, 2019. Around Rs 17000 crore annually is sanctioned by Parliament for CSD under miscellaneous heads. In 2018, the car sales were over 6000 crores which led to overshoot of budget and also carryover liability of payment to car manufacturers rises to Rs 4500 crore. Officers can buy vehicles valued up to Rs 12 lakh excluding GST from CSD canteens only once in eight years and the cars should be up to 2500 cc engine capacity. Jawans would be allowed to buy cars once during their regular service and once after retirement worth around Rs 6.5 lakh including GST.

48) Name the Indian personality, who run the charity in UAE named, Pehal Charitable Trust (PCT) that entered Guinness World Records for "Longest Line of Hunger Relief Package" in Abu Dhabi.

- 1) Rahul Bose
- 2) Joginder Singh Salaria

- 3) Gul Panag
- 4) Dietmar Hopp
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Joginder Singh Salaria

Explanation:

On May 18, 2019, Pehal Charitable Trust (PCT), a Charity run by Indian Joginder Singh Salaria in the United Arab Emirates(UAE) entered Guinness World Records for holding longest Iftar. It set the new Guinness World Records for "Longest Line of Hunger Relief Package" in Abu Dhabi. Iftar is an evening meal with which Muslims end their daily Ramadan fast at sunset. The vegetarian Iftar was organized daily at the premises of Pehal International, Dubai Industrial Park. This event was adjudicated by Douglas Palau, an American television writer and producer.

49) Which entity has become the first Indian fund house to launch WhatsApp transaction platform for mutual fund transactions ?

- 1) HDFC Mutual Fund
- 2) Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund
- 3) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- 4) Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company

Explanation:

In first of its kind initiative, Motilal Oswal Asset Management Company (AMC) has become the first Indian fund house to launch WhatsApp transaction platform for mutual fund transactions for new as well as existing investors. This enables investors to use WhatsApp to invest in any scheme from Motilal Oswal AMC. Investors can either invest lumpsum or through SIPs. An investor should add Motilal Oswal AMC number (+91 9372205812) to his/her contact list. Then on WhatsApp, type 'Hi' on the above number. After sharing the PAN details, the investor should share his/her mode of investment, fund, amount etc. Finally, authorise payment for the transaction through the payment link sent.

50) What is the GDP growth of India for the 4th Quarter, as per the Ecowrap Report of State Bank of India(SBI) ?

- 1) 6.7-6.3%
- 2) 6.1-5.9%
- 3) 6.3-5.7%
- 4) 6.5-6.1%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 6.1-5.9%

Explanation:

According to the Ecowrap Report of State Bank of India, GDP growth in the fourth quarter (Q4) ended March 2019 is likely to moderate to 6.1-5.9%. As a result, the entire growth rate for fiscal 2018-19 can be slipped down to below 7%. The dip in growth rate may propel the Reserve Bank of India to cut rates to 0.50%. It will undertake the second monetary policy review on June 6, 2019. 1% point cut in the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) can release Rs 1.28 lakh crore, reducing lending rates by 0.15% and improve banks' profitability by Rs 12,000 crore annually. The growth estimate for the January-March period is at 6.1-5.9% leading to an annual growth rate of 6.9%. The Gross Value Added (GVA) growth for Q4, FY 19 is estimated at 6% or it could be slipped marginally below 6% at 5.9%. In its report, it also stated that if appropriate policies are adopted, the current economic slowdown can be temporary in nature.

51) Which airline has become the fourth Indian Airline to have 100 aircraft fleet ?

- 1) SpiceJet
- 2) IndiGo
- 3) GoAir

- 4) Jet Airways
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) SpiceJet**

Explanation:

On May 26, 2019, Gurugram based no-frills airline SpiceJet became the fourth Indian Airline to have 100 aircraft fleet after the induction of Boeing 737. The other 3 airlines are Air India, IndiGo and now inoperative Jet Airways. At present, SpiceJet has 68 Boeing 737s, 30 Bombardier Q-400s and 2 B737 freighters. It operates 575 average daily flights to 62 destinations- 53 domestic and 9 international flights. In the month of April 2019, it had added 23 planes, connecting the key metros of Mumbai and Delhi. SpiceJet plays an important role in regional connectivity scheme UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) of the Central government. It operates 42 flights per day to and from different domestic destinations.

52) Which ministry has publicized the comprehensive draft of the export policy consisting of product-specific rules that will act as a ready reckoner for exporters ?

- 1) External Affairs Ministry
- 2) Environment Ministry
- 3) Commerce Ministry
- 4) Home Ministry
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Commerce Ministry**

Explanation:

The Commerce Ministry has publicized the comprehensive draft of the export policy consisting of product-specific rules that will act as a ready reckoner for exporters. The draft policy is proposed by various partner government agencies aimed at consolidating the export norms for each product as applicable at different government agencies. It will help an exporter know all the applicable norms pertaining to a particular product. The comprehensive exports policy for all ITC (HS) tariff codes (including items which are 'free' for export and do not currently exist in the policy) has covered conditions/restrictions imposed by partner government agencies on exports. ITC-HS Codes are Indian Trade Clarification based on Harmonised System of Coding. It was adopted by India for import-export operations. Every product has been accorded an eight-digit HS code.

53) Which entity has signed an MOU with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for the year 2019-20 to provide enhanced services ?

- 1) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- 2) National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- 4) Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)**

Explanation:

The National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) inked Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) for the year 2019-20 to provide enhanced services. The MoU was signed in the presence of National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD); Additional Secretary of MSME, Ram Mohan Mishra and MSME Secretary Arun Kumar Panda. It aimed at enhanced services by NSIC under its marketing, financial, technology and other support services schemes for MSMEs in the country.

54) Which of the following country is removed from the United State's currency monitoring list along with Switzerland ?

- 1) India
- 2) China
- 3) Japan

- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

US Government has removed India and Switzerland from its currency monitoring list. The monitoring list includes countries with potentially "questionable" foreign exchange policies and practices currency manipulation. It is prepared by the US Treasury Department and it urged the Asian nations to take necessary steps to avoid a "persistently weak currency". The Criterion: Countries with a current-account surplus equivalent to 2% of the Gross Domestic Product(GDP) are eligible for the list, according to modifications made in the new list, down from 3% earlier. Other thresholds include repeated intervention in the currency markets and a trade surplus with the US of at least \$20 billion.

55) Which Indian State, is now permitted to export fruits and vegetables to Saudi Arabia?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kerala

Explanation:

Saudi Arabia has lifted export ban on fruits and vegetables from Kerala. In June 2018, the ban was imposed due to the outbreak of Nipah virus. Saudi Arabian authorities had communicated this information to the state in the second week of May and it has led to the commencement of direct exports from the 3 airports. Kozhikode airport exports 20 tonnes of fruits and vegetables per day worth \$50,000 to various destinations in Saudi. Other 2 airports of Kochi and Thiruvananthapuram export the items to Dammam, Riyadh and Jeddah airports. The major items of export at present are mangoes such as Alphonso, Banganapalle, followed by banana and pineapple. Kerala exports around 150 tonnes of perishable commodities to Gulf countries. It alone exports 30-40 tonnes to Saudi Arabia.

56) FDI was in news recently, What is the full form of FDI ?

- 1) FDI – Fair Trade deficit Interest
- 2) FDI – Finance Deficit Interest
- 3) FDI – Financially Descendant Interest
- 4) FDI - Foreign Direct Investment
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) FDI - Foreign Direct Investment

Explanation:

FDI stands for Foreign Direct Investment. This was in news recently when, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), has released the status of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows for the 2018-19.

57) How much billion dollar is invested in India through FDI, as per the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) ?

- 1) USD 44.37 billion
- 2) USD 45.37 billion
- 3) USD 46.37 billion
- 4) USD 47.37 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) USD 44.37 billion

Explanation:

According to the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), for the first time in last six years, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) inflows have declined in this fiscal (2018-19),

falling by 1% to USD 44.37 billion. The FDI inflows in 2017-18 were USD 44.85 billion. Singapore replaced Mauritius to become the top source of FDI in the last fiscal. The FDI inflows from Singapore were USD 16.22 billion while the FDI inflows from Mauritius were USD 8 billion.

58) CPI was in news recently, what does C stands for _____?

- 1) Currency
- 2) Consumer
- 3) Commodity
- 4) Capital
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Consumer

Explanation:

C stands for Consumer. The full form of CPI is (Consumer Price Index).

59) What is the GDP growth of India for the financial year 2020 as per Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) ?

- 1) 7.4%
- 2) 7.3 %
- 3) 7.1%
- 4) 7.2 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 7.1%

Explanation:

FICCI's (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) economic outlook survey has projected India's median GDP (Gross Domestic Product) 7.1% for FY20 and 7.2% for FY21. The survey was conducted among economic Minimum and maximum growth estimate stood at 6.8 percent and 7.3 percent. Wholesale Price Index (WPI) based inflation rate is projected at 3.1% in 2019-20 with a minimum and maximum range of 2.1 percent and 4 percent, respectively. Consumer Price Index (CPI) based inflation forecasted at 4% for 2019-20 with a minimum and maximum range of 3.5 percent and 4.1 percent, respectively. It belongs to the industry, banking, and financial services sectors.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) Environmental lawyer Alfred Brownell won Goldman Environmental Prize 2019, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Mongolia
- 2) North Macedonia
- 3) Chile
- 4) Liberia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Liberia

Explanation:

The Goldman Environmental Foundation honoured 6 recipients of the 2019 with the world's eminent award for grassroots environmental activists, the Goldman Environmental Prize.

Name of recipient	Country	Environmental work
Bayarjargal Agvaantseren	Mongolia	Bayarjargal Agvaantseren helped to create the 1.8 million-acre Tost Tosonbumba Nature Reserve (in the South Gobi Desert) which is a critical habitat for the vulnerable snow leopard. She also persuaded the Mongolian government

		to take actions against mining within the reserve.
Alfred Brownell	Liberia	Environmental lawyer Alfred Brownell stopped the clear-cutting of Liberia's tropical forests by palm oil plantation developers. His effective campaign helped to save 5,13,500 acres of primary forest. He was under violent threats during the entire noble campaign and now, for his safety, he is living in temporary exile in the United States.
Ana Colovic Lesoska	North Macedonia	Ana Colovic Lesoska protected the habitat of the nearly-extinct Balkan lynx (a wild cat with yellowish-brown fur found mostly in the northern latitudes of North America and Eurasia) by leading a 7-year campaign to chop off international funding for 2 large hydropower plants to be constructed inside North Macedonia's Mavrovo National Park.

2) Name the former chief of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), who has been conferred France's highest civilian award "Knight of the Legion of Honour" recently.

- 1) Udupi Ramachandra Rao
- 2) Krishnaswamy Kasturirangan
- 3) A S Kiran Kumar
- 4) G.Madhavan Nair
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) A S Kiran Kumar**

Explanation:

Former Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) chief, A S Kiran Kumar has been conferred France's highest civilian award "Knight of the Legion of Honour". This award is for his invaluable contribution to the development of the India-France space cooperation. The award has presented by Ambassador of France to India, Alexandre Ziegler, on the behalf of President of the French Republic. The Padma Shri awardee served as the ISRO chief from 2015 to 2018.

3) Name the article, for which Nileena M S has won the Asian College of Journalism's Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018.

- 1) Coalgate 2.0
- 2) Labor and Labor Movements
- 3) Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 4) Work and Family
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Coalgate 2.0**

Explanation:

The article titled 'Coalgate 2.0' written by Nileena M S has won the Asian College of Journalism's Award for Investigative Journalism, 2018. The article was published in "The Caravan Magazine" in March 2018. The final jury which includes Gopalkrishna Gandhi, Nilita Vachani and Dr. A R Venkatachalapathy

unanimously approved Nileena's work as the winner. The Award comprised of a trophy, a citation and Rs. 2 lakh cash prize. The award was presented by John Micklethwait, Editor-in-Chief of Bloomberg News, who was also the chief guest at the journalism school's annual convocation ceremony. Nileena's article investigated the allotment of captive coal blocks in Parba East and Kanta Basan regions of Chhattisgarh. It also explored deforestation, relocation of people, loss of livelihood and denial of forest rights to tribals. 'Coalgate 2.0' published in "The Caravan Magazine" is an excellent example of investigative journalism in the field of financial reporting.

4) Name the cardiac surgeon and humanitarian, who was honoured with the 27th PC Chandra Purashkaar recently?

- 1) Dr Naresh Trehan
- 2) Dr Devi Prasad Shetty
- 3) Dr Ramakanta Panda
- 4) Dr Amit Mittal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dr Devi Prasad Shetty

Explanation:

India's most reputed cardiac surgeon and humanitarian, Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty was awarded 27th P.C. Chandra Puraskaar, the annual national award from the P.C. Chandra Group at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre. General Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission, Belur Math, Swami Suviranandaji Maharaj graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and gave away the award. He is also known as 'The Man with Divine Hands'. In 2003, he has won Padma Shri and Padma Bhushan for medicine in 2013.

5) Name the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War hero, who was honoured with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill.

- 1) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob
- 2) K M Shafiullah
- 3) Chittoronjon Datta
- 4) Abu Taher
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob

Explanation:

A Jewish, Lieutenant General (retired) Jack Farj Rafael (JFR) Jacob honoured with a plaque on the Wall of Honour at the Ammunition Hill. He fought World War II and India Pakistan war of 1965 and also negotiated the historic surrender of Pakistani troops in Dhaka after the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation war. After retirement, he became the Governor of two states- Goa and Punjab. He died in 2016 at the age of 92. Till now, the Wall of Honour at Ammunition Hill has honoured more than 340 people which comprised of high ranking officers, women, front line fighters and humble members of supporting units.

6) Teenager Bandana, has set a Guinness World Records on "Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual" surpassing the Indian dancer Kalamandalam Hemalatha. She hails from which country?

- 1) Myanmar
- 2) Srilanka
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nepal

Explanation:

Nepali teenager, Bandana danced continuously for 126 hours to set a Guinness World Records on "Longest Dancing Marathon by an Individual". Bandana surpassed the record set by Kalamandalam

Hemalatha, an Indian, who danced for 123 hours and 15 minutes in 2011. She danced continuously for Nepali music

7) Who was conferred with V K Krishna Menon Award 2019 in UK for his contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism?

- 1) Benni Joseph Mavelil
- 2) Balakrishnan
- 3) Mahendra Chaudhry
- 4) G D Robert Govender
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) G D Robert Govender**

Explanation:

Indian –origin journalist G D ‘Robert’ Govender conferred with V K Krishna Menon Award 2019 in UK for his contribution as a pioneer of decolonised journalism. The award is given to mark the 123rd birth anniversary of V K Krishna Menon, Indian diplomat and politician. Govender is the first person who has been awarded the V K Krishna Menon posthumously. He had died in the UK in 2016. Govender had written many books in the field of journalism but his one of the outstanding work was “The Martyrdom of Patrice Lumumba” which had exposed the role of western intelligence agencies in the murder of the Congolese independence leader.

8) Name the two new award categories inducted to Best FIFA Football Awards 2019 recently.

- i. Off Women’s goalkeeper of the year
- ii. Women’s team of the year
- iii. Men’s goalkeeper of the year
- iv. Men’s team of the year

- 1) Option i & iii
- 2) Option i & ii
- 3) Option ii & iii
- 4) Option ii & iv
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Option i & ii**

Explanation:

On 6th May 2019, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has introduced two new award categories, off Women’s goalkeeper of the year and a women’s team of the year, to promote women’s football across the globe. These additions mean that both men and women will be up for receiving accolades in the same categories at the FIFA Best ceremony 2019 in Milan, Italy that will take place on 23 September 2019.

9) Name the two Indian’s, who were honoured for laying down their lives in UN peace-service among 115 UN personnel staff.

- i. Vimla Mehra
- ii. Shikha Garg
- iii. Meera Borwankar
- iv. Jitender Kumar

- 1) Option ii & iii
- 2) Option ii & iv
- 3) Option i & iv
- 4) Option ii & i
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Option ii & iv**

Explanation:

The Secretary of United Nations, General Antonio Guterres, accompanied with top UN officials and

Peacekeeping personnel paid homage to 115 peacekeepers from 43 different countries who laid down their lives in the service of peace. Among the 115 peacekeepers, 2 Indians were also paid tribute. They were honoured for their sacrifice in the line of duty. The 2 Indians were: Jitender Kumar: He was an Indian police officer deployed to the UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). Shikha Garg: She was a consultant who had worked in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). She was killed in the Nairobi-bound Ethiopian Airlines plane crash. They sacrificed their lives in peace-service between January 2018 and March 2019.

10) Who won the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership?

- 1) Kiran Bedi
- 2) Archana Ramasundaram
- 3) Meera Borwankar
- 4) Chhaya Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Chhaya Sharma**

Explanation:

On 10th May 2019, IPS officer Chhaya Sharma, who headed the investigation team of the infamous Nirbhaya gang-rape and murder case, has been conferred with the 2019 McCain Institute Award for Courage and Leadership. She has guided teams in the detection and investigation of sensitive criminal cases and protection of human rights. In 2017, Chhaya has performed a crucial role in drafting Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines to Combat Trafficking of Persons in India. The award is granted to those who manifest courage on behalf of human rights, humanitarian compassion, justice, freedom, and human dignity.

11) Who won the International Cricketer of the Year Award in CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) MS Dhoni
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

On May 13, 2019, During the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) Awards 2019, Indian skipper Virat Kohli has bagged the International Cricketer of the Year Award and Smriti Mandhana has won International Woman Cricketer of Year Award. Virat Kohli has also won the Best Batsman Award. Kohli has scored 10,843 runs in the One-Day Internationals (ODI) and 6613 runs in the longest format. Smriti Mandhana has scored 1951 runs in the ODIs and 1298 runs in the shortest format.

12) Name the Indian Cricketer, who won the Lifetime Achievement Award in CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019.

- 1) Anil Kumble
- 2) Ajay Jadeja
- 3) Mohinder Amarnath
- 4) Gul Mohammad
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Mohinder Amarnath**

Explanation:

On May 13, 2019, During the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) Awards 2019, Indian skipper Virat Kohli has bagged the International Cricketer of the Year Award and Smriti Mandhana has won International Woman Cricketer of Year Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award was given to Mohinder Amarnath who is the former Indian all-rounder and he was the member of the winning team of World Cup 1983.

13) Who won the International T20 Player of the Year in CEAT International Cricket Awards 2019?

- 1) Glenn Maxwell
- 2) Aaron Finch
- 3) Shane Watson
- 4) David Warner
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Aaron Finch**

Explanation:

On May 13, 2019, During the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) Awards 2019, Indian Pacer, Jasprit Bumrah was honoured with the International Bowler of the Year Award.

Following is the list of Award Winners:

- ☐ International Test Cricketer of the Year: Cheteshwar Pujara (India)
- ☐ International ODI Cricketer of the Year: Rohit Sharma (India)
- ☐ International T20 Player of the Year: Aaron Finch (Australia)
- ☐ Outstanding Performance of the Year: Kuldeep Yadav (India)
- ☐ International T20 Bowler of the Year: Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
- ☐ Domestic Player of the Year: Ashutosh Aman (India)
- ☐ Junior Cricketer of the Year: Yashasvi Jaiswal (India)
- ☐ Cricket Journalists of the Year: Sriram Veera and Snehal Pradhan (India)
- ☐ Special Tribute: Late Ajit Wadekar (India)

14) Kami Rita Sherpa was in news recently, he belongs to which field?

- 1) Acting
- 2) Sports
- 3) Politics
- 4) Mountaineering
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Mountaineering**

Explanation:

On May 15, 2019, 49 year old Sherpa climber from Nepal, Kami Rita climbed Mt. Everest for the 23rd time and broke his own record for most summits on Mt. Everest. He successfully climbed the mountain from the Nepal side. Rita resides in Thame village of Solukhumbu district, Nepal. For the first time, he had scaled the mountain in the year 1994. In 2017, he became the third person to climb the highest peak for 21 times along with the record held by Apa Sherpa and Phurba Tashi Sherpa.

15) Name the Indian women, who become the world's first women to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA) recently.

- 1) Anny Divya
- 2) Aaroohi Pandit
- 3) Bhawana Kanth
- 4) Avani Chaturvedi
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Aaroohi Pandit**

Explanation:

A 23-year-old pilot from Mumbai, Captain Aaroohi Pandit, became first woman in the world to cross the Atlantic Ocean solo in a Light Sports Aircraft (LSA). She had started her journey from Wick, Scotland (United Kingdom) and landed her aircraft at Iqaluit Airport, Canada, post a 3,000 km long flight, under extremely bad weather conditions, with short stopovers in Greenland and Iceland. This mission is a part of her ongoing 1-year-long global circumnavigation flight launched with her friend Keithair Misquitta. Aaroohi Pandit will return to India by July 30, 2019. Social Access is the not-for-profit-communications firm which organised and sponsored the expedition.

16) Name the Indian actor, who will be honoured by Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) for promoting Children's Rights and his effort to protect the rights of girls.

- 1) Akshay Kumar
- 2) Shahrukh Khan
- 3) Amitabh Bachchan
- 4) Anil Kapoor
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Anil Kapoor

Explanation:

As a part of Europe Day celebrations, the Council of European Chambers of Commerce (CEUCC) in India and European Union (EU) delegation will felicitate Indian actor Anil Kapoor for promoting Children's Rights and his effort to protect the rights of girls in collaboration with Plan India and the European Union. Mr. Kapoor will be the Chief Guest for the celebrations. He will be accompanied by the EU Ambassador to India Tomasz Kozlowski, EU Member states Consuls and senior representatives from the European and Indian corporate world. The event will also demonstrate the emergence of Europe as the most favored destination for Indian filmmakers.

17) Who were felicitated with 'Award for Honour' for their work to help people change the trajectory of their lives by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ?

- 1) Phani Kumar and Antano
- 2) Phani Kumar and Harini
- 3) Harini and John
- 4) Antano and Harini
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Antano and Harini

Explanation:

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, felicitated Legacy Accelerators, Antano and Harini with the 'Award for Honour' for their work to help people change the trajectory of their lives and create a personal legacy in compressed time. Antano and Harini together with their Team of Excellence Installation Specialists and Change Agents were invited to work with some Government officers across various levels. As the impact of their work, they were felicitated with the Award. The 20 specialists of Excellence Installation Specialists and Change Agents, guided by Antano and Harini for last 3 years, also received an appreciation letter along with a sapling from B.L. Meena, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

18) Name the painting of Claude Monet, which was sold for a record breaking price of \$110.7 million (Rs.778 crore) at Sotheby's Impressionist & Modern Art.

- 1) Mueles (Grainstacks)
- 2) Women in the Garden
- 3) Wild Poppies
- 4) Impression, Sunrise
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 'Mueles' (Grainstacks)

Explanation:

On May 14, 2019, one of the paintings of 1890 named 'Mueles' (Grainstacks) of Claude Monet was sold for a record breaking price of \$110.7 million (Rs.778 crore) at Sotheby's Impressionist & Modern Art Evening Sale. It became the ninth most expensive work ever sold in the auction. It is the finest work of Claude Monet from 'Haystacks' series and became the first impressionist work to cross \$100 million threshold at auction. The painting 'Mueles' is an oil on canvas which was completed in the year 1890. It depicts stacks of harvested wheat that belonged to Monet's neighbour. Monet was the founder of French Impressionism and was known as the Master of plein air landscapes. He died in the year 1926 aged 86.

The other paintings of Monet are Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York in US, Musée d'Orsay, Paris in France and Art Institute of Chicago.

19) Who is one among the winner of Sasakawa Award 2019 presented by United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Sushma Swaraj
- 3) Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra

Explanation:

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR) granted the prestigious Sasakawa Award 2019 for Disaster Risk Reduction to Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister of India, Dr. Pramod Kumar Mishra, during the ongoing 6th Session of Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (GPDRR) 2019 at Geneva, Switzerland. GPDRR is a biennial multi-stakeholder forum that was established by the (United nations) UN General Assembly to evaluate progress, share knowledge and discuss the recent developments in decreasing disaster risk. The Indian delegation was led by Dr. P K Mishra. In the area of Disaster Risk Management, the United Nations Sasakawa Award is the most prestigious international award.

20) Name the Indian Youtuber, who was named among the Top 10 'Next Generation Leaders 2019' by Time Magazine.

- 1) Sandeep Maheshwari
- 2) Gaurav Chowdhary
- 3) Bhuvaneshvar Bam
- 4) Ajey Nagar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ajey Nagar

Explanation:

19 year old Indian YouTuber, Ajey Nagar is named among the Top 10 'Next Generation Leaders 2019' by Time Magazine. He is the most followed YouTuber in India. The 'Next Generation Leaders' is a list of 10 young people around the world who create new paths in politics, music and other spheres. Ajey Nagar runs a youtube channel named CarryMinati which has 6,827,342 subscribers. He had uploaded the first video when he was 10 years old and found his niche in 2016 by producing diss tracks. In January 2019, Nagar's diss track against Swedish YouTuber Felix Kjellberg, popularly known as PewDiePie which was viral rendered enormous success to his YouTube career. In a video titled "Bye PewDiePie", Nagar raps in Hindi to tell PewDiePie that one day, India will rule the whole world.

21) What was the theme of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)'s 2019 Sasakawa award?

- 1) Theme – "A secure business environment for economic development"
- 2) Theme – "Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies"
- 3) Theme – "Workers on the move: the quest for social justice"
- 4) Theme – "Science and Technology for a Sustainable Future"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Theme – "Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies"

Explanation:

The theme of the 2019 Sasakawa award was titled "Building Inclusive and Resilient Societies". Dr. Mishra was honoured with the award for his constant dedication in improving the strength of the communities which were most exposed to disasters. He also personally committed to work for social inclusion for the reduction in inequality and poverty, and also enhanced the safety and security. The United Nations

Sasakawa Award is collaboratively organized by the UNDRR and the Nippon Foundation and was instituted over 30 years ago. A total grant of 50,000 USD is distributed among the winners of the award, which can be either organizations or individuals. UNDRR received over 61 nominations from 31 countries for the 2019 award.

22) Name the film, for which child actor, Sunny Pawar won the Best Child Actor Award in 19th New York Indian Film Festival.

- 1) Sanju
- 2) Badla
- 3) Lion
- 4) Chippa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Chippa

Explanation:

Child actor, Sunny Pawar aged 11, won the Best Child Actor Award for his performance in 'Chippa' at the 19th New York Indian Film Festival. He hails from a slum in Kunchi Kurve Nagar in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Film 'Chippa' is directed by Safdar Rahman. His film 'Lion' directed by Australian Garth Davis, which was nominated for Oscars 2017, had awarded him the Australian Academy of Cinema and Television Arts Awards (AACTA Awards). He has also won a Special Mention Grand Jury Prize at the Asia Pacific Screen Awards.

23) Which country has created a new Guinness World Records for 'largest laundry lesson' with participation of over 400 young men?

- 1) United States
- 2) Russia
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

On May 17, 2019, India achieved a Guinness World Records of 'largest laundry lesson' with the participation of 400 young Indian men. The event was a part of #sharetheload campaign. It was done to share the responsibility of cleaning clothes at home along with the female members of the family. The event was initiated by Ariel India. It was hosted by Mandira Bedi and Indian Actor Anil Kapoor also joined the function. Earlier, the largest laundry lesson was achieved by Lion NANOX Team (Japan) at Lion Hirai Research Laboratory in Edogawa, Tokyo, Japan on November 29, 2017. It had 318 people.

24) National Security Guards (NSG), a counter terrorism unit has created history by scaling Mount Everest in the first attempt, NSG works under which ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Defence
- 3) Ministry of External Affairs
- 4) Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation:

A counter terror force National Security Guards (NSG) commandos have created the history by scaling the Mount Everest in the first attempt. Lt. Col J P Kumar led 7-member team of the NSG and successfully unfurled the Indian flag at the Mount Everest which is 8,848 metre tall. The 7 member team has adopted the south-eastern approach via south Col in Solukhumbu region of Nepal.

25) Name the stand up comedian, who was named as most viewed stand-up comedian in India and abroad in the World Book of Records London.

- 1) Kapil Sharma
- 2) Biswa Kalyan Rath
- 3) Johnny Lever
- 4) Raju Srivastav
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kapil Sharma

Explanation:

The King of Comedy, Kapil Sharma, has been named as most viewed stand-up comedian in India and abroad by World Book of Records London. He had started his career as a stand-up comedian from different comedy shows and got fame from “Comedy Nights with Kapil”. He had made his Bollywood debut in movie Kis Kisko Pyaar Karoon and his second movie was Firangi.

26) First girls expedition team of National Cadet Corps ever since 1970, has scaled which mountain?

- 1) Mt. Lama Wangden
- 2) Mt. Jopuno
- 3) Mt Tenchenkhang
- 4) Mt. Brumkhangse
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mt Tenchenkhang

Explanation:

On May 17, 2019, National Cadet Corps girls mountaineering expedition team of 20 from Sikkim was flagged off to Mt Tenchenkhang, situated in Western Sikkim. This is the first girls expedition team ever since 1970. This expedition was flagged off by Additional Director General Major General Sanjay Gupta in New Delhi. The expedition team is led by Lt Col Madhab Boro. It constitutes 3 officers (including Medical Officer), 17 Permanent Instructional staff and 20 NCC Girl Cadets from All India NCC directorates. The team expects to scale the 6010-meter high Mt Tenchenkhang by the end of June 2019.

27) Which Indian mountain was included by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites recently?

- 1) Mount Lakshmi
- 2) Mount Rishi Pahar
- 3) Mount Shahi Kangri
- 4) Mount Kailash (Kailash Mansarovar)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mount Kailash (Kailash Mansarovar)

Explanation:

On May 19, 2019, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, reported that the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) incorporated Indian part of Kailash Mansarovar popularly known as Mount Kailash in the tentative list of World Heritage Sites. It is categorized under natural as well as a cultural heritage. In April 2019, the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and the Ministry of Environment and Forests had sent a proposal to UNESCO to list Kailash Mansarovar into its world Heritage sites. Kailash Mansarovar is the highest peak in Kailash range located in Lake Mansarovar in the remote south-western portion of the Tibet Autonomous Region of China and adjacent districts in the far-western region of Nepal.

28) Name the first black African woman, who conquered Mt. Everest in her fourth attempt recently.

- 1) Saray Khumalo
- 2) Tracee Ellis Ross

- 3) Ava DuVernay
- 4) Lena Waithe
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Saray Khumalo**

Explanation:

On May 16, 2019, Saray Khumalo aged 47 became the first black African woman to conquer Mt. Everest in her fourth attempt. She climbed the 8,848-metre mountain after three previous attempts as she was affected by bad weather, injury, and tragedy. She was born in Zambia and now is a Johannesburg resident, South Africa. She has also conquered Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, Aconcagua in Argentina and Mount Elbrus in Russia. She is on a hunt to conquer the highest peaks on each continent. In 2003, South African park ranger Sibusiso Vilane became the first black person to reach the top of Mount Everest.

29) Who was conferred with the John F Kennedy (JFK) Profile in Courage Award 2019?

- 1) Hillary Clinton
- 2) Nancy Pelosi
- 3) Chuck Schumer
- 4) Donald Trump
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nancy Pelosi**

Explanation:

The USA's House of Representatives speaker Nancy Pelosi received John F Kennedy (JFK) Profile in Courage Award 2019. She is honoured for her efforts to pass 2010 health care law of former President Barack Obama's governance and for helping Democrats reclaim control of the U.S. House during 2018 elections. She has presented the award at John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum in Boston on May 19, 2019. She has served USA's House of Representatives since 1987.

30) Sherpa Kami Rita was in news recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Actor
- 2) Politician
- 3) Athlete
- 4) Mountaineer
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Mountaineer**

Explanation:

On May 21, 2019, Nepali Sherpa Kami Rita climbed the Mt Everest for 24th time beating his own record within a week. On May 15, 2019, he had made a record by climbing the 8,848-metre mountain for the 23rd time. He successfully climbed the mountain from the Nepal side. Rita is the resident of Thame village of Solukhumbu district. For the first time, he had scaled the mountain in the year 1994. In 2017, he became the third person to climb the highest peak for 21 times along with the record held by Apa Sherpa and Phurba Tashi Sherpa.

31) Name the Indian Sculptor, who was ranked first in Hurun India Art List 2019.

- 1) Anish Kapoor
- 2) Akbar Padamsee
- 3) Krishen Khanna
- 4) Jogen Chowdhury
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Anish Kapoor**

Explanation:

Sculptor Anish Kapoor was ranked first on Hurun India Art List 2019 with estimated sales of Rs. 168.25 crore. Hurun India Art List 2019 was released by Hurun Research Institute with the ranking of the top 50 Indian artists alive based on the sales of their works at public auctions from April 2018 to March

2019. The next positions were held by Akbar Padamsee whose 38 works were sold for Rs. 45.84 crore. He was followed by Krishen Khanna with sales of 44 works of Rs. 9.48 crore. One of his works "Tash ke Patte" (Deck of Cards) which was a collaborative work of 100 artists was sold for \$365 million in 2017.

32) Which entity has become the India's biggest firm in terms of revenue by overtaking Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) ?

- 1) Hindustan Unilever
- 2) Larsen & Toubro
- 3) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- 4) Tata Group
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), headed by Mukesh Ambani, became India's biggest firm in terms of revenue by overtaking Indian Oil Corporation (IOC). Reliance Industries reported a turnover of Rs. 6.23 lakh crore for the financial year ended March 31 whereas Indian Oil Corporation's turnover was Rs. 6.17 lakh crore. Reliance Industries was the most profitable company in the country with a net profit of more than double that of IOC in FY 2019. Its net profit was Rs. 39,588 crore compared to IOC's net profit of Rs. 17,274 crore. It has achieved this position in terms of 3 parameters. They are revenue, profit, and market capitalization.

33) Name the former Indian Foreign Secretary, who was honoured with the Japan's second highest national award "Order Of The Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star Award".

- 1) Jyotindra Nath Dixit
- 2) Nirupama Rao
- 3) Syed Akbaruddin
- 4) Shyam Saran
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Shyam Saran**

Explanation:

On May 21, 2019, The Government of Japan in its 2019 Spring Imperial Decorations announced that former Indian Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran, aged 72, will be honoured with Japan's 'Order Of The Rising Sun, Gold and Silver Star Award'. It is Japan's second highest national award established by the Japanese Emperor Meiji in 1875. Shyam Saran is conferred with this award for his contributions in strengthening the strategic ties and enhancing mutual understanding between India and Japan and since 2017, "India-Japan Colloquium" is hosted in this regard. He served as the Foreign Secretary for the period from 2004 to 2006. During his tenure, Junichiro Koizumi, the then Prime Minister of Japan, visited India for first time in 5 years.

34) Name the Omani author, who became the first Arabic author to win Man Booker International Prize 2019.

- 1) Saida Bint Khatir al-Farisi
- 2) Jokha Alharthi
- 3) Nasra Al Adawi
- 4) Khawla al-Zahiri
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Jokha Alharthi**

Explanation:

Jokha Alharthi, an Omani female author became the first Arabic author to win 2019 Man Booker International Prize 2019 for her novel "Celestial Bodies". The novel contains the story of three sisters in an Omani village. The novel was originally published in Arabic and then translated by Marilyn Booth in

English. The jury which selected Alhathi's novel a winner of Man Booker International Prize was headed by Bettany Hughes.

35) Which university honoured Indra Nooyi with Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters recognizing her achievements in business ?

- 1) Princeton University
- 2) Columbia University
- 3) Yale University
- 4) Harvard University
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Yale University**

Explanation:

Indra Nooyi, former PepsiCo Chairman, and CEO was honoured with Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Yale University, USA for her achievements in business. She is considered as a global role model who encourages women and girls to see themselves as top business tycoons.

36) Name the Indian Scientist, who won second place in 'German Chemistry Prize' in the 4th Green and Sustainable Chemistry Conference held in Dresden ,Germany.

- 1) Jyoti Mittal
- 2) Rajnish Kumar
- 3) Dinesh Mohan
- 4) Ankur Patwardhan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ankur Patwardhan**

Explanation:

Dr. Ankur Patwardhan, a scientist from Pune won 'German Chemistry Prize' by securing a second place in an international competition named 'Elsevier Foundation-ISC3 Green and Sustainable Chemistry Challenge' during in the 4th Green and Sustainable Chemistry Conference held in Dresden, Germany. The first prize was won by Dr. Ramia Albakain with €50,000 for his project "New green technique to remove toxic metal from wastewater".

37) Which Indian life insurance company was conferred with 'Claims Excellence Award' by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

- 1) Bharti AXA Life Insurance
- 2) Reliance Life Insurance
- 3) SBI Life Insurance
- 4) Life Insurance Corporation
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bharti AXA Life Insurance**

Explanation:

Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) confers Private Life Insurer, Bharti AXA Life Insurance with the 'Claims Excellence Award' during 20th Annual Insurance Conference - FINCON 2019 held in Mumbai, Maharashtra. KeyPoints: i. The award was presented for its customer-friendly claims services, including dedicated claims handler and one of the best claim settlement ratios, in the life insurance sector.

38) Hema Divakar won 'Global Asian of the Year' Award for Contribution to Women's Healthcare Ecosystem, she hails from which Indian city ?

- 1) Chennai
- 2) Bengaluru
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Pune

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bengaluru**

Explanation:

Bengaluru based doctor Hema Divakar received the 'Global Asian of the Year 2018-19' Award for her yeomen services and contribution towards Women's Healthcare Ecosystem. Dr. Hema was conferred the award at the Asian Business & Social Forum 2019 in Dubai under the 'In Service of the Society and the Nation' category from UAE's Trade Promotion Director Mohammed Naser Hamdan Al Zaabi. She is leading a healthcare initiative for the overall development of women with qualitative and affordable treatment.

39) Name the Indian flight lieutenant, who become the first female fighter pilot of Indian Air Force to undertake combat missions.

1) Ayesha Farooq

2) Mohana Singh

3) Bhawana Kanth

4) Avani Chaturvedi

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bhawana Kanth**

Explanation:

Flight Lieutenant, Bhawana Kanth has become the first female fighter pilot of Indian Air Force, who qualified to undertake combat missions. Bhawana Kanth, was one among the first batch of women fighter pilots of the IAF, who joined in July 2016. She flew the first solo on MiG-21 Bison in March 2018. She became the first female fighter pilot after successfully completing day operational syllabus on MiG-21 Bison aircraft.

40) Which group of companies has surpassed the Tata Group in terms of market capitalization and became the most valuable business house ?

1) Hindustan Group

2) Adani Group

3) Reliance Group

4) HDFC Group

5) None of these

Answer – **4) HDFC Group**

Explanation:

HDFC Group surpassed Tata Group in terms of market capitalisation and became the most valuable business house. HDFC Group with 5 listed companies recorded the m-cap as Rs. 11.66 lakh crore whereas Tata Group with 29 listed firms stood at Rs. 11.64 lakh crore. The 5 listed firms of HDFC Group are HDFC Ltd, HDFC Bank, HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company, HDFC Asset Management Company and Gruh Finance. Tata Group includes TCS, Tata Steel, Tata Motors, Titan, Tata Chemicals, Tata Global, Tata Chemicals, Tata Power and others.

41) Name the first Indian women, who scaled the world's fifth highest mountain Mount Makalu.

1) Priyanka Mohite

2) Premlata Agarwal

3) Sangeeta Sindhi Bahl

4) Kalpana Dash

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Priyanka Mohite**

Explanation:

26-year-old Satara-based mountaineer, Priyanka Mohite, becomes first Indian woman to successfully scale world's fifth highest peak, Mount Makalu (8,481 metres). In 2013, she scaled Mount Everest at the

age of 21 and became the third youngest person to do so. In 2016, she claimed Mt. Kilimanjaro. In 2018, she claimed Mount Lhotse (8,516 metres (27,940 ft)), the fourth highest mountain in the world.

42) Chancy Chitete was honoured with the United Nation's (UN) highest peacekeeping award, dubbed as "Captain Mbaye Diagne Medal for Exceptional Courage", he belongs to which country ?

- 1) Burundi
- 2) Malawi
- 3) Mozambique
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Malawi

Explanation:

Chancy Chitete, a soldier from Mali will be honoured with the UN's highest peacekeeping award. He was killed in November 2018 during an operation in the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to combat the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an armed force that has been disrupting the UN's ongoing efforts to treat and halt the spread of the deadly Ebola virus.

43) Name the Indian Police Officer, who was honoured with UN (United Nations) Dag Hammarskjöld Medal (posthumously).

- 1) Hemant Karkare
- 2) Mohan Chand Sharma
- 3) Jitender Kumar
- 4) Vinod Kumar Chaubey
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jitender Kumar

Explanation:

Late Jitender Kumar sacrificed his life while serving the UN Organisation Stabilisation Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO). His medal will be collected by India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Syed Akbaruddin. The UN (United Nations) Dag Hammarskjöld Medal will be awarded posthumously to Indian Police Officer Jitender Kumar during the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers, on May 29 at the UN headquarters in New York. He is among the 119 military, police and civilian personnel who lost their lives in 2018 and early 2019. They will be honored by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

44) Name the contemporary artist, who became the first Indian to be awarded with Joan Miro Prize.

- 1) Sheela Gowda
- 2) Nalini Malani
- 3) Bharti Kher
- 4) Shilpa Gupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nalini Malani

Explanation:

Mumbai based contemporary artist Nalini Malani became the first Indian to be awarded with 7th Joan Miro Prize 2019. It was announced by the Barcelona-based Fundacio Joan Miro. It is one of the most prestigious contemporary art awards in the world. It is awarded for those artists who show the same spirit of exploration, innovation, commitment and freedom which characterizes the life and work of Spanish painter and sculptor, Joan Miro. Nalini Malani was awarded for her work that gave a voice to "the silenced and the dispossessed all over the world, most particularly women". She was awarded with €70,000 (Rs 54.5 lakh) and production cost of an exhibition work to be held in Barcelona, Spain in 2020 will be covered by them.

45) How much percent of vote was casted thus becoming the highest vote turnout during the 2019 Lok Sabha Election ?

- 1) 83.27%
- 2) 78.27%
- 3) 67.47%
- 4) 77.77%
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) 67.47%**

Explanation:

Highest-ever voter turnout in the 2019 Lok Sabha Election with 67.47% vote turnout in the election, which is 1.03% more than the 2014 Lok Sabha Election. BJP's vote share stood at 37.41%, compared with 19.51% of the Congress and 4.07% of the Trinamool Congress. Of the total 61.30 crore votes polled, the winning candidates got 32.29 crore votes, amounting to 52.67%.

46) Orchha town of which state has been added to the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites ?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The architectural heritage of Orchha town in Madhya Pradesh has been added to the Tentative List of UNESCO's World Heritage Sites. The architectural heritage of Orchha town depicts a unique style of the Bundela dynasty. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had sent a proposal to UNESCO to include the architectural heritage of Orchha town in its list of World Heritage Sites on April 15, 2019. For a historical site to be a part of UNESCO's World Heritage sites, it must be first included in the tentative list. Once included another proposal is sent to UNESCO, only then the site is included in the UNESCO's World Heritage sites.

47) Who was conferred with United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award in Geneva, Switzerland ?

- 1) Acharya Balkrishna
- 2) Mukta Nand
- 3) Ajai Kumar Arya
- 4) Rakesh Mittal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Acharya Balkrishna**

Explanation:

On May 26, 2019, Acharya Balkrishna, the Managing Director of Patanjali Ayurved and an aide of Baba Ramdev (Yoga Guru) was felicitated with "United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDG) 10 Most Influential People in Healthcare Award" in Geneva, Switzerland. He received the award on behalf of Patanjali Group of Institutions. He was a representative from India at UNSDG. The award was conferred to him for the contributions made by Patanjali in curing lifestyle diseases with Yoga, Ayurveda and traditional Indian methods. He dedicated the award to all those who contributed to mainstream Yoga and Ayurveda at the Global Level.

48) Name the debutant novel of Guy Gunaratne for which, he received 2019's Swansea University International Dylan Thomas Prize ?

- 1) The Palace of Illusions: A Novel
- 2) Mad and Furious City

- 3) The God of Small Things
- 4) The Inheritance of Loss
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mad and Furious City

Explanation:

British-Sri Lankan writer, Guy Gunaratne was honoured with 2019's Swansea University International Dylan Thomas Prize for his debut novel 'Mad and Furious City' in Wales, United Kingdom. He received the cash prize of £30,000. His debut novel is a fictional account of 48 hours in North London housing estate after the murder of a British soldier. It was also shortlisted for The Gordon Burn Prize, The Goldsmiths Prize, and the Writers Guild Awards and also longlisted for The Man Booker Prize 2018.

49) Who was honoured with the Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize 2019 for Public Health at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland ?

- 1) V. Ramalingaswami
- 2) Vishwa Mohan Katoch
- 3) Soumya Swaminathan
- 4) Balram Bhargava
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Balram Bhargava

Explanation:

Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) Director-General Professor (Dr) Balram Bhargava was honoured with the 2019 Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Prize for Public Health at the 72nd World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland. The event was organized by the World Health Organization (WHO). He was awarded for his contributions as a clinician, innovator, researcher, and trainer. He is the Secretary to the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, and a Professor of Cardiology at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. He is the Executive Director for Stanford India Biodesign Centre, School of International Biodesign (SiB), New Delhi.

50) Name the Indian cricketer, who was recognized as India's most trusted sports personality for the year 2019 as per report published by consumer-insights company TRA.

- 1) M.S. Dhoni
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Yuvraj Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

According to the report published by consumer-insights company TRA, named "Most Trusted Personalities in 2019", captain of Indian cricket team Virat Kohli is India's most trusted sports personality. Sachin Tendulkar is placed at second number in the list of India's most trusted sports personality. Recently Virat Kohli hit 100 million followers on social media, making him India's most followed sportsperson on social media and also became the world's most followed cricketer.

51) Name the first South Korean director, who won the Palme d'Or award for the film 'Parasite' in 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival .

- 1) Kim Ki-duk
- 2) Kim Jee-woon
- 3) Bong Joon-ho
- 4) Park Chan-wook
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bong Joon-ho

Explanation:

The 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival was held in Cannes, France from 14 to 25 May 2019. South Korean film 'Parasite' wins Palme d'Or which is directed by Bong Joon-ho at Cannes Film Festival. He became the first Korean director to win the award.

52) Name the film for which, Indian filmmaker, Achyutanand Dwivedi won third prize in the international section of Nespresso Talents in 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival.

- 1) Seed Mother
- 2) Anukul
- 3) Period. End of Sentence
- 4) Manto
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Seed Mother**

Explanation:

Indian filmmaker, Achyutanand Dwivedi's "Seed Mother", won the third prize in the international section of Nespresso Talents 2019 in 72nd annual Cannes Film Festival was held in Cannes, France.

53) Which country is set to be the focus country in Jerusalem Film Festival, 2020 ?

- 1) Japan
- 2) India
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) India**

Explanation:

Indian and Israeli delegation hold the meeting in the Cannes festival 2019 during which, Israel proposes "India to be the focus country in Jerusalem Film Festival, 2020".

54) Who were all the part of India's first all women crew to fly a medium lift helicopter Mi-17 V5 ?

- i. Parul Bhardwaj
- ii. Aman Nidhi
- iii. Hina Jaiswal
- iv. Kara Hultgreen

- 1) Option i,ii & iii
- 2) Option i,ii
- 3) Option ii,iii,iv
- 4) Option I,ii,iv
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Option i,ii & iii**

Explanation:

Three women officers of Indian Air Force were part of India's first all-women crew to fly a medium-lift helicopter Mi-17 V5. Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj (Captain), Flying Officer Aman Nidhi (co-pilot) and Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal (Flight Engineer) were three women IAF officers flew the chopper, which took off from a forward air base in South Western air command. Flight Lieutenant Parul Bhardwaj became the first woman pilot to fly the Mi-17 V5. Flight Lieutenant Hina Jaiswal became the first woman flight engineer of the IAF. Flying officer Aman Nidhi from Jharkhand also became the first woman IAF pilot from the state.

55) Who was conferred with 'Lifetime Recognition Award' by the Confederation of Horticulture Association of India on 28th May, 2019 ?

- 1) P.Malarvizhi
- 2) N Kumar

- 3) C.R.Anandakumar
- 4) J.Suresh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) N Kumar**

Explanation:

On May 28, 2019, Professor N Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) was conferred with 'Lifetime Recognition Award' by the Confederation of Horticulture Association of India (CHAI). He was awarded for his contributions to the field of horticulture and academic leadership focused on human resource development in agriculture. It was presented to him at the International Conference on Innovative horticulture held at Pantnagar, Uttarakhand.

56) Who won the global book prize “Nine Dots Prize 2019” for the essay “Bread, Cement, Cactus” ?

- 1) Salman Rushdie
- 2) Arundhati Roy
- 3) Annie Zaidi
- 4) Vikram Seth
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Annie Zaidi**

Explanation:

Indian playwright and journalist Annie Zaidi won the Nine Dots Prize 2019 for her essay “Bread, Cement, Cactus.” She won the cash prize of USD 100,000 (Rs 69.83 lakh). The Nine Dots Prize is a book prize for creative thinking which addresses current burning issues of the society. The entrants were asked to respond to a question in three thousand words. This year the question was “Is there still no place like home?”

57) Which Indian airport gets ‘International’ status as per sub-rule (b) of rule 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 ?

- 1) Sri Sathya Sai Airport, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Balurghat Airport, West Bengal
- 4) Nagarjuna Sagar Airport, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

On May 29, 2019, Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar Airport of Indore, Madhya Pradesh was declared as International Airport. It was given the International status as per sub-rule (b) of rule 3 of the Passport (Entry into India) Rules, 1950 by the Central Government. The airport is named after Maharani Ahilya Bai Holkar of Indore. It is the busiest airport in Central India. Since March 24, 2018, it has been operating 24*7. It is conferred with the Worlds Standardization Certification by the United Kingdom.

58) Name the tribal woman of Odisha, who became the youngest MP of India by winning Keonjhar constituency, Odisha in 2019 election.

- 1) Poonam Mahajan
- 2) Heena Gavit
- 3) Priyanka Singh Rawat
- 4) Chandrani Murmu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Chandrani Murmu**

Explanation:

A tribal woman from Odisha, Chandrani Murmu aged 25 of Biju Janata Dal (BJD) party became the youngest MP in the country. She defeated the two-time BJP MP Ananta Nayak by a margin of 66,203 votes

and claimed the Keonjhar constituency, Odisha. She replaced Dushyant Chautala who was elected at the age of 26 from the Hisar Lok Sabha seat in 2014.

59) How many Indian- origin kids were among the 8 who won the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee Contest held in Maryland, US ?

- 1) 6
- 2) 5
- 3) 4
- 4) 3
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 6**

Explanation:

On May 30, 2019, For the first time in 92 years, 6 Indian-origin kids were among the 8 who won the 92nd Scripps National Spelling Bee Contest. They were awarded the cash of \$50,000 and prizes. The competition, broadcasted in ESPN, was held at Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor, Maryland, US. Erin Howard aged 14 of Alabama, Rishik Gandhasri aged 13 of California, Saketh Sundar aged 13 of Maryland, Shruthika Padhy aged 13 of New Jersey, Sohum Sukhatankar aged 13 of Texas, Abhijay Kodali aged 12 of Texas, Christopher Serrao aged 13 of New Jersey and Rohan Raja aged 13 of Texas were the winners of the competition.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

1) Who ascended the throne, ushering in the Reiwa era after his father Akihito abdicated?

- 1) Fushimi
- 2) Taishō
- 3) Naruhito
- 4) Hirohito
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Naruhito**

Explanation:

On 30th April 2019, The 125th Emperor of Japan, 85-year-old, Emperor Emeritus Akihito abdicated after 30 years of ruling because of his declining health and age-related problems. His rule was known as Heisei. While his son Emperor Naruhito, 59 -year-old succeeded the Chrysanthemum Throne on 1 May 2019, ushering in the Reiwa era. This is the first time Japan's modern History that the country has both an Emperor and Emeritus. Emperor Akihito Of Japan Celebrates His 81st Birthday The 'Ceremony of the Abdication' took place in a state room of the Imperial Palace, Tokyo, Japan. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Crown Prince Naruhito, and Crown Princess Masako were present in the function. Akihito is the first Japanese Emperor to abdicate since Kokaku in 1817.

2) B.V.P. Rao has resigned from which Sports governing body recently?

- 1) Archery Association of India (AAI)
- 2) Cycling Federation of India
- 3) Fencing Association of India
- 4) Rowing Federation of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Archery Association of India (AAI)**

Explanation:

On 1 May 2019, Archery Association of India (AAI) President B.V.P. Rao resigned after the Supreme Court's ruling to set aside the constitution of the national body of the sport as amended by Delhi High Court-appointed administrator S.Y. Quraishi. The new election for AAI is expected to be held within four weeks. Justices AM Khanwilkar and Ajay Rastogi ordered that fresh elections be held for Archery Association of India within four weeks. The new Indian archer's administrative committee is expected to

be constituted before the marquee World Championship from June 10. On December 22, 2018, Rao was elected as AAI president through the elections held under the supervision of Quraishi. He replaced Vijay Kumar Malhotra.

3) Name the cricketer, who was appointed as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC).

- 1) Chris Gayle
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) Kumar Sangakkara
- 4) Sunil Gavaskar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kumar Sangakkara**

Explanation:

Kumar Sangakkara, former Sri Lanka captain has been named as the first non-British president of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). He succeeds Anthony Wreford. It was announced at the MCC annual general meeting at Lord's on 1 May 2019. He will take up his one-year post in October. Sangakkara, 41-year-old, scored 12,400 runs in 134 tests, appears twice on the honours boards at Lord's. MCC is the guardian of the Laws of the game and it was founded in 1787 and has been based at Lord's, which it owns, since 1814. His responsibilities would involve the launch of The Hundred – the England and Wales Cricket Board's new 100-ball cricket format and two England test matches against West Indies and Pakistan.

4) Who was appointed as the Training Command Chief of Indian Air Force, after Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria ?

- 1) SK Ghotia
- 2) Rajesh Kumar
- 3) RD Mathur
- 4) RKS Shera
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) SK Ghotia**

Explanation:

On 1 May 2019, Air Marshal SK Ghotia VSM took charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Training Command. He will succeed Air Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria, who has recently assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Air Staff. Air Marshal Ghotia. He was commissioned in the fighter stream of Indian Air Force in Dec 1981 and an alumnus of the National Defence Academy. He was awarded Vishist Seva Medal in 2007. He was also commended by the Air Officer Commanding-In-Chief, Western Air Command in 1994.

5) Which Stock Exchange has appointed M Jayshree Vyas as its first independent woman director ?

- 1) India International Exchange (INX)
- 2) Calcutta Stock Exchange
- 3) National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- 4) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)**

Explanation:

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) has appointed chartered accountant M Jayshree Vyas as its first independent woman director to the board. However, BSE has missed the deadline of April 1 which was given to all top 500 listed companies based on their market capitalisation to appoint an independent woman director on their board. M Jayshree Vyas. Earlier, M Jayshree Vyas worked as the managing

director of Shree Mahila Sewa Sahakari Bank, Ahmedabad since 1986. She had also helped in launching the first financial literacy program in Sewa bank in 2001.

6) Who was appointed as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization(NATO)?

- 1) Tod D. Wolters
- 2) Jens Stoltenberg
- 3) Stuart Peach
- 4) Général André Lanata
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tod D. Wolters**

Explanation:

Tod D. Wolters, the former pilot, who has served in Afghanistan and Iraq, has been declared as the Supreme Allied Commander Europe during the ceremony at NATO's (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) military headquarters in Mons, southern Belgium. This is one of the most challenging and extremely important military positions in the world. US Air Force General Tod D. Wolters who is supposed to run for a tenure of 2 to 3 years, was preceded by U.S. Army General, Curtis M. Scaparrotti. Wolters will also be the commander of U.S. forces in Europe across more than 19 million square miles.

7) Name the Chief Economic Adviser (CEA) who has been included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15th Finance Commission.

- 1) Ajay Narayan Jha
- 2) N. K. Singh
- 3) Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- 4) Arvind Mehta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian**

Explanation:

The Chief Economic Adviser (CEA), Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian has been included as the member of the Advisory Council to the 15th Finance Commission headed by N.K. Singh. The Advisory Council now has 12 members after inclusion of Chief Economic Adviser Dr. Krishnamurthy Subramanian. Other members include 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.

8) To which country, Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas was appointed as the Ambassador of India?

- 1) Mali
- 2) Cameroon
- 3) Nigeria
- 4) Republic of Senegal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Republic of Senegal**

Explanation:

On 30th April 2019, Shri Godavarthi Venkata Srinivas (IFS:1993) was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Senegal. Presently, he is Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. He succeeds Shri Rajeev Kumar, who is the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mozambique. He is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

9) Bhushan Patil, President of which e-commerce payment system and digital wallet entity has resigned recently?

- 1) Paytm
- 2) FreeCharge
- 3) PhonePe
- 4) MobiKwik
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Paytm

Explanation:

Bhushan Patil, President of India's mobile payment and commerce platform, Paytm has quit the company. In March 2016, he had joined Paytm after serving five years at Alibaba.com. Recently, Paytm and Paytm Mall together could raise anywhere between \$1-2 billion from investors. eBay, American multinational e-commerce corporation is preparing to make an investment in Paytm Mall.

10) Who was appointed as the new head coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball team?

- 1) Roque Dias
- 2) Neelam Kapur
- 3) Dragan Mihailovic
- 4) Francis Marwein
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dragan Mihailovic

Explanation:

On 3rd May 2019, Serbia's Dragan Mihailovic has been appointed as the new head coach of the Indian Men's Volleyball team by the Volleyball Federation of India (VFI). While Pryemyslaw Gaszyoski and Valadimir Radosevic have been named as the team's physio trainer and physiotherapist respectively. Mihailovic succeeds Bir Singh. All the new appointees have been designated for five months and will work with the team for the Asian Championships scheduled to be held in Iran in September 2019. Mihailovic had worked with clubs like Orestiada and Panathinaikos.

11) Name the fashion e-commerce platform, which has roped Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first official brand ambassadors.

- 1) Jabong
- 2) Ajio
- 3) Koovs
- 4) Myntra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Myntra

Explanation:

On 3rd May 2019, Flipkart-owned fashion e-commerce platform Myntra has appointed Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma as its first ever official brand ambassadors. Myntra has launched an integrated campaign called 'Go Myntra-la-la' to promote the brand. Advertising agency McCann Worldgroup from Bengaluru has created the television campaign. Anushka Sharma is a Bollywood actress and Virat Kohli is a famous cricket player. The couple has worked as brand ambassadors together for brands including Head and Shoulders and Manyavar. According to the 2018 Duff & Phelps celebrity brand valuation report, 'Virushka' are the biggest 'power couple' in terms of brand promotions after Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh.

12) Who was appointed as the acting president of Archery Association of India (AAI) recently to start the election process?

- 1) A. M. Khanwilkar
- 2) Sunil Sharma
- 3) S Y Quraishi

- 4) BVP Rao
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Sunil Sharma**

Explanation:

Archery Association of India (AAI) named Sunil Sharma, its senior vice president (also VP of Jammu and Kashmir Archery Association) in accordance with Article 24 of AAI Constitution (as approved by the Supreme Court on 4th December 2017) as its acting president to start the election process. Sunil Sharma was preceded by BVP Rao. Thereafter, Sunil Sharma headed the Executive Committee meeting. The Supreme Court had declared the elections conducted in December 2018 by the AAI as 'null and void'. They were monitored by S Y Quraishi, an administrator appointed by the high court.

13) Who won the presidential election in North Macedonia?

- 1) Stevo Pendarovski
- 2) Gjorge Ivanov
- 3) Nikola Gruevski
- 4) Zoran Zaev
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Stevo Pendarovski**

Explanation:

Backed by North Macedonia's ruling party, Stevo Pendarovski, the 55-year-old former political-science professor won the presidential runoff vote amid promises to push the Balkan state towards NATO (The North Atlantic Treaty Organization) and European Union membership. 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. The main conservative opposition VMRO DPMNE (Internal Macedonian Revolutionary Organization-Democratic Party for Macedonian National Unity) party (which backed Siljanovska-Davkova) having seen many irregularities in the election procedure, accused the government of "electoral engineering".

14) Name the country, which has elected Laurentino Cortizo as its new President.

- 1) Costa Rica
- 2) Panama
- 3) Nicaragua
- 4) Cuba
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Panama**

Explanation:

The Panama Electoral Tribunal announced Laurentino "Nito" Cortizo (with 95% of votes counted) as the winner of Panama's presidential election. Cortizo was the candidate for the left-wing Democratic Revolutionary Party. Cortizo (with 33% of the votes) closest rival was Romulo Roux (with 31% votes). Romulo was from the former President Ricardo Martinelli's right wing Democratic Change Party. This was the 6th presidential election in Panama, since a US invasion removed strongman Manuel Noriega in 1989.

15) Who was appointed as the Head of Marketing for India and South Asia in the digital payments technology, Visa?

- 1) Vasant M. Prabhu
- 2) Denise Morrison
- 3) Rajat Taneja
- 4) Sujatha V Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Sujatha V Kumar**

Explanation:

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. She will succeed Manmeet Vohra. Prior to this, she worked with Google as Head in Brand & Reputation, Marketing and Strategy. She has 20 years of experience and extensive knowledge of consumer insights, brand development, go-to-market approaches, category management, retail strategy and promotions.

16) Which UN organisation has been re-elected Jagjit Pavadia recently defeating candidate from China?

- 1) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- 2) United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- 3) International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)
- 4) International Atomic Energy Agency
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) International Narcotics Control Board (INCB)**

Explanation:

Jagjit Pavadia, an Indian, has been re-elected by the UN Economic and Social Council to a five year term on International Narcotics Control Board with the highest number of votes of 44 in the 54 member council. She will begin her term on March 2, next year. A member of the Indian Revenue Service, Ms Pavadia is the former Narcotics Commissioner of India. She was elected to the INCB for her first five year term in 2014. She has also served as the First Vice-President of the Board in 2016 and Chair of the Standing Committee on Estimates in 2015 and 2017.

17) Who has been elected as the Vice-President of IMMA, International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association?

- 1) Rakesh Sharma
- 2) D J Balaji Rao
- 3) Gita Piramall
- 4) Nanoo Pamnani
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Rakesh Sharma**

Explanation:

Rakesh Sharma, Bajaj Auto Executive Director and also a representative of SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) has been elected as VP (Vice President) of IMMA, International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (based in Geneva) during the annual general meeting of (IMMA) at Yogyakarta in Indonesia. Rakesh Sharma has a wide range of experience in 2 and 3-wheeler industry and he is expected to efficiently direct IMMA towards being the trusted motorcycle manufacturers worldwide. IMMA's president is Johannes Loman.

18) Name the Former SC Judge who has been appointed member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal.

1. Dk Karunakaran
2. KS Radhakrishnan
3. Dinesh Maheshwari
4. Hemant Gupta
5. None of these

Answer - **2. KS Radhakrishnan**

Explanation:-

Former Supreme Court judge, KS Radhakrishnan has been appointed as a member of Commonwealth Secretariat Arbitral Tribunal (CSAT) for a term of 4 year. Headquarter of the CSAT is in London. He had

earlier served as a Supreme Court judge from November 2009 to May 2014. He has also served as the Chief Justice of the High Courts of Gujarat and J&K.

19) Who was appointed as the President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

- 1) Joseph Deiss
- 2) Tijjani Mohammad Bande
- 3) John William Ashe
- 4) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tijjani Mohammad Bande**

Explanation:

Nigerian Professor, Tijjani Mohammad Bande, has been appointed as the new President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). He is the second Nigerian to be appointed to this post, prior being Mr. Joseph Nanven Garba (1989-1990). Prof. Tijjani Bande will succeed María Fernanda Espinosa Garcés. Prof. Tijjani Bande was born at Zagga (Present-Kebbi State) and he was the permanent representative of Nigeria to the UN. He is a graduate in Political Science from Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria and holds MA (Political Science) from Boston University, USA as well as Ph.D (Political Science) from the University of Toronto, Canada.

20) Which private sector bank has appointed Balachandra Y V as its Chief Operation Officer (COO)?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Karnataka Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Karnataka Bank**

Explanation:

Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank Limited appointed Balachandra Y V as Chief Operation Officer (COO) and Gokuldas Pai as Chief Business Officer (CBO). Earlier, both are General Managers of Karnataka Bank who were promoted as COO and CBO of the bank. The previous COO of Karnataka Bank was Raghavendra Bhat M.A new COO, Balachandra has a postgraduate degree in Commerce and also a member of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Banking and Finance (CAIIB) and will be in charge of some of the important department like Treasury and Accounts, Credit Monitoring, Legal and Recovery, Information Technology (IT) and Management Information System (MIS), Human Resource (HR) and Investor Relations (IR).

21) Who was appointed as coach of Indian men's football team ?

- 1) Graham Reid
- 2) Gulam Rabbani
- 3) Lalnghinglova Hmar
- 4) Igor Stimac
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Igor Stimac**

Explanation:

On 9th May 2019, Croatia's World Cupper and former manager Igor Stimac has been appointed as Indian men's team coach after the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) technical committee recommended him for the post. He succeeds Stephen Constantine. All India Football Federation (AIFF) interviewed Stimac, Albert Roca, Hakan Ericson and Lee for the post, but Stimac emerged as the number one choice. In his 14 year career span, Stimac coached the Croatian national team between 2012 and 2013.

22) To which country, Subhash Chand is appointed as Ambassador of India?

- 1) Eritrea
- 2) Ethiopia
- 3) Somalia
- 4) Djibouti
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Eritrea**

Explanation:

On May 10, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India announced the appointment of Shri Subhash Chand as the next Ambassador of India to the State of Eritrea. He is presently serving as the Deputy High Commissioner in the High Commission of India, Abuja. He is going to take up this responsibility very soon.

23) Name the Indian actress, who has been appointed among 17 new UN advocate to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

- 1) Deepika Padukone
- 2) Priyanka Chopra
- 3) Dia Mirza
- 4) Anushka Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Dia Mirza**

Explanation:

The United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has appointed 17 new advocates to achieve Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These include the Indian actress Dia Mirza and the Chief of Alibaba Group, Jack Ma. The newly appointed UN advocates are the 17 influential global figures. It is the responsibility of these advocates to raise awareness, inspire greater ambition and strive hard for the faster action on the SDGs, which were adopted by the world leaders on September 25, 2015. The other newly appointed SDG Advocates are Queen Mathilde of the Belgians, Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, Founder, Education Above All Foundation (State of Qatar), British screenwriter, producer and film director Richard Curtis, Nobel Laureate Nadia Murad, Director of Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University Jeffrey Sachs, Brazilian footballer and UN Women Goodwill Ambassador and Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Whitaker Peace & Development Initiative, Forest Whitaker.

24) Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Mutual Fund recently?

- 1) Girish Chandra Murmu
- 2) Subhash Chandra Garg
- 3) Vipin Anand
- 4) Dinesh Pangtey
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Dinesh Pangtey**

Explanation:

Former Director and Chief Executive Officer at LIC HFL (Housing Finance Ltd) AMC (Asset Management Company), Dinesh Pangtey has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) Mutual Fund. He succeeds Shri Raj Kumar. He has 35 years of experience across various sectors like insurance sector, private equity, life, pension and group superannuation scheme. He strategized the setting up of the new fund under SEBI AIF platform & directly raised 92 per cent of the base corpus. The fund is poised soon to exhaust the greenshoe option and close at Rs 1000 Cr.

25) Name the former Indian cricketer, who has become the first woman to be appointed to ICC's international panel of match referees.

- 1) GS Lakshmi
- 2) Deepa Marathe
- 3) Kalyani Dhokarikar
- 4) Manju Nadgoda
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) GS Lakshmi**

Explanation:

A 51-year old former Indian cricketer GS Lakshmi became the first ever, female match referee, to be included into the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s International Panel of Match Referees. Earlier, Claire Polosak had become the first ever woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI. Previously in 2008-2009, she officiated her first match in women's domestic cricket and has also supervised 3 women's One Day International (ODI) and 3 T20 International matches.

26) Which country's Non-resident panel of Supreme Court has appointed Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur for 3 years?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Sri Lanka
- 3) Fiji
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Fiji**

Explanation:

Former Supreme Court judge, Justice Madan Bhimrao Lokur has been appointed to Supreme Court of Fiji's non-resident panel for 3 years. He was invited by the Chief Justice of Fiji and received the appointment letter on December 31, 2018. Over the years, Fiji has also invited judges from other countries like Singapore, South Africa, Malaysia, New Zealand, Australia and Sri Lanka. Every year, the Supreme Court of Fiji conducts three sessions and Justice MB Lokur will be a part of August session which will begin on August 15 and conclude on August 30, 2019. He has rendered his service to the Indian Law Review (Delhi Series) as the Editor from February 1983.

27) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe ?

- 1) Amitabh Bachchan
- 2) Shahrukh Khan
- 3) Aamir Khan
- 4) Salman Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Salman Khan**

Explanation:

Bollywood actor Salman Khan is signed as the brand ambassador of Merchant service and UPI payments app BharatPe. The new Campaign will be directed towards instructing merchants and users about UPI payments along with driving adoption of BharatPe app for all their business needs. The outdoor campaigns, radio, social media and in-app education initiatives are sponsored by fintech startup. BharatPe offers a single interface for all Unified Payments Interface (UPI) apps like Google Pay, BHIM, Mobikwik, Freecharge, Paytm, PhonePe, and others.

28) Who has been appointed as the Managing Director of ITC Limited after the demise of ITC Yogesh Chander Deveshwar?

- 1) Anil Baijal
- 2) Rajiv Tandon

- 3) Sanjiv Puri
- 4) Nakul Anand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sanjiv Puri

Explanation:

A 56-year old Sanjiv Puri, Managing Director of ITC Limited has been appointed as the chairman of ITC. Now Sanjiv Puri became the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of ITC. Previous Manager of ITC Yogesh Chander Deveshwar has passed away recently on May 11, 2019. Sanjiv Puri was appointed as a Managing Director of ITC in 2018 and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in February 2017.

29) A K Sikri has been appointed as the chairperson of which association?

- 1) Entertainment Network India Limited
- 2) Indian Broadcasting Foundation
- 3) Press Council of India
- 4) News Broadcasting Standards Authority
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) News Broadcasting Standards Authority

Explanation:

The News Broadcasters Association (NBA) notified that Arjan Kumar Sikri, former Supreme Court judge has been appointed as the chairperson of the News Broadcasting Standards Authority. The News Broadcasting Standards Authority (NBSA) is an independent self-regulatory body of 24×7 news channels (who are members of the NBA). It implements the Code of Broadcasting Ethics in the news industry. ii. Justice (retd) Sikri's predecessor is Justice (retd) R V Raveendran. Justice Sikri's immense experience in the judiciary is estimated to help the news broadcasters.

30) Who has been appointed as the first chief of Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD)?

- 1) AK Dhingra
- 2) Subhash Bhamre
- 3) Sanjay Mitra
- 4) Ajay Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) AK Dhingra

Explanation:

Major General AK Dhingra has appointed as the first chief of Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD) which comprised of commandos from all the three service. The government has set up AFSOD which comprised of Special Forces commandos from Army's Parachute Regiments, Navy's Marine Commandos (MARCOS) and Air Force's Garud commandos. The aim of this division is to undertake joint operations by three services. Major Dhingra is from elite 1 Para Special Forces Regiment. He was also the part of Indian Peacekeeping Force Operations in Sri Lanka from 1987 to 1990. This new division will work under the tri-services Integrated Defence Staff and headquarter of the division will be either in Agra or Bengaluru as per the ongoing discussion in the Defence Ministry.

31) Kumar Tuhin was appointed as the Ambassador of India to which country?

- 1) Montenegro
- 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 3) Serbia
- 4) Albania
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bosnia and Herzegovina

Explanation:

On May 14, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of

Shri Kumar Tuhin (Indian Foreign Service:1991) as the next Ambassador of India to Bosnia & Herzegovina with residence in Budapest. He is currently serving as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Hungary. He succeeds Rahul Chhabra.

32) Who was appointed as the additional director on the board of Yes Bank for two years?

- 1) Rama Subramaniam Gandhi
- 2) Ravneet Gill
- 3) Mukesh Sabharwal
- 4) Brahm Dutt
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rama Subramaniam Gandhi**

Explanation:

Under Sub-section (1) of Section 36 AB of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, The Reserve Bank of India announced the appointment of Rama Subramaniam Gandhi, former Deputy Governor of RBI, as an additional director on the board of Yes Bank for two years. He will serve Yes Bank as the additional director with effect from 14 May 2019 to 13 May 2021 or till further orders. Yes Bank had reported a loss of Rs.1,507 cr for March quarter. Rating agencies like ICRA and India Ratings have downgraded the bank's rating. As a result, RBI has appointed R Gandhi to the board of Yes Bank as a precautionary measure and this will strengthen the governance of the bank.

33) Chief Executive Officer, Vinay Dube has resigned from which international airways?

- 1) IndiGo
- 2) SpiceJet
- 3) Jet Airways
- 4) Air India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Jet Airways**

Explanation:

On May 14, 2019, Jet Airways' four top Executives- Chief Executive Officer Vinay Dube, Chief Financial Officer and deputy CEO Amit Agarwal, Chief People's Officer Rahul Taneja and Company Secretary and Compliance Officer Kuldeep Sharma resigned from their positions with immediate effect. They have resigned after finding the possibility that Etihad's offer to invest in the airlines may not be sufficient to run the operations of the airlines. At present, Jet Airways is a debt-laden company. The total debt is above Rs.14,000 crores and it is bearing huge losses. As a result, it had stopped its operations from April 17. State Bank of India is the lead lender for Jet Airways. It is estimated that Rs. 8,000 crore will be needed to re-start its operations.

34) Who was elected as President of South Africa recently?

- 1) Cyril Ramaphosa
- 2) Thabo Mbeki
- 3) Ace Magashule
- 4) Julius Malema
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Cyril Ramaphosa**

Explanation:

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. This was the first time that African National Congress has got less than 60 percent votes in national polls.

35) To which country, Ms. Padmaja has been concurrently accredited as the High Commissioner recently?

- 1) Kiribati
- 2) Tuvalu
- 3) Nauru
- 4) Palau
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nauru

Explanation:

On May 15, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of Ms. Padmaja as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Nauru with residence in Suva. She is currently serving as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji. She is set to take up her responsibility soon. She succeeds Vishvas Vidu Sapkal.

36) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

- 1) Samit Ghosh
- 2) Nitin Chugh
- 3) Sunil Patel
- 4) Nandlal Sarda
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nitin Chugh

Explanation:

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has appointed Nitin Chugh as its Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) for a period of 3 years from December 1, 2019. The current MD and CEO Samit Ghosh's tenure will end on November 30, 2019. Currently, Nitin Chugh is Group Head of Digital Banking of HDFC Bank. He will join the bank by August 2019 as President and will work closely with Samit Ghosh.

37) Who was appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini?

- 1) Radha Venkataraman
- 2) Sanjay Rana
- 3) Alok Kumar Sinha
- 4) Sangeeta Bahadur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Radha Venkataraman

Explanation:

On May 17, 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, announced the appointment of Radha Venkataraman as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Eswatini. She is currently serving as the Director in the Ministry of External Affairs. She is set to take up her responsibility soon. She succeeds Rudra Gaurav Shresth.

38) Who won the 2019 Australian federal elections recently?

- 1) Bob Katter
- 2) Richard Di Natale
- 3) Bill Shorten
- 4) Scott Morrison
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Scott Morrison

Explanation:

Australian PM Scott Morrison's won federal elections over the opposition Bill Shorten. The polling was held for 151 seats in the House of Representatives.

39) Australian PM Scott Morrison won the 2019 Australian federal elections, he belongs to which political party?

- 1) Katter's Australian
- 2) Liberal/National coalition
- 3) Centre Alliance
- 4) Labor
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Liberal/National coalition

Explanation:

Australian PM Scott Morrison's Liberal-National Coalition won federal elections over the opposition Labor Party led by Bill Shorten. The polling was held for 151 seats in the House of Representatives.

40) Who was re-elected as the president of Indonesia ?

- 1) Sutan Sjahrir
- 2) Malcolm Turnbull
- 3) Joko Widodo
- 4) Prabowo Subianto
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Joko Widodo

Explanation:

Indonesia's president Joko Widodo has been re-elected for the second term by winning 55.5% of the vote casted. He defeated his rival Prabowo Subianto, a retired general in 2019 Indonesian general election. Joko Widodo belongs to PDI-P, a political party whereas his rival Prabowo Subianto belongs to Gerindra. Joko Widodo's PDI-P finished first in the People's Representative Council (DPR) election with 19.33%, followed by Prabowo's Gerindra with 12.57%.

41) Mueenul Haq appointed as High Commissioner to India, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Maldives
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pakistan

Explanation:

Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan approved the appointment of Mueenul Haq as High Commissioner to India. He succeeded Sohail Mehmood, who was appointed as Pakistan's new foreign secretary. Haq currently serves as the ambassador to France, earlier he served as chief of protocol at the Foreign Office.

42) Which country has elected Volodymyr Zelenskiy as its president?

- 1) Ukraine
- 2) Russia
- 3) Syria
- 4) Poland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ukraine

Explanation:

Ukrainian TV star Volodymyr Zelenskiy, won the presidential election in April 2019 and sworn in as 6th President of Ukraine recently. He succeeded Petro Poroshenko. He hails from the south-eastern city of Kyiv. His election campaign slogan was 'unify Ukraine'. He won 73% of the vote cast and became Ukraine's youngest post-Soviet President.

43) Who was elected as the President of South Africa?

- 1) Kgalema Motlanthe
- 2) Cyril Ramaphosa
- 3) Thabo Mbeki
- 4) Marais Viljoen
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cyril Ramaphosa**

Explanation:

Cyril Ramaphosa's party, African National Congress (ANC) won South African elections with a 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. This was the first time that African National Congress has got less than 60 percent votes in national polls.

44) Name the judge, who was appointed as the judge of Supreme Court along with Justices B R Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Aniruddha Bose.

- 1) Justice Sanjay Kumar Seth
- 2) Justice Ramalingam Sudhakar
- 3) Justice Vijaya Tahilramani
- 4) Justice A S Bopanna
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Justice A S Bopanna**

Explanation:

The Centre has approved the four names recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium for elevation as judges of the Supreme Court. The newly appointed judges have been administered the oath of office by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi. The appointment has been made by the President under clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution. The new appointees are - Justices B R Gavai, Justice Surya Kant, Justice Aniruddha Bose and Justice A S Bopanna. With these four appointments, now the Supreme Court has reached its full sanctioned strength of 31 judges. Prior to the appointment, the apex court was functioning with 27 judges including the Chief Justice.

45) Who resigned as the Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh recently?

- 1) Chandrababu Naidu
- 2) Pema Khandu
- 3) Chandrashekar Rao
- 4) Nitish Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Chandrababu Naidu**

Explanation:

In Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections, YSR (Yeduguri Sandinti Rajasekhara) Congress party got a massive mandate. As Chandrababu Naidu resigned from the post of Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh, YSR Congress Party President Jagan Mohan Reddy is likely to take oath as CM of Andhra Pradesh on May 30, 2019. In Assembly elections, YSR Congress won 151 seats out of 175-Assembly seats. However former CM Chandrababu Naidu led Telugu Desam Party (TDP) won only 23 seats. In Lok Sabha Election, YSR Congress won 22 seats out of 25 seats and the other remaining 3 seats were won by Telugu Desam Party (TDP).

46) Name the Bollywood actor, who was appointed as the brand ambassador of India's second largest tractor manufacturer by volumes, Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd (TAFE).

- 1) Aamir Khan
- 2) Akshay Kumar
- 3) Salman Khan

- 4) Shahrukh Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Akshay Kumar**

Explanation:

On May 22, 2019, India's second largest tractor manufacturer by volumes, Tractors and Farm Equipment Ltd (TAFE) has roped in Bollywood Actor Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador for the Massey Ferguson brand. TAFE Ltd has a presence across 100 countries and sale of 2.5 million tractors to date. Massey Ferguson range includes over 125 products and variants.

47) Who was appointed as the new force commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)?

- 1) Devraj Anbu
- 2) Shailesh Tinaikar
- 3) I.S. Ghuman
- 4) Anil Kumar Bhatt
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shailesh Tinaikar**

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, The commandant of the Indian Army Infantry School, Lieutenant General Shailesh Tinaikar, aged 57, has been appointed as the new force commander of the United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres. He will succeed Lieutenant General Frank Kamanzi of Rwanda. He will command over 16,000 peacekeepers which include nearly 2,400 from India.

48) Prime Minister, Peter O'Neill of which country resigned recently?

- 1) Papua New Guinea
- 2) Thailand
- 3) Singapore
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Papua New Guinea**

Explanation:

On May 26, 2019, the prime minister of Papua New Guinea, Peter O'Neill resigned following a series of high-level defections. He had been in power since 2011. He handed over the leadership of the country to former PM Julius Chan, who had served the nation twice from 1980 to 1982 and 1994 to 1997. Peter O'Neill had served the nation for almost 8 years. He was under pressure over a range of issues including a multi-billion-dollar gas project signed earlier this year with French company Total and the US firm ExxonMobil.

49) Who sworn in as the 6th Chief Minister of Sikkim recently ?

- 1) Prem Singh Tamang
- 2) Sanchaman Limboo
- 3) Pawan Kumar Chamling
- 4) Nar Bahadur Bhandari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Prem Singh Tamang**

Explanation:

On May 27, 2019, The president of Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM), Prem Singh Tamang, who is popularly known as PS Golay was sworn in as the 6th Chief Minister of Sikkim. His party secured 17 seats out of 32 in the Assembly polls against Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF). SDF which had ruled the state for 25 years secured only 15 seats. He succeeded Pawan Kumar Chamling of SDF, the longest-serving CM of the country. Along with 11 other MLA's (Member of Legislative Assembly), the Governor of Sikkim, Ganga

Prasad undertook the oath taking ceremony which was held at Palzor Stadium, Gangtok. Sikkim can have a maximum of 12 ministers, including the chief minister.

50) Which country launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker named 'Ural' ?

- 1) India
- 2) Russia
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Russia**

Explanation:

On May 25, 2019, Russia launched the world's largest nuclear-powered icebreaker 'Ural' at the Baltic Shipyard in St Petersburg in order to improve its ability to tap the Arctic's commercial potential. Russia is preparing for shipping via the Northern Sea Route (NSR). The Ural will be given to Russia's state-owned nuclear energy corporation Rosatom in 2022 after the other 2 ice-breakers Arktika (Arctic) and Sibir (Siberia) enter into service. The Arktika was floated in 2016. By 2035, Russia's Arctic fleet will have a minimum of 13 heavy-duty icebreakers, among them 9 will be powered by nuclear reactors.

51) Name the supersonic cruise missile, which was test fired by Eastern Command Unit from Car Nicobar Island.

- 1) Agni
- 2) Prithvi
- 3) Nirbhay
- 4) BrahMos
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) BrahMos**

Explanation:

A supersonic cruise missile, BrahMos was test-fired by Eastern Command Unit of the Indian Army from Car Nicobar Islands, the northernmost of the Nicobar Islands, an archipelagic island chain in the eastern Indian Ocean. This exercise was part of the joint training by the Indian Army, Navy and the Air Force. There was a specially designed target chosen at a range of 270 km which BrahMos missile successfully hit the target. This validated the capability of deep penetration and accurate engagement of targets in depth by BrahMos missile.

52) Who was re-elected as the President of Malawi recently?

- 1) Joyce Banda
- 2) Peter Mutharika
- 3) Saulos Chilima
- 4) Lazarus Chakwera
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Peter Mutharika**

Explanation:

Malawi's president Peter Mutharika of Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) has won the re-elections with 38.5% votes. The victory was announced in Blantyre, Malawi by the head of the Malawi Electoral Commission (MEC) Jane Ansah. He won the elections against the opposition candidate Lazarus Chakwera from the Malawi Congress Party (MCP) who secured 35.4% of the votes. Former Vice President Saulos Chilima secured the third position with 20% votes. The other 4 presidential candidates collectively secured 6% of the vote. The elections were held on May 21, 2019. Malawi has been independent since 1964 and it was the 6th presidential election held since single-party rule ended in 1994.

53) Who sworn in as the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh for a second term ?

- 1) Bhupesh Baghel
- 2) Sarbanda Sonowal
- 3) Nabam Tuki
- 4) Pema Khandu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Pema Khandu

Explanation:

On May 29, 2019, Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP) leader Pema Khandu was sworn-in as the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh for a second term. Governor Brig(Retd) B D Mishra with 11 Cabinet Ministers administered the oath-taking ceremony at the Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre, Itanagar. He becomes the 10th Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. He had secured 41 seats in the 60-member Assembly in the elections held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections on April 11, 2019. Congress won 4 seats and Bihar's Nitish Kumar's Janata Dal-United (JDU) party won 7 seats. Chief Ministers of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura and Meghalaya had attended the swearing in ceremony.

54) Juan Carlos I, former Monarch retired recently, he belongs to which country ?

- 1) Germany
- 2) France
- 3) Spain
- 4) Portugal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Spain

Explanation:

5 years after the abdication of the throne, Spanish former monarch Juan Carlos I, aged 81, will be retiring from public life on June 2, 2019. This was mentioned in a letter addressed to his son King Felipe VI, the current monarch on Spanish royals' website. In 2018, he was honored in the Spanish Parliament. The day also coincided with the 40th anniversary of Spanish Constitution(Adopted in 1978), which marked Spain's transition from dictatorship to democratic rule.

55) Naveen Patnaik sworn in as chief minister of which state ?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Assam
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Odisha

Explanation:

On May 29, 2019, President of Biju Janata Dal, Naveen Patnaik, aged 72, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Odisha for the fifth term. He is the longest-serving chief minister of the state. The oath-taking ceremony was administered by the Governor Prof. Ganeshi Lal at the Exhibition Ground in Bhubaneswar. Along with the Chief Minister, 20 new councils of Ministers were also sworn in. There were 10 new members to the council including 2 women. He had secured 112 seats in the 146 Assembly Seats in the elections held simultaneously with the Lok Sabha elections. BJP won 23 seats and Congress won 9 seats.

56) Scott Morrison sworn in as ____ Prime Minister of Australia ?

- 1) 31st
- 2) 30th
- 3) 28th
- 4) 29th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 30th

Explanation:

Scott Morrison from Liberal Party has sworn in as 30th Prime Minister of Australia after retaining the position in the country's general election. Other members include Deputy PM Michael McCormack, Australia's first Aboriginal federal cabinet minister, Ken Wyatt also sworn alongside with Scott Morrison at a ceremony in the Canberra. He replaced Malcolm Turnbull as chief of the ruling Liberal Party.

57) Who sworn in as the president of Nigeria for the second term ?

- 1) Goodluck Jonathan
- 2) Olusegun Obasanjo
- 3) Yemi Osinbajo
- 4) Muhammadu Buhari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **Muhammadu Buhari**

Explanation:

Nigerian incumbent president, Muhammadu Buhari (76), won his re-election bid against his rival Atiku Abubakar of Peoples' Democratic Party (PDP) by over 3 million votes. He belongs to All Progressives Congress (APC) Party. He won 56% of the votes cast. He was in power since 2015. He earlier served as the army general who led a tough military government in the 1980s. Yemi Osinbajo was also sworn in as Vice President of Nigeria.

58) To which country, Abhay Kumar was appointed as the Ambassador of India ?

- 1) Spain
- 2) Nigeria
- 3) Comoros
- 4) Madagascar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) **Comoros**

Explanation:

Ambassador of India to Madagascar, Abhay Kumar (IFS-2003), has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Union of Comoros. Comoros a strategically located country in the Indian Ocean off the coast of Africa is also a member of OIC (Organisation of Islamic Cooperation). Comoros has ratified International Solar Alliance (ISA) treaty in the year 2017.

59) Who resigned as the Independent Director from the IL&FS Securities Services Ltd (ISSL) ?

- 1) Venkataraman Janakiraman
- 2) Harukazu Yamaguchi
- 3) Kiyokazu Ishinabe
- 4) Murray Stahl
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) **Venkataraman Janakiraman**

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, the Independent Director of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services) Securities Services Ltd (ISSL), Venkataraman Janakiraman resigned from the post citing personal reasons. He was also the head of the risk management committee at ISSL and served the concern for more than 10 years. He has also resigned from the post of independent director of ISSL Settlement & Transaction Services Ltd. The resignation was submitted by him when the scrutiny of the roles of the compliance team and independent directors of the organization was undertaken.

60) Who was appointed as the 8th Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea ?

- 1) Sam Abal
- 2) Sir Michael Somare

- 3) Peter O'Neill
- 4) James Marape
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) James Marape**

Explanation:

Lawmakers of Papua New Guinea has elected James Marape as its 8th prime minister. He belongs to Pangu Party. He succeeded Peter O'Neill of People's National Congress party, who was pressurized to resign by a series of political defections in recent days, and tensions over a multi-billion-dollar gas project signed this year with French company Total and the US firm ExxonMobil. Marape earlier served as the finance minister of Papua New Guinea while he was a member of People's National Congress party and he resigned on April 2019.

61) Who sworn in as the second chief minister of Andhra Pradesh post its bifurcation on 30th May, 2019?

- 1) Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy
- 2) N. Chandrababu Naidu
- 3) B. Gopala Reddy
- 4) Neelam Sanjiva Reddy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Y. S. Jaganmohan Reddy**

Explanation:

On 30th May, 2019, Yuvajana Sramika Raithu (YSR) Congress chief Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy (46), sworn in as the second chief minister of Andhra Pradesh post its bifurcation. He Succeeded Telugu Desam Party (TDP) chief N Chandrababu Naidu. Governor of Andhra Pradesh, E S L Narasimhan administered the oath of office at the IGM Stadium near Vijayawada. His party won 151 of the 175 seats in the state Assembly. He was earlier served as the Member of Parliament from Kadapa Lok Sabha constituency. Jaganmohan Reddy announces Rs 3,000 monthly pension for senior citizens & promises corruption-free governance after assuming charge. The scheme would begin with Rs 2,250 and it will be increased up to Rs 3,000 within three years.

62) To which Naval command Atul Kumar Jain assumed as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C)?

- 1) Southern Naval Command
- 2) Western Naval Command
- 3) Eastern Naval Command
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Eastern Naval Command**

Explanation:

On May 30, 2019, Vice Admiral Atul Kumar Jain, AVSM, VSM, assumed command as Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Eastern Naval Command (ENC). He succeeded Vice Admiral Karambir Singh, PVSM, AVSM, ADC, who will assume charge as the Navy Chief on promotion to the rank of Admiral on May 31, 2019. The Ceremonial parade was held at the naval base in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The ceremony was attended by all Flag Officers and Commanding Officers of ships and naval establishments. Vice Adm Atul Kumar Jain was commissioned into the Indian Navy in July 1982. He is an alumnus of Sainik School Rewa, National Defence Academy (Pune), the Defence Services Staff College (Wellington), the College of Naval Warfare (Mumbai) and the National Defence College (Pretoria, South Africa).

63) Who assumed charge as the Chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) ?

- 1) Arup Raha
- 2) Birender Singh Dhanoa

- 3) Sunil Lanba
- 4) Bikram Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Birender Singh Dhanoa

Explanation:

Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa has received the baton of Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) from Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lamba, an outgoing Chairman of COSC. Now BS Dhanoa will be the Chairman of COSC with effect from May 31, 2019 due to the retirement of Admiral Sunil Lamba on May 31. An alumnus of Rashtriya Indian Military College and the National Defence Academy, Air Chief Marshal B S Dhanoa was commissioned in the Flying Branch of Indian Air Force in June 1978. He is an experienced fighter pilot and also qualified CAT 'A' Flying Instructor with over 3000 hours of flying experience.

64) Which entity has appointed Sandeep Patil as its India Managing Director ?

- 1) Facebook
- 2) Whoscall
- 3) WhatsApp
- 4) Truecaller
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Truecaller

Explanation:

Former Flipkart Executive Sandeep Patil has been appointed as India Managing Director of Truecaller. He served as the head of consumer and commercial lending vertical at Flipkart until his new appointment with Truecaller. Sandeep Patil will be leading business strategies to expand the company and increase its revenue. He will be supervising the teams based in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. India is the largest market for Truecaller with 60-70% of global revenue and user base.

65) Who sworn in as the Prime Minister of India for the second consecutive term ?

- 1) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra
- 2) Narendra Damodardas Modi
- 3) Rahul Gandhi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Narendra Damodardas Modi

Explanation:

National Democratic Alliance (NDA) leader Narendra Damodardas Modi had taken oath as Prime Minister for the second consecutive term. Along with Narendra Modi, total 57 ministers had taken the oath of Office and Secrecy which is administered by President Ram Nath Kovind. Out of total 57 council of ministers, 24 cabinet ministers had taken oath including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Smriti Irani and Piyush Goyal, 9 as Minister of State with Independent Charge and another 24 as Minister of State.

66) Leaders from which international organization, visited India as the chief guest of PM Modi's Swearing-in Ceremony?

- 1) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Countries
- 2) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- 3) BRICS Countries
- 4) Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC)

Explanation:

A total of more than 8,000 guests have attended the oath taking ceremony of PM Narendra Modi. Foreign Guests – There were number of foreign guests who attended the oath taking ceremony which include all leaders from all Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries and leader of Mauritius and Kyrgyzstan.

67) Who sworn in as the first full time female Finance Minister of India on 31st May, 2019 ?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Smriti Zubin Irani
- 3) Debasree Chaudhuri
- 4) Renuka Singh Saruta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Nirmala Sitharaman**

Explanation:

Total 57 council of ministers, 24 cabinet ministers had taken oath including Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Nirmala Sitharaman, Smriti Irani and Piyush Goyal, 9 as Minister of State with Independent Charge and another 24 as Minister of State. Nirmala Sitharaman has become the first full-time female Finance Minister of India on 31st May, 2019.

68) Name the new ministry, which is formed by merging Ministries of Water Resources and Drinking Water and Sanitation .

- 1) Ministry of Water and Sanitation
- 2) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- 3) Ministry of Jal and Sanitation
- 4) Ministry of Drinking Water
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ministry of Jal Shakti**

Explanation:

Central government had formed 'Jal Shakti' Ministry or Ministry of Jal Shakti by Merging Water Resources and Drinking Water Ministries. Gajendra Singh Shekhawat take charge as the Minister of Jal Shakti on 31st May, 2019.

69) Who has become the youngest council of ministers in second term of Modi government ?

- 1) Giriraj Singh
- 2) Piyush Goyal
- 3) Smriti Irani
- 4) Harsh Vardhan
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Smriti Irani**

Explanation:

Smriti Irani is the youngest council of ministers in the second term of Modi government. She is currently 43 years of age. She took charge as the Minister of Women and Child Development; and Minister of Textiles on 31st May, 2019.

70) To which ministry, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar the first career diplomat has sworn in as cabinet minister on 31st May, 2019?

- 1) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- 2) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 3) Ministry of Food Processing Industries
- 4) Ministry of External Affairs
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ministry of External Affairs**

Explanation:

Subrahmanyam Jaishankar had become first career diplomat to be appointed as External Affairs Minister of India on 31st May, 2019.

71) Bharatiya Janata Party's president Amit Shah, sworn in as minister of _____, on 31st May, 2019 ?

- 1) Minister of Home Affairs
- 2) Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 3) Minister of Defence
- 4) Minister of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Minister of Home Affairs**

Explanation:

Bharatiya Janata Party's president Amit Shah assumed charge as the Minister of Home Affairs on 31st May, 2019.

72) Who succeeds Nirmala Sitharaman and assumed charge as Minister of Defence in newly formed government on 31st May, 2019 ?

- 1) Smriti Zubin Irani
- 2) Raj Nath Singh
- 3) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Raj Nath Singh**

Explanation:

Raj Nath Singh take charge as the Minister of Defence on 31st May, 2019.

73) Name the first helicopter pilot who became 24th Chief of Naval Staff(CNS) recently .

- 1) Admiral Nirmal Kumar Verma
- 2) Admiral Sunil Lanba
- 3) Admiral Karambir Singh
- 4) Admiral Arun Prakash
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Admiral Karambir Singh**

Explanation:

On May 31, 2019, Admiral Karambir Singh assumed charge as the new 24th Chief of Naval Staff (CNS). He succeeded Chief Admiral Sunil Lanba, who retired from the service after completion of 3 years. Singh was the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief (FOC-in-C) of the Eastern Naval Command(ENC) headquartered at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. He is the first helicopter pilot of the Navy to become the CNS. He has a vast experience of nearly 39 years having served in various commands, staff and instructional appointments. Born on November 3, 1959, he was commissioned to the Indian Navy in July 1980. He is an alumnus of Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and College of Naval Warfare, Mumbai.

74) Name the commission, which has increased the tenure of judicial member, Justice VK Jain for next one year .

- 1) Law Commission
- 2) National Human Rights Commission(NHRC)
- 3) Central Vigilance Commission(CVC)
- 4) National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC)**

Explanation:

On May 29, 2019, Supreme Court extended the term of Justice VK Jain as Judicial Member of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission (NCDRC). His term was supposed to expire on May 29, 2019. The decision on the extension of term was given by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi and Justice Aniruddha Bose. Justice Jain's tenure is extended for 1 year or till the process of fresh appointment is completed, whichever is earlier

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1) Name the largest provider of broadband satellite networks and services, that has agreed to merge with Bharti Airtel broadband satellite or VSAT (very small aperture terminal) business to improve operational efficiencies.

- 1) Charter Spectrum.
- 2) Frontier
- 3) Hughes Communication India
- 4) CenturyLink
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Hughes Communication India

Explanation:

Bharti Airtel and Hughes Communication India have agreed to merge their broadband satellite or VSAT (very small aperture terminal) business to 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. If we talk about current market share, the Hughes Communication has 36% share of the market and Airtel Business – the enterprise and VSAT arm of Bharti Airtel has 27% share of the market.

2) Which British toy company was acquired by the Reliance Brands, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries (RIL) for a cash deal, worth USD 88.6 million?

- 1) The Lego Group
- 2) Bandai Namco Holdings
- 3) Hamleys Global Holdings Limited
- 4) Mattel, Inc.
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Hamleys Global Holdings Limited

Explanation:

Reliance Brands, a subsidiary of Mukesh Ambani led Reliance Industries (RIL) has acquired 100% stake in British toy major Hamleys Global Holdings Limited from Hong Kong based C Banner International in a cash deal of worth USD 88.6 million. A 259 years old British toy major, Hamleys was founded in 1760 and currently it has 167 stores across 18 countries. ii. Reliance Lifestyle Holdings has Indian franchise of the Hamleys Global Holdings Limited and runs around 88 stores in 29 cities throughout the country.

3) Which entity has acquired 75 percent of stake in Stater N.V, a subsidiary of the Netherlands-based ABN AMRO Bank ?

- 1) Infosys
- 2) Tata Consultancy Services
- 3) Wipro
- 4) Cognizant
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Infosys

Explanation:

Infosys, technology giant has acquired 75% stake in Stater N.V, a subsidiary of the Netherlands-based ABN AMRO Bank. It was acquired for \$144 million (Rs 999 crore) in cash by Infosys consulting arm Infosys Consulting Pte Ltd. ABN AMRO will hold the remaining 25% of the shareholding in Stater. ABN AMRO is the third largest Dutch bank headquartered at Amsterdam, Netherlands.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1) Name the International organization of India that has partnered with BGI-Shenzhen, China to develop resistant to vagaries of weather conditions.

- 1) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- 2) International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics' (ICRISAT)
- 3) Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture
- 4) International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics' (ICRISAT)

Explanation:

The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics' (ICRISAT) team partnered with the BGI-Shenzhen, China, involving 39 scientists from 21 research institutes worldwide, notified that scientists have successfully completed the largest-ever exercise of entire-genome re-sequencing of chickpea, by sequencing 429 chickpea lines from 45 nations to identify genes that are resistant to various extreme factors. The study has been published in Nature Genetics online with the title, "Resequencing of 429 chickpea accessions from 45 countries provides insights into genome diversity, domestication and agronomic traits". The objective of this sequencing for the agricultural community will cater to the successful development of newer varieties of chickpea with better and large-scale production, with a yield that is tolerant to disease, pest, drought, heat (up to 38 degree Celsius) and variable weather conditions. This will thus contribute to the sustainability of agricultural development in the developing countries.

2) Which country's Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter named 'Kamov Ka-31' is set to be acquired by Indian Navy?

- 1) China
- 2) Russia
- 3) US
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Russia

Explanation:

Ministry of Defence gave approval to Indian Navy to acquire 10 'Kamov Ka-31' Airborne Early Warning and Control Helicopter for a deal worth of Rs 3,600 crore from Russia. These 10 helicopters would be deployed on the aircraft carriers and warships of the Indian Navy including the INS Vikrant and Grigorovich-class frigates. The Kamov Ka-31 helicopters will strengthen the capability of Indian Navy against aerial threats to its aircraft carriers and large warships.

3) Name the journal that publish, the discovery of the first small-molecule inhibitors of the Streptococcus pyogenes Cas9 (SpCas9) protein by the team of researchers headed by Amit Choudhary.

- 1) Journal Nature
- 2) Journal Environmental Research
- 3) Journal of Biotechnology
- 4) Journal Cell
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Journal Cell

Explanation:

On 2 May 2019, In the journal 'Cell' researchers authored that the discovery of the first small-molecule inhibitors of the Streptococcus pyogenes Cas9 (SpCas9) protein could enable more precise control over CRISPR-Cas9-based genome editing. i. The research was headed by Amit Choudhary of the Broad Institute, Harvard Medical School, and Brigham and Women's Hospital. These first small-molecule CRISPR-Cas9 inhibitors are much smaller than the previously discovered anti-CRISPR proteins.

4) Which country has launched its first private rocket named 'Momo-3' into space recently?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) US
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Japan**

Explanation:

A Japanese aerospace start-up Interstellar Technology Inc. has successfully launched a first privately developed rocket 'Momo-3' into 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. The rocket is 10 meters in length, 50 centimeters in diameter and weighs about 1 ton. 'Momo-3' rocket has the capability of putting payloads into the orbit. The company Interstellar Technology Inc. founded by former Livedoor Co. President Takafumi Horie in 2013. The objective is to develop low-cost commercial rockets to carry satellites into space.

5) Name the rocket, which is used by the Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (Space X) along with Dragon Spacecraft for its 17th commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station (ISS).

- 1) Falcon 9 rocket
- 2) Rehbar I rockets
- 3) Scout rockets
- 4) Saturn I rockets
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Falcon 9 rocket**

Explanation:

Space Exploration Technologies Corp. (Space X) launched its 17th commercial resupply mission to the International Space Station (ISS) by using Falcon 9 rocket with Dragon Spacecraft. The 213-foot-tall rocket lifted off at about 2:48 a.m. local time from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The resupply mission contains almost 5,500 pounds of science, supplies, and hardware. This mission is a part of NASA's Commercial Resupply Services (CRS) program, which uses commercial spacecraft to deliver cargo to the ISS. Space X and Northrop Grumman carry out these missions for NASA by using Dragon Spacecraft and Cygnus Spacecraft respectively. This is the 17th cargo resupply mission to the ISS launched by Space X under a contract worth of USD 3.04 billion for 20 cargo deliveries through early 2020. Also, Space X has a separate follow-on contract for at least six more resupply missions to the ISS through 2024.

6) Which of the following Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer has been decommissioned after 36 years of service?

- 1) INS Tarangini
- 2) INS Kirpan
- 3) INS Nipat
- 4) INS Ranjit
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) INS Ranjit**

Explanation:

After 36 years of service, Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer, INS Ranjit has been decommissioned. INS Ranjit was commissioned on 15th September 1983 with Captain Vishnu Bhagwat as the chair. INS Ranjit was the 3rd of the 5 Kashin-class destroyers built by the former USSR (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics). INS Ranjit was deployed during IPKF (Indian Peace Keeping Force) operations and Operation Talwar during Kargil conflict.

7) Where was the Indian Navy's missile destroyer, INS Ranjit decommissioned recently?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Balasore, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

After 36 years of service, Indian Navy's frontline missile destroyer, INS Ranjit has been decommissioned at the naval dockyard in Visakhapatnam. INS Ranjit's motto was 'Sada Rane Jayate' or 'Ever Victorious in Battle'. The ship was constructed as 'Yard 2203' in the 61 Communards shipyard in the town of Nikolev, Ukraine, where the ship was given its Russian name, "Lovkly" which means "Agile". The solemn decommissioning ceremony was attended by workforce who have served INS Ranjit onboard, officers and sailors from the commissioning crew.

8) Name the Indian Navy's 4th Scorpene-class submarine, that was launched in Mazagon Dockyard, Mumbai.

- 1) INS Vela
- 2) INS Khanderi
- 3) INS Karanj
- 4) INS Vagir
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) INS Vela**

Explanation:

INS Vela, Indian Navy's 4th Scorpene-class submarine was launched at Mazagon Dockyard in Mumbai. This is the fourth submarine in the series of six submarines under Project 75 built by Mazagon Dock Ltd, Mumbai. The Scorpene-class submarine has been termed as the Kalvari Class. Project 75 is a \$3.75 billion contract inked between French Company DCNS (now Naval Group) and the Mazagon Dock Ltd in 2005 for construction and transfer of technology for 6 Scorpene-class submarines. Before Vela, Mazagon Dock Ltd has launched Kalvari, Khanderi, Karanj submarines. Upcoming submarines, INS Vagir and INS Vagsheer are in the stages of manufacturing.

9) Which country's Air Force Research Laboratory has tested a laser system called 'Self-Protect High Energy Laser Demonstrator (SHiELD)' recently?

- 1) Japan
- 2) Russia
- 3) China
- 4) US
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) US**

Explanation:

The US Air Force Research Laboratory tested a laser system called 'Self-Protect High Energy Laser Demonstrator (SHiELD)' at the US Army's White Sands Missile range in New Mexico which successfully shot down multiple air-launched missiles while in flight. The system is designed for the purpose of protecting the aircrafts from incoming surface-to-air and air-to-air launched missiles. The 'Self-Protect

High Energy Laser Demonstrator (SHiELD) has three components: The laser system A control system A pod which gave power to all components .The project began in 2016 and the US Air Force issued a contract to Lockheed Martin in 2017, for designing the system with the aim of testing the system on aircraft by 2021.

10) Which asteroid, is set to be hit by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) with its spacecraft 'Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)' ?

- 1) Apollo
- 2) Toutatis
- 3) Icarus
- 4) Didymos B
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Didymos B**

Explanation:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will hit an asteroid named Didymoon or Didymos B with a spacecraft called Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) in 2022. This will be the first mission which demonstrates a planetary defence technique. The asteroid is 150 m tall which orbiting a larger body called Didymos A. This will help in understanding the state of the asteroid system. The spacecraft Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) will carry an optical navigation system which captures the images. This will help the spacecraft to reach its target successfully. The DART spacecraft will use small hydrazine thrusters which utilise the electric propulsion system.

11) NOTTO has issued guidelines according to which organ allocation to foreign nationals should be approved by it. What is the full form of NOTTO?

- 1) National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)
- 2) National Organ & Testicle Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)
- 3) National Organ Transplant after Testing Organisation (NOTTO)
- 4) National Organ Transplantation after Testing Organisation (NOTTO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO)**

Explanation:

The National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), an apex body that coordinates with States on the procurement and distribution of organs in compliance with the Transplantation of Human Organs Act (THOA), has issued guidelines according to which an organ could be allocated to foreigners only after it gives its approval. This decision was made due to media reports which stated that foreign nationals getting organs ahead of Indian nationals on the waiting list. The Transplant Authority of Tamil Nadu (Transtam) has also issued guidelines which will bring greater transparency in the allocation of organs to people. The guidelines include that private hospitals should obtain the consent of the donor family before allocating the organs to foreigners.

12) Which Chemical can be used to treat neurological diseases, as per the study published in the journal "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)"?

- 1) Thyroxine
- 2) Serotonin
- 3) Neurotransmitter
- 4) Adrenaline
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Serotonin**

Explanation:

Researchers at Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), Mumbai have identified a new function for Serotonin, a monoamine neurotransmitter. The serotonin may help treat neurological diseases. The results of the study were published in the journal "Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

(PNAS)". A research paper jointly led by Vidita A. Vaidya and Ullas Kolthur-Seetharam from TIFR, in collaboration with Ashok Vaidya from KHS (Kasturba Health Society), had found that stress buster Serotonin is involved in the generation of new mitochondria in neurons, increased cellular respiration and fuel (ATP- adenosine triphosphate) in the cell. The recent discovery establishes that serotonin signaling could be used to prevent mitochondrial abnormalities and neuronal loss.

13) WHO partnered with IFBA to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023. Expand A in IFBA.

1. Association
2. Alliance
3. Adviser
4. Administration
5. None of these

Answer - 2. Alliance (International Food and Beverage Alliance)

Explanation:-

WHO (World Health organization) collaborated with the International Food and Beverage Alliance (IFBA) to eliminate industrially produced trans fat (iTFA) from food supply worldwide by 2023. Trans fat-intake leads to coronary heart disease, due to which globally 5,00,000 deaths occur every year. Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO had a meeting with the IFBA representatives, that included CEOs (chief executive officers) from around 12 companies comprising IFBA. The meeting stressed on the steps that are needed to be taken to eliminate industrial trans fats, decrease salt, sugar and saturated fats in processed foods.

14) FDA approved has approved first vaccine named Dengvaxia for the prevention of dengue disease. The vaccine is also known as _____.

1. CYD-TDV
2. CVD-TYV
3. CDV – TYD
4. CVV – TDY
5. None of these

Answer - 1. CYD-TDV

Explanation:-

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), United States has 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 also known as CYD-TDV and made by company Sanofi Pasteur.

15) Which entity has announced the launch of "ElectionGuard", a free open-source Software Development Kit(SDK to carry out secure and verifiable voting)?

1. Apple
2. IBM
3. Microsoft
4. Google
5. None of these

Answer – 3. Microsoft

Explanation:-

Microsoft CEO, Satya Nadella has announced the launch of "ElectionGuard", a free open-source Software Development Kit(SDK) to help nations to carry out secure and verifiable voting. Developed by Galois, "ElectionGuard" is a supplement to paper ballots.

16) Name the microprocessor, which is indigenously designed, developed and manufactured by the team of researchers from IIT-Bombay.

- 1) AJIT
- 2) CLIPPER
- 3) MARIAH
- 4) RIGEL
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) AJIT

Explanation:

A group of researchers and professor Manav Desai from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay have developed a microprocessor named 'AJIT' which was indigenously conceptualised, designed, developed and manufactured. The chip of the microprocessor was developed at Semi-Conductor Laboratory in Chandigarh. This was the first time that academia, industry and government worked together for the development of new technology. The project was funded by IIT Bombay, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) and Mumbai based Powai Labs. The team developed a toolset called AHIR-V2, which can convert an algorithm to hardware to design the microprocessor circuit.

17) Which entity has launched the world's first highest resolution image sensor of 64 megapixels?

- 1) Asus
- 2) OnePlus
- 3) Huawei
- 4) Samsung
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Samsung

Explanation:

Recently, South Korea based Samsung company has launched the world's first highest resolution image sensor of 64 megapixels. This image sensor will be used in upcoming smartphones of Samsung and the objective is to meet the growing demand for smartphones with better image quality. Samsung has launched two new image sensors with 0.8 micrometer pixel: The 64-megapixel ISOCELL Bright GW1 The 48-megapixel ISOCELL Bright GW2.

18) From which Aircraft manufacturing company, India had received its first Apache Guardian attack helicopter AH-64E (I) to Indian Air Force recently.

- 1) Thales, France
- 2) Boeing, U.S
- 3) Lockheed Martin, U.S
- 4) Sukhoi, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Boeing, U.S

Explanation:

The Indian Air Force legally received its 1st Apache Guardian attack helicopter AH-64E (I) during a ceremony at the Boeing production facility in Mesa, Arizona, US (United States). This first attack helicopter in India's defence arsenal was received by Air Marshal AS Butola, IAF. Apache is a stealthy and versatile machine that has been designed for all kinds of missions. It consists of: laser and infrared systems for day and night operations air to surface Hellfire missiles 70 mm rockets an automatic cannon

19) Which country has recently commissioned two new Type 052D guided missile destroyers?

- 1) U.S.
- 2) Russia
- 3) Japan
- 4) China

5) None of these

Answer – **4) China**

Explanation:

On May 10, 2019, Chinese Navy has commissioned two new Type 052D guided missile destroyers in Dalian, a coastal city. They are the 19th and 20th ships in the class and are named as Tangshan and Suzhou. China, at present, has 20 Type 052Ds either in active service or to be launched for service soon. The destroyers are fast and warships are operated for long distances. In addition, they can be used to accompany the aircraft carriers. The newly developed Type 052D destroyers are the upgrades of its previous version Type 052C. The Type 052D destroyer is a large 7500 tone destroyer. It was introduced into the People's Liberation Army Navy (PLAN) in March 2014.

20) Name the Human Atlas Initiative that has been launched to understand the role of tissues and cell in the human body, by Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

1) HUM-CELL

2) CELL

3) MANAV

4) TISSUE

5) None of these

Answer – **3) MANAV**

Explanation:

On May 10, 2019, Department of Biotechnology (DBT) launched MANAV- Human Atlas Initiative, to understand the role of tissues and cell in the human body. It is a collaborated project between Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER) Pune, Persistent Systems and the National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS). It was launched by the DBT Secretary, Dr. Renu Swarup. The MANAV team has invited the colleges and universities to register as teams for this project and work on them. The aim of the program is to understand human body at two stages- normal stage and disease stage. The project is funded by the Department of Biotechnology which has invested Rs. 13 crore shared between National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS) and Indian Institute of Science, Education and Research (IISER), Pune. In addition, Persistent Systems Limited has co-funded Rs. 7 crore.

21) What is the name of the 100% recyclable plastic created by the U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Lab in California?

1) Polydiketoenamine (PDK)

2) Polyethylene Terephthalate (PETE)

3) Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)

4) Polypropylene (PP)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Polydiketoenamine (PDK)**

Explanation:

U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Lab in California created a new 100% recyclable plastic named Polydiketoenamine (PDK). This can be broken down and used without the loss of quality. It can be formed into a different shape and colour. Plastics are made of polymers, chains of hydrogen and carbons. The leader of this study is Peter Christensen. The research is published in the journal Nature Chemistry. The researchers discovered that the new PDK material has wide range of thermal and mechanical properties. It can be used in textiles, foams and 3D printed materials.

22) Scientists from which university has created the World's Smallest Colour Pixels by trapping the particles of light?

1) Oxford University

2) University of Cambridge

3) Harvard University

4) University College London

5) None of these

Answer – **2) University of Cambridge**

Explanation:

Scientists from the University of Cambridge, UK create the World's Smallest Colour Pixels by trapping the particles of light under the tiny rocks of gold. These pixels can be used for new types of large-scale flexible displays and are big enough to cover entire buildings. Cambridge University Professor Jeremy J Baumberg led the research. These are the smallest pixels ever created and are smaller than the typical smart phone pixels. They are compatible with roll-to-roll fabrication on flexible plastic films which reduces their production cost.

23) How many mega missions were set to be launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in 10 years?

1) Seven

2) Six

3) Eight

4) Five

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Seven**

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has announced to conduct seven Mega Missions for upcoming 10 years and also prepared a roadmap for the next 30 years.

24) XPoSAT was in news recently, what does Po stands for?

1) Polypeptide

2) Positron

3) Polarimeter

4) Pollination

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Polarimeter**

Explanation:

XPoSAT is also known as X-ray Polarimeter Satellite. The aim of this mission is to study polarisation. It will be launched in 2020 and the life of the mission will be of 5 years till 2025. The payload for XPoSAT was developed by Bengaluru-based Raman Research Institute. The spacecraft which will carry Polarimeter Instrument in X-rays (POLIX) payload study the degree and angle of polarisation of bright X-ray source in the energy range between 5 to 30 keV (Kilo electron volt).

25) Which of the following along with XPoSAT has been categorized by ISRO as Defined Missions?

1) Lunar Polar Exploration and Exoworlds

2) Venus Mission

3) Mangalyaan-2

4) Aditya L-1

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Aditya L-1**

Explanation:

ISRO has categorized its six Mega Missions (excluding Chandrayaan-2) in two broad categories- Defined Missions: The mission includes XPoSAT and Aditya L-1. Undefined Missions: The missions which are still in the planning stage. These missions are Mangalyaan-2, Venus Mission, Lunar Polar Exploration and Exoworlds.

26) Name the computer programme developed by Australian National University (ANU) which can help to develop precision medicine.

- 1) Recuva
- 2) Flye
- 3) Ninite
- 4) GIMP
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Flye

Explanation:

Flye' a new computer program developed by Australian National University (ANU) can help develop precision medicine. It will be helpful to find out a person's genetic makeup. The research is published in Nature Biotechnology. Flye is a step-by-step procedure for computers to assemble genomes. It will enable the process to be much faster and accurate than the current best practice methods. With the use of long DNA sequences, Flye will improve the reliability of genome assemblies and lead to a range of biomedical applications. A long DNA sequence ranges between 5,000 and 20,000 DNA letters, whereas short sequences are typically 200 letters.

27) Name the High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) drone, which was recently test fired by Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO).

- 1) AURA
- 2) ABHYAS
- 3) Lakshya
- 4) Nishant
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) ABHYAS

Explanation:

On May 13, 2019, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully conducted the flight test of ABHYAS, a High-speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) drone which is to be used for autonomous flying with the help of an autopilot. The flight test was conducted from an Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha.

28) What is the name of the mission to moon, that is set to be achieved by National Aeronautics and Space Organization(NASA) in the year 2024?

- 1) Artemis
- 2) Voyager
- 3) Pioneer
- 4) Chandra
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Artemis

Explanation:

On May 13, 2019, the US Space Agency announced that the National Aeronautics and Space Organization (NASA) is set for its Mission to Moon "Artemis" which is to be achieved by 2024. Earlier, its goal to achieve this feat was by 2028. The Mission is named 'Artemis' after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo.

29) Which country is developing the world's largest optical telescope?

- 1) China
- 2) U.S.
- 3) Russia
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

India is playing a key role in the design and development of the world's largest optical telescope—the Thirty Meter Telescope, or TMT, to be built at Mauna Kea in Hawaii. Construction of the telescope is expected to begin this year. Once commissioned in 2029-30, it will provide a bigger picture of the universe.

30) Name the app launched by BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) in order to aid mutual fund distributors accelerate transactions process?

- 1) 'BSE StAR MF'
- 2) 'BSE MF'
- 3) 'BSE Fund'
- 4) 'BSE Transact'
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 'BSE StAR MF'**

Explanation:

BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) notified that it has launched an app named 'BSE StAR MF' in order to enable more participation and aid mutual fund distributors to accelerate transactions process. BSE StAR MF' is BSE's mutual fund platform which helps distributors in purchasing and redeeming the mutual fund units on behalf of their clients. The 'BSE StAR MF' app that is downloaded from Google Play Store supports dynamic (real-time) client registration, digital transactions, creates and uploads mandate for SIPs (Systematic Investment Plans), generates multiple orders, tracks and permits the distributor in evaluating his business instantly.

31) Which broadcaster has become the India's first broadcaster which has started Souvenir store in Amazon?

- 1) Raj
- 2) Press Trust Of India
- 3) Doordarshan
- 4) Zee
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Doordarshan**

Explanation:

Public service broadcaster, Doordarshan has partnered with online retail giant Amazon India to launch a Souvenir Store. The store will offer whole range of merchandise which includes T-shirts, coffee mugs and sippers with the tagline "I am in your DNA, I am your Doordarshan". The purpose of this initiative is to establish stronger relationship with viewers of Doordarshan channel.

32) Name the Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS), that has decommissioned in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

- 1) ICGS Rajdhvaj
- 2) ICGS Samarth
- 3) ICGS Samrat
- 4) ICGS Vighraha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) ICGS Vighraha**

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard Ship (ICGS) 'Vighraha' decommissioned at Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. It is a frontline offshore patrol served for 29 years from 1990 to 2019. It was the seventh offshore patrol vessel built by the Mazagaon Dock Limited, Mumbai. The offshore patrol vessel Vighraha has participated in major coast guard operations which involves search and rescue, anti-poaching, humanitarian assistance, and disaster relief, repatriation and joint exercises, etc.

33) Name the Chairperson of Lokpal, who inaugurated the website of Lokpal.

- 1) Dipak Misra
- 2) Arjan Kumar Sikri
- 3) Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- 4) Arun Kumar Mishra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pinaki Chandra Ghose

Explanation:

The Website of the Lokpal was inaugurated by the Chairperson, Justice Shri Pinaki Chandra Ghose. His oath was administered by President Ram Nath Kovind. All the Members of Lokpal attended it. The Government has also appointed 4 Judicial and 4 non-Judicial Members. The Website with (Uniform Resource Locator) URL <http://lokpal.gov.in> was developed by NIC (National Information Commission) and provides the basic information w.r.t. (with respect to) the working and functioning of the Lokpal. The Lokpal or the anti-corruption Ombudsman is the first institution of its kind established in India under the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

34) Which country has received the first pair of Mi-24 attack helicopters from India?

- 1) Syria
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) Iraq
- 4) Tajikistan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Afghanistan

Explanation:

Indian Ambassador to Afghanistan, Vinay Kumar made the hand-over of the first pair of replacement Mi-24 attack helicopters to Afghanistan Defence Minister, Asadullah Khalid at the Kabul Air Force base with the main objective of strengthening the Afghan air force as it battles Taliban insurgency against the fact of US' lookout for exiting the Afghanistan after a 17-year stay. The choppers were purchased from Belarus. In December 2015, India had first delivered the Mi-24 Helicopters to Afghanistan. The Mi-24 is a large helicopter gunship and can be used for assault and transport missions. The Mi-24 can ferry up to 8 people.

35) Which type of missile is test fired recently, that is manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)?

- 1) Long Range surface to air Missile (LRSAM)
- 2) Air-to-Air Missiles (AAM)
- 3) Beyond-Visual-Range Air-To-Air Missile (BVRAAM)
- 4) Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Medium-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (MRSAM)

Explanation:

The Indian Navy has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing its anti-air warfare capability by successfully test-firing a Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM) on the western seaboard. The test-firing was carried out by Indian naval ships Kochi and Chennai. The MRSAM has been manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).

36) What is the strike range of the Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM), that is test fired recently on western seaboard?

- 1) 70 km
- 2) 50 km
- 3) 60 km
- 4) 80 km

5) None of these

Answer – **1) 70 km**

Explanation:

The Indian Navy has achieved a significant milestone in enhancing its anti-air warfare capability by successfully test-firing a Medium Range Surface to Air Missile (MRSAM). The missile has the ability to destroy the hostile aircraft, missiles and drones at a range of 70 km. The test-firing of the missile was collaboratively undertaken by the Indian Navy, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI). The DRDO had partnered with Israel Aerospace Industries and developed the missile.

37) Name the earth observation satellite, which was launched by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) recently .

1) Microsat-R

2) RISAT-2B

3) IRNSS-1I

4) Cartosat-2

5) None of these

Answer – **2) RISAT-2B**

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched earth observation satellite RISAT-2B (Radar Imaging Satellite-2B), from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh which will enhance country's surveillance capabilities.

38) By using which satellite launch vehicle, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched earth observation satellite RISAT-2B recently ?

1) Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle (ASLV)

2) Reusable Launch Vehicle TD

3) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-46

4) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) MK III

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-46**

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has successfully launched Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) C-46 carrying earth observation satellite RISAT-2B (Radar Imaging Satellite-2B), from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh which will enhance country's surveillance capabilities. This was PSLV's 48th mission which carried a 615kg satellite.

39) Researchers from which space agency, has discovered the mixture of methanol, water ice and organic molecules on the surface of the Ultima Thule ?

1) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

2) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

3) European Space Agency (ESA)

4) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)**

Explanation:

Researchers at National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) have discovered a mixture of methanol, water ice and organic molecules found on the surface of the Ultima Thule. The research has been published in Journal Science. Ultima Thule, also known as 2014 MU69, is a trans-Neptunian object located in the Kuiper belt. It is 4 billion miles away from Earth. Data is collected from the New Horizons spacecraft and it is analyzed by NASA scientists. They have also found the largest depression of 5-mile-wide (8-kilometer-wide) which has been nicknamed as Maryland crater.

40) What is the redefined constant for kilogram, which is decided during General Conference on Weights and Measures (CGPM) ?

- 1) Boltzmann constant
- 2) Planck constant
- 3) Avogadro constant
- 4) Character constant
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Planck constant

Explanation:

On the occasion of World Metrology Day i.e. on 20th May 2019, the world's scientific and technical community has adopted the resolution to redefine four of the seven base units.

Name	Symbol	Measure	Defining constants of the SI are Post 2019
Kilogram	Kg	Mass	Planck constant h
Ampere	A	Electric current	Elementary charge e
Kelvin	K	Thermodynamic temperature	Boltzmann constant k
Mole	Mol	Amount of substance	Avogadro constant, N_A

41) Name the book published by Council of Scientific & Industrial Research-National Physical Laboratory of India recently\.

- 1) Meteorology for Scientists and Engineers: A Technical Companion Book to C. Donald Ahrens' Meteorology Today
- 2) Glossary of Meteorology
- 3) Redefined SI Units and Glimpses of NPL Metrological Activities
- 4) Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Redefined SI Units and Glimpses of NPL Metrological Activities

Explanation:

CSIR-NPL also published a book entitled, "Redefined SI Units and Glimpses of NPL Metrological Activities". India's CSIR (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)-NPL (National Physical Laboratory of India) has accepted the redefined SI units and also made recommendations on the following: Proposed changes to be incorporated in the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), New Delhi textbooks. Proposed changes to be incorporated in syllabi of metrology courses in graduate engineering and academic courses being taught in All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), and other academic institutes.

42) Researchers from which university has developed microscope for surgery without cutting skin ?

- 1) University of British Columbia(UBC)
- 2) Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 3) University of Technology Sydney
- 4) Harvard University
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) University of British Columbia(UBC)

Explanation:

Group of researchers from the University of British Columbia (UBC) has developed the microscope for performing surgery without cutting skin. It was published in the journal "Science Advances" titled "Precise closure of single blood vessels via multiphoton absorption-based photothermolysis". The device

is a specialized type of multiphoton excitation microscope that allows imaging of living tissue up to about one millimeter in depth using an ultrafast infrared laser beam, that can both scan skin and perform surgery by intensifying the heat its beam produces.

43) Which country has banned the use of Chinese digital wallets Alipay and WeChat?

- 1) UAE
- 2) Srilanka
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nepal

Explanation:

On May 21, 2019, Nepal Rastra Bank, the central bank of Nepal, banned the use of Chinese digital wallets Alipay and WeChat Pay. This is done to prevent the loss of foreign currency earnings through its usage. The apps WeChat Pay and Alipay are operated by Tencent Holdings and Alibaba Group Holding's Ant Financial Services Group affiliate respectively. They had failed to secure licenses to operate in the country. Nepal has witnessed more Chinese tourists and they use these apps for payments.

44) Name the air to surface missile, which is test fired from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft recently .

- 1) Nirbhay missile
- 2) Pralay missile
- 3) Pinaka missile
- 4) BrahMos missile
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) BrahMos missile

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Air Force (IAF) has successfully test-fired an aerial version of supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft in the Andaman and Nicobar archipelago. The aerial variant of BrahMos missile was developed with the help of IAF, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL).

45) What is the strike range of air-to-surface BrahMos missile, that is test fired recently ?

- 1) 300 km
- 2) 200 km
- 3) 400 km
- 4) 500 km
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) 300 km

Explanation:

The aerial version of air-to-surface BrahMos missile weighed 2.5 tonnes and a target range of around 300 km. It has a capability to travels at a speed of Mach 2.8 which is nearly three times that of sound. In 2017, IAF became the first air force in the world to have successfully fired an air-launched 2.8 Mach surface attack missile of this category on a sea target.

46) Name the telescope, which is used to discover the 18 hidden 'Earth-sized Exoplanets' outside our Solar System.

- 1) Galileo National Telescope
- 2) Hubble Space Telescope
- 3) Kepler Space Telescope
- 4) Spitzer Space Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kepler Space Telescope

Explanation:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) had discovered 18 Earth-sized Exoplanets outside our solar system. The NASA scientists had discovered these exoplanets with NASA's Kepler Space Telescope by using a new technique. The study is published in the journal Astronomy & Astrophysics. The new method was basically an algorithm which was explained by Dr. Rene Heller from the Max Planck Institute for Solar System Research as "Standard search algorithms attempt to identify sudden drops in brightness". By using this algorithm NASA's scientists discovered 18 exoplanets.

47) Which Industrial equipment supplier has collaborated with the Satish Dhawan Space Centre to manufacture India's largest liquid hydrogen storage tank ?

- 1) Reliance Industries Limited
- 2) Hindustan Unilever Limited
- 3) Nittan India Tech Private Limited
- 4) VRV Asia Pacific Private Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) VRV Asia Pacific Private Limited**

Explanation:

Recently, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)'s Chairman K. Sivan flagged off the shipment of India's largest liquid hydrogen storage tank at the VRV Asia Pacific's manufacturing plant at Sri City in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh. Liquid hydrogen is used as fuel for satellite launch vehicles.

48) Name the country which has test fired surface-to-surface ballistic missile, Shaheen-II with strike range of upto 1500 km.

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Iraq
- 3) Russia
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Pakistan**

Explanation:

Recently, Pakistan military has test-fired its surface-to-surface ballistic missile Shaheen-II which is capable of carrying both conventional and nuclear warheads. The range of the missile is up to 1500 km. The missile is capable of hitting major cities of India. According to Pakistan military, Shaheen-II missile fully meets Pakistan's strategic needs towards the maintenance of desired deterrence stability in the region.

49) Where did Indian Space agency, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has inaugurated its new commercial arm 'NewSpace India Limited' (NSIL) ?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bengaluru, Karnataka**

Explanation:

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has inaugurated its new commercial arm 'NewSpace India Limited' (NSIL) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The objective of new commercial arm is to scale up industry participation in Indian space programmes. NSIL was inaugurated by Dr. K Kasturirangan, ISRO's advisor, in the presence of ISRO's chairman Dr. K Sivan. On March 6, 2019 NSIL was incorporated for the purpose of 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. NSIL will be responsible

for manufacturing and production of Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) and Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) through technology transfer mechanisms.

50) Which country has manufactured IAF's AN-32 aircraft that formally certified to operate on indigenous bio-jet fuel recently?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Russia

Explanation:

The Russian made AN-32 transport aircraft of Indian Air Force's (IAF) has got the formal fleet certification to fly on blended aviation fuel containing up to 10% of indigenous bio-jet fuel. The approval certification was given by P Jayapal, Chief Executive, Centre for Military Airworthiness and Certification (CEMILAC) to Air Commodore Sanjiv Ghuratia, Air Officer Commanding at the aero-engine test facilities at Chandigarh. The certification has been provided after its thorough evaluation against international standards. Also, the use of bio-fuel is major push to Make in India' mission. Background: From 2018, IAF was undergoing evaluation tests and trials with green aviation fuel or bio-jet fuel, which was first produced by the CSIR-IIP lab at Dehradun in 2013.

51) What is the name of the Moon mission 2024 which was unveiled by National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA)

- 1) Kosmos
- 2) Artemis
- 3) Surveyor
- 4) Explorer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Artemis

Explanation:

On May 23, 2019, NASA unveiled schedule for 2024 Moon mission 'Artemis'. The Mission is named 'Artemis' after the Greek mythological goddess of the Moon and twin sister to Apollo. This Mission has committed to take a female astronaut to the surface of the moon for the first time. There will be 3 Schedules for the launch. Artemis 1 is planned for 2020. Artemis 2 will orbit Earth's satellite with a crew around 2022 and Artemis 3 will land the astronauts including the first woman in 2024. The three will be launched into space by the Boeing-led Space Launch System (SLS), the biggest rocket of all time, which is currently under development.

52) Where did Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test fired a 500 kg class guided bomb from Sukhoi combat jet (Su-30 MKI Aircraft)?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Chandipur, Odisha
- 3) Dr Abdul Kalam island, Odisha
- 4) Pokhran, Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Pokhran, Rajasthan

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, The Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) successfully test fired a 500 kg class guided bomb from Sukhoi combat jet (Su-30 MKI Aircraft) in Pokhran, Rajasthan. As per the Ministry of Defence, the mission objectives have been met during the test firing of the bomb. It fulfilled the desired range and hit the target with high precision. The mission was accomplished two days after the

Indian Air Force successfully test fired the aerial version of the supersonic BrahMos cruise missile from Sukhoi jet at the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It is a 2.5 tonne air-to-surface missile with range around 300 km and travels at a speed of Mach 2.8.

53) Name the surface-to-air defence missile system, which was test fired by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) recently.

- 1) Brahmos
- 2) Nirbhay
- 3) Barak 8
- 4) Akash-1S
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Akash-1S**

Explanation:

Recently, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) had successfully test-fired the Akash-1S surface-to-air defence missile system. This was the second successful test of the missile in last 2 days. This is a new version of the missile fitted with an indigenous seeker. The missile was developed as part of the Integrated Guided-Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). The missile defence system has the capability to neutralise aerial targets such as fighter jets, cruise missiles and air-to-surface missiles as well as ballistic missiles. The Akash missile defence system was designed to intercept enemy aircraft and missiles from a distance of 18 to 30 km.

54) Name the cryptocurrency, which is set to be launched by Facebook in 2020.

- 1) Bitcoin Cash
- 2) Bitcoin
- 3) GlobalCoin
- 4) Litecoin
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) GlobalCoin**

Explanation:

Facebook plans to launch its own cryptocurrency “GlobalCoin” in 2020. The cryptocurrency will 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. Some reports suggested that the currency could be designed to be a ‘stable coin’ with a value pegged to US currency in an attempt to minimize volatility. Before the launch of the new cryptocurrency, it needs to overcome numerous technical and regulatory hurdles.

55) Which organization has recognized ‘burn-out’ as medical condition and ‘gaming disorder’ as illness ?

- 1) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 2) United Nations
- 3) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 4) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) World Health Organization (WHO)**

Explanation:

Recently, the World Health Organization (WHO) in its World Health Assembly held in Geneva, had for the first time recognised ‘burn out’ as a medical condition in its International Classification of Diseases (ICD), which was extensively used as a benchmark for diagnosis and health insurers. WHO in its catalogue of diseases and injuries defined burn-out as “a syndrome conceptualised as resulting from chronic workplace stress that has not been successfully managed.” The updated list of International Classification of Diseases (ICD) dubbed as ICD-11 was drafted last year after the recommendations from health experts

around the world. The ICD-11 which will take effect in January 2022, contains several other additions, including classification of "compulsive sexual behaviour as a mental disorder.

56) Which IIT has signed with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to set up Space Technology Cell (STC) within the premises ?

- 1) IIT Mumbai
- 2) IIT Guwahati
- 3) IIT Delhi
- 4) IIT Kharagpur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) IIT Guwahati

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati and Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to set up IITG-ISRO Space Technology Cell (STC) within the premises of IIT Guwahati. This is the first institute in the North-East Region to increase the research and capacity building processes in the field of space and technology. As a part of the event, The Governor of Assam, Jagdish Mukhi inaugurated a new academic complex and research and development building at IIT Guwahati Campus.

ENVIRONMENT

1) Indian Army mountaineering expedition team has sighted mysterious footprints of which mythical creature near Makalu Base Camp, located in North-Eastern Himalayas?

- 1) Yeti
- 2) Monster
- 3) Werewolf
- 4) Unicorn
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Yeti

Explanation:

On 30th April 2019, The official Twitter account of the Indian Army's Additional Directorate General of Public Information tweeted that an Indian Army mountaineering expedition team has sighted mysterious footprints of mythical himalayan beast "Yeti" measuring 32×15 inches (81 centimeters by 38 centimeters) close to Makalu Base Camp, located in North-Eastern Himalayas on 09 April 2019. The yeti also known as Abominable Snowman or Asian Bigfoot is a giant ape-like creature often figures in South Asian folklore. Yetis are believed to weigh anywhere between 91 to 181 kilograms with a height of above 6 feet.

2) Where was the country's biggest sculpture, stucco figurine from buddhist site excavated by Indian archaeologists recently?

- 1) Belegali in Hubli, Karnataka
- 2) Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana
- 3) Maniyoor in Kannur, Kerala
- 4) Chandur in Belgaum, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana

Explanation:

Indian archaeologists recently unearthed a life-sized stucco sculpture from a Buddhist site at Phanigiri in Suryapet, Telangana. As per heritage department officials, it represents one of Bhodhisattva in Jathaka Chakra. This is the largest stucco sculpture found from India till date. The sculpture is about 1.73 metres in height and 35 cm in width. It is considered to have been built at the peak of Ikshavaku dynasty. The

preliminary excavation at Phanigiri was started by archaeological department official Khaja Muhammad Ahmad in 1941.

3) Name the last captive white tiger, that has died at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) in Borivali, Mumbai.

- 1) Sidharth
- 2) Renuka
- 3) Bajirao
- 4) Avni
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bajirao

Explanation:

The last captive white tiger at the Sanjay Gandhi National Park (SGNP) in Borivali, Mumbai named Bajirao died due to old age related problems at the age of 18. He was born at the SGNP in 2001 to tigress Renuka and tiger Sidharth. He suffered from chronic ankylosis on left shoulder and chronic senile generalised arthritis for the last four years. The tiger's autopsy was conducted by the pathology department of the Bombay Veterinary College (BVC), Mumbai.

4) Name the report, released by United Nation to notify that 40% of amphibian species and 1 million of insect and fauna are at risk of extinction within decades.

- 1) World Wildlife Crime Report
- 2) Global Environment Outlook
- 3) Global Assessment
- 4) Global Report on Trafficking in Persons
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Global Assessment

Explanation:

The UN Report termed as 'Global Assessment', stated that, among the approximated 8 million plant, insect and animal species, around 1 million is at risk of extinction within decades. The research study confirms that this extreme loss is a direct result of human activity and has the consequence of a direct threat to human well-being worldwide. The report was endorsed by 130 countries, including the U.S., Russia and China. The research study was launched in Paris by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). IPBES is headed by Robert Watson, a British environmental scientist. The research study has been compiled by 145 expert authors from 50 countries. The basic foundation of the study lies in the dire need to incorporate a new "post-growth" form of economics, which would help to alter the risks of pollution, habitat destruction and carbon emissions.

5) According to the cosmochemist from the Arizona State University's School of Earth and Space Exploration water has been found in which asteroid samples collected by the Japanese space probe Hayabusa?

- 1) Bennu
- 2) Ryugu
- 3) Itokawa
- 4) Vesta
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Itokawa

Explanation:

Maitrayee Bose, Indian-origin cosmochemist along with Ziliang Jin, a postdoctoral scholar in Arizona State University's School of Earth and Space Exploration, have found water in asteroid Itokawa samples collected by the Japanese space probe Hayabusa. The research paper detailing the analysis of five of the particles from the asteroid samples was published in the journal Science Advances on 8th May 2019. Maitrayee Bose, isotope cosmochemist, is an assistant professor in the School of Earth and Space Exploration at Arizona State University (ASU) in Tempe, US. Itokawa is a peanut-shaped S-type asteroid

about 1,800 feet long and 700 to 1,000 feet wide. It circles the Sun every 18 months at an average distance of 1.3 times the Earth-Sun distance.

6) Where the researchers from Indigenous Biodiversity Foundation (IBF) have sighted 363 nests of the grizzled giant squirrel for first time?

1. Amarambalam Reserve Forest, Kerala
2. Pakkamalai Reserve Forests, Tamilnadu
3. Sholayar Reserve Forest, Kerala
4. Hanumasagara Reserve Forest, Karnataka
5. None of these

Answer - 2. Pakkamalai Reserve Forests, Tamilnadu

Explanation:-

A team of researchers and wildlife activists from Indigenous Biodiversity Foundation (IBF) have sighted 363 nests of the grizzled giant squirrel, a large tree squirrel at Pakkamalai Reserve Forests near Gingee in the Eastern Ghats, TamilNadu. Its Scientific name is Ratufamacroua. The research was headed by K. Raman, a naturalist of IBF.

7) Which country has spotted, first brown bear in over a century?

- 1) Finland
- 2) India
- 3) Portugal
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Portugal

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, Wildlife Experts from Institute for Conservation of Nature and Forests (ICNF) have confirmed that the reappearance of brown bear in Portugal after one bear was spotted in the Montesinho Natural Park and Braganca commune in northeastern Portugal in more than a century. It is usually known to live in the western Cantabrian Mountains in northern Spain. Brown bears have been extinct in Portugal since the 19th century, and the last reports are between the 18th and the end of the 19th century.

8) Name the new species of reddish brown coloured pit viper, with unique heat sensing system that found in Arunachal Pradesh recently.

- 1) Protobothrops arunachalensis
- 2) Trimeresurus arunachalensis
- 3) Borneensis arunachalensis
- 4) Tibetanus arunachalensis
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Trimeresurus arunachalensis

Explanation:

A new species of pit viper named Trimeresurus arunachalensis was found in West Kameng district of Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh by a team of herpetologists from Indian Institute of Science Education and Research based in Pune, led by Ashok Captain. The newly found species has reddish brown colour and a unique heat sensing system. The discovery was published in Russian Journal of Herpetology. Before this discovery, India has been a home of four brown pit vipers – Malabar, Horseshoe, Hump-nosed and Himalayan.

9) Which tiger species, has become endangered due to climate change and the unprecedented rise in sea levels and may lose vital habitat in 2070?

- 1) South China tiger
- 2) Caspian tiger

- 3) Siberian Tiger
- 4) Bengal Tiger
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bengal Tiger**

Explanation:

A team of researchers from Bangladesh and Australia have claimed that the majestic Royal Bengal Tiger, which dominates the marshy mangrove ecosystem in the Sunderbans forest reserves, is under threat due to climate change and the unprecedented rise in sea levels. It was published in the journal named Science of the Total Environment. According to the researchers, there may be no tiger habitats left in the Bangladesh Sundarbans by 2070. In 2010, World Wildlife Fund for Nature had reported that even a 11-inch rise in water levels can wipe out the tiger population in the region by 96%.

10) Which two countries topped in illegal sand mining, as per the report titled “Sand and Sustainability: finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources” released by United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- i. China
 - ii. Japan
 - iii. U.S
 - iv. India
- 1) Option i & ii
 - 2) Option i & iv
 - 3) Option ii & iii
 - 4) Option iii & iv
 - 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Option i & iv**

Explanation:

According to the recent report released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) titled ‘Sand and Sustainability: finding new solutions for environmental governance of global sand resources’, India and China top a list of nations where illegal sand mining has become a key environmental issue. According to the report, in 2017, China was listed 1st in the highest usage of cement at an approximated 2.4 billion tonnes while India was ranked 2nd, with 270 million tonnes, and USA (United States of America) was listed 3rd at 86.3 million tonnes. Worldwide, the demand for sand and gravel is around 50 billion tonnes per day.

11) What is the name of the world’s first complete parent-wise genome assembly of buffalo developed by National Dairy Development Board (NDDB)?

- 1) NDDB_ABRO_Murrah
- 2) NDDB_AGRO_Murrah
- 3) NDDB_AVNI_Murrah
- 4) NDDB_ACRO_Murrah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) NDDB_ABRO_Murrah**

Explanation:

Anand-based National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has developed world’s first complete parent-wise genome assembly of buffalo named “NDDB_ABRO_Murrah” of riverine buffaloes. This comes on the back of the successful launch of a customized genotyping chip for indigenous cattle and their crosses, named INDUSCHIP. To ensure better accuracy, for the first time a trio binning was used for separating haplotypes of a buffalo, using a father-mother-offspring trio. World buffalo population is estimated to be 224.4 million, of which 219 million (97.58 per cent) are in Asia.

12) Name the journal, that recently published the discovery of deep-sea fish which can detect various wavelengths.

- 1) Journal of Veterinary Science
- 2) Journal of Science
- 3) Nature
- 4) Journal of Biology
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Journal of Science

Explanation:

A team of researchers led by Professor Walter Salzburger from the University of Basel, Switzerland have discovered that certain deep-sea fish have expanded their rhodopsin genes to detect various wavelengths in near-total darkness in the deep sea, the largest habitat on Earth. It was published in the Journal of Science. The genes can cover exactly the wavelength range of light "produced" by light-emitting organs of deep-sea organisms. This is known as bioluminescence. Some deep-sea fish have adapted to detect the tiny amount of residual light that makes it to the depths of the ocean using their highly sensitive telescope eyes.

13) The entire genome of which animal has been sequenced by scientists from CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad?

- 1) African Cheetah
- 2) Jaguar
- 3) Royal Bengal tiger
- 4) Asiatic lion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Asiatic lion

Explanation:

Scientists from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, Hyderabad have been sequenced the entire genome of the Asiatic lion for the first time. De novo sequencing and annotation have resulted in a draft assembly of the entire genome of a male Asiatic lion. The information obtained from sequencing would help to understand the evolution of Asiatic Lion. Comparative studies of royal Bengal tiger, African Cheetah and Jaguar would be possible with the complete genome of these big cats.

14) Where was the new non-venomous 'rain loving' snake species named "Smithophis Atemporalis" unearthed recently?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mizoram

Explanation:

A group of Taxonomists have unearthed a new non-venomous 'rain loving' snake species named "Smithophis Atemporalis" from Mizoram in North-east India. It was published in the taxonomic journal named Zootaxa. Varad Giri is the lead author of the paper. It has been named after eminent British herpetologist, Malcom A Smith, for his contribution to Indian herpetology. The locals commonly referred to the snake as 'ruahlawmrul', a rain-loving snake. Scientists considered the new genus as a part of the genus Rhabdops, which has two species – the Olive forest snake found in the Western Ghats and the bicoloured forest snake from northeast India.

15) Union Ministry of Environment is creating a new DNA Database of which animal in order to curb poaching?

- 1) Dolphin
- 2) Crocodile
- 3) Indian Rhinos
- 4) Chimpanzee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Rhinos

Explanation:

Union Ministry of Environment has announced a project to create DNA Database for Indian Rhinos. This is done in order to curb poaching and collect evidence for wildlife crimes including Rhinos. The deadline to meet this project is 2021. The database will be kept in the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) headquartered in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The proponents of this project include the World Wide Fund for Nature-India (WWF-India) and the Centre-funded Wildlife Institute of India. There are three species of rhinos, of which only one, the Indian rhino or One-horned Rhinos is found in the country mainly in Kaziranga National Park, Assam.

16) Where was the India's Smallest Orchids named "Lecanorchis Taiwaniana", a parasitic bloom discovered recently?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Assam

Explanation:

India's Smallest Orchids named "Lecanorchis Taiwaniana", a parasitic bloom, was discovered in Assam by a forest officer Jatindra Sarma who is a Member Secretary of State Medicinal plants Board. It is small in terms of size as well as its tenure of bloom. It is a mycoheterotroph, a parasitic plant that has deserted the process of photosynthesis. The discovery was published in a Japanese Journal named Journal of Botany. For the first time, this small variant of Japanese Orchid is found in India. It was earlier discovered in Japan, Taiwan and Laos.

17) Name the exotic flightless bird, which evolves back for the first time after 136,000 Years.

- 1) Madagascan rail
- 2) Dryolimnas
- 3) White-throated rail
- 4) Canirallus
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) White-throated rail

Explanation:

The white-throated rail (*Dryolimnas cuvieri*) which was extinct for more than 136,000 years reappeared on Indian Ocean Island. This new finding was published in the Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society. It is now the last species of flightless bird left in the Indian Ocean. This rare evolution of this extinct bird is called iterative evolution. White-throated rails are originally from Madagascar, an island country lying off the southeastern coast of Africa, after that they migrated to Aldabra Atoll, Seychelles, where they lost their ability to fly due to the absence of predators. Then a new subspecies formed known as the Aldabran rail (*Dryolimnas cuvieri aldabranus*). The fossil evidence was of 100,000 years ago and the evidence for the claim comes from a fossil study at the University of Portsmouth and Natural History Museum of UK.

18) Where was the new vine snake species named 'Ahaetulla Laudankia' discovered after a gap of 113 years?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Odisha

Explanation:

A new vine snake species has discovered from the eastern state of Odisha after a gap of 113 years. It has been found in the regions of Similipal, Balasore, and Boudh. Zoologists from different institutes have participated in the discovery and the research was published in the Journal of Natural History. Zoologists have named snake species as Ahaetulla Laudankia of Laudankia. This snake belongs to the family Colubridae. It has a total of three prominent genera, Oxybelis found in the American continent, Thelotornis found in the African continent and Ahaetull found in India and South-east Asia.

19) Name the journal which has published the discovery of a new bird like Dinosaur, named as "Alcmonavis Poeschli" by the researchers from Germany.

- 1) International Journal of Environmental Research
- 2) Science
- 3) Nature
- 4) eLife Sciences
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) eLife Sciences

Explanation:

Researchers in Germany have unearthed a new bird-like Dinosaur in Bavaria, Germany and named it as "Alcmonavis Poeschli". The lead author of the study is Oliver Rauhut from Ludwig-Maximilians University's (LMU) Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. This new study is published in the journal called eLife Sciences which described Alcmonavis Poeschli as "the most bird-like bird discovered from the Jurassic". For the first time, it was discovered in 1861 as Archaeopteryx which was a small feathered dinosaur around the size of a crow. It lived in marshland around 150 million years ago and was the named as the oldest flying bird.

20) Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu called to protect and promote which cattle breed ?

- 1) Hereford
- 2) Ongole
- 3) Angus
- 4) Shorthorn
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ongole

Explanation:

On May 20, 2019, Vice President of India, Shri M Venkaiah Naidu called to protect and promote Ongole cattle breed and released a Compendium on Ongole breed of cattle at the Swarna Bharat Trust in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh. Compendium on Ongole breed of cattle consists of 1200 pages. It provides the history of the animal from 1885 to 2016 with the information from 13 books and 80 research findings. The compendium is a collaborated work of Mullapudi Narendranath, an agricultural scientist and former Joint Director of Animal Husbandry Department, Adusumilli Madhusudan Rao. Instructions have been given to officials to strengthen up the work on the breed at National Kamadhenu Breeding Centre, Chintaladevi in Nellore District of Andhra Pradesh.

21) Researchers from North Eastern Regional Institute of Sciences and Technology has discovered the new medicinal plants of Zeliangrong ethnic group in which state ?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Manipur
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Manipur

Explanation:

New medicinal plants of Zeliangrong ethnic group were found in Manipur by the research team from North Eastern Regional Institute of Sciences and Technology, Arunachal Pradesh. This study was published in the Journal of Ethnopharmacology. The lead author of the study was Robert Panmei and the members were P. R. Gajurela and B. Singh. Zeliangrong ethnic group is one of the 32 tribes in Manipur, living in the Tamenglong district. It comprises of three groups namely Zeme, Liangmai and Rongmei which are collectively known as Zeliangrong.

22) Name the Earth's oldest fungi fossil, discovered by scientists of Liege University of Canada recently.

- 1) Viviparus glacialis
- 2) Scaphites hippocrepis
- 3) Oursaphaira Giraldae
- 4) Argopecten gibbus
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Oursaphaira Giraldae

Explanation:

Researchers of Belgium in collaboration with the University of Liege discovered the Earth's oldest fungi fossil named Oursaphaira giraldae aged 1 billion years in Canada. They are about 600 million years older than the last discovery. The study was published in the journal Nature. Researchers found the presence of chitin, a fibrous substance that forms on fungal cell walls. The fossils were found in by its ratio of radioactive elements.

23) Where was the world's rarest Albino Panda was caught on camera for the first time ?

- 1) North Ossetia-Alania, Russia
- 2) Hokkaidō, Japan
- 3) Southwestern Sichuan province of China
- 4) Northeast coast of Venezuela
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Southwestern Sichuan province of China

Explanation:

For the first time, world's rarest Albino Panda was caught on camera at Wolong National Nature Reserve in the southwestern Sichuan province of China. The spotless, red-eyed, all-white panda is believed to be the world's solely recognized albino giant panda. China's People's Daily mentioned that the Panda is one to two years old and its gender is yet to be identified. China has estimated 10 billion Yuan (\$1.45 billion) for the Giant Panda National Park for their conservation.

24) Which journal has published, that water came to earth with the formation of the moon some 4.4 billion years ago ?

- 1) Nature Astronomy
- 2) Journal of Biotechnology
- 3) Journal of Ecology
- 4) The Journal of Organic Chemistry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nature Astronomy

Explanation:

Recently, research published on the journal 'Nature Astronomy' by Planetologists at the University of Munster based in Germany, revealed that water came to earth with the formation of the moon some 4.4 billion years ago. The moon was formed when Earth was hit by a body about the size of Mars which is also called Theia. Earlier scientists had assumed that Theia was originated in the inner solar system near Earth. However, research revealed that Theia comes from the outer solar system and it had delivered large quantities of water to earth.

25) In which ocean the researchers from the University of Chicago have discovered the remnants of seawater of the Ice Age from the rock formations ?

- 1) Arctic Ocean
- 2) Indian Ocean
- 3) Atlantic Ocean
- 4) Pacific Ocean
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indian Ocean

Explanation:

Researchers from the University of Chicago, have discovered the remnants of seawater of the Ice Age from the rock formations in the middle of the Indian Ocean while exploring the limestone deposits that form the Maldives. It was published in the Journal Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta. They were found using the ship JOIDES Resolution. The seawater from the ice age is back salty- much saltier than the normal water. It was found to be 20,000 years older. Scientists are interested in reconstructing the last Ice Age because the patterns that drove its circulation, climate and weather are different. Understanding these will help to know how the planet's climate will react in the future.

26) Flood in which river becomes the longest-lasting in over 90 years since the "Great Flood" of 1927 ?

- 1) Mississippi River
- 2) Missouri River
- 3) Ohio River
- 4) Monongahela River
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mississippi River

Explanation:

Flooding in the Mississippi River is on the record for being the longest-lasting in more than 90 years since the "Great Flood" of 1927. It is due to relentless, record-breaking spring rainfall. In the month of June also, Mississippi River will continue to rise as runoff from snowmelt upstream in combination with rainfall runoff moves through the river system. Along with several parts of the river, water levels have been at flood stage for nearly 4 months. It is the longest stretch of time since the Great Flood. The reason for this drastic flood is climate change, as the planet is getting warmer which is resulting in the rise of heavy downpours.

27) Name the exoplanet, which was discovered by astronomers with the University of Warwick, UK in the Neptunian Desert .

- 1) Kepler-1658b
- 2) HD 134060
- 3) Next-Generation Transit Survey(NGTS)- 4b
- 4) Kepler-47
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Next-Generation Transit Survey(NGTS)- 4b

Explanation:

The international collaboration of astronomers with the University of Warwick, UK, have discovered an exoplanet, Next-Generation Transit Survey (NGTS) - 4b, the Forbidden Planet, in the Neptunian Desert. It is smaller than Neptune but 3 times the size of the Earth. The Research was led by Dr. Richard West including Professor Peter Wheatley, Dr. Daniel Bayliss and Dr. James McCormac from the Astronomy and Astrophysics Group at the University of Warwick.

28) What is the name of the new species of wasp identified in Goa recently ?

- 1) Polistes carolina
- 2) Vespa velutina
- 3) Polistes dominula
- 4) Kudakrumia Rangnekari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kudakrumia Rangnekari

Explanation:

A new species of wasp from the genus Kudakrumia has been identified by scientists in Goa. It has been named as Kudakrumia Rangnekari after Goa-based researcher Parag Rangnekar. Wasp is a member of a group of insects in the order Hymenoptera, suborder Apocrita. It is neither an ant nor a bee. They are found in Goa and Kerala in India and Sri Lanka, outside India. The holotype was collected from the forests of Northern Western Ghats from Kotigao Wildlife sanctuary. The paratype (specimen) was collected from Ranipuram hill of Kerala, Southern Western Ghats.

SPORTS

1) Name the Indian Shooter, who attained number one ranking globally in women's 10m Air Rifle category as per the recent International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) ranking.

- 1) Apurvi Chandela
- 2) Tejaswini Sawant
- 3) Rahi Sarnobat
- 4) Heena Sidhu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Apurvi Chandela

Explanation:

According to the latest rankings released by International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF), world cup gold medallist, Apurvi Chandela became the world number one in women's 10m Air Rifle category with 1,926 rating points. The 26-year old Apurvi Chandela is among the five Indian shooters who have earned the Olympic quota for the Tokyo 2020. In early this year, Chandela had broken the world record after winning India's first gold medal at the ISSF World Cup 2019 held in New Delhi. She had shot 252.9 in 10m women Air Rifle final to bag gold medal at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in New Delhi. After Chandela, Anjum Moudgil is World No. 2 on ISSF rankings with 1695 rating points in the 10m Air Rifle category after she won mixed gold at the ISSF World Cup in Beijing.

2) Virgil Van Dijk won the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Players' Player of the Year Award for 2018-19 recently, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Portugal
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Netherland
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Netherland

Explanation:

The 27-year old Liverpool defender and captain of the Netherland National team, Virgil Van Dijk won the Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Players' Player of the Year Award for 2018-19 after a sterling Premier League campaign. Van Dijk had joined Liverpool from Southampton in January 2018 for a fee of £75million (Euro 75 million). This award marks the second season straight that any Liverpool player has won the prestigious Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Players' Player of the Year Award. Last year Mohamed Salah of Liverpool won this award.

3) 8th edition of Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019 is scheduled to be held in which city?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Kolkata, WestBengal
- 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

The 8th edition Asian Youth Women Handball Championship 2019 will be held in Jaipur, Rajasthan from August 21 to 30. This is the first time Jaipur will host this prestigious tournament. Earlier in 2015, Delhi hosted the event and finished at seventh place. This event will be organised by Asian Handball Federation (AHF). In this event, total 10 teams will participate including defending champion South Korea. Till now seven edition of this event had been held and all the seven time South Korea became victorious. The 7th edition was held in Jakarta, Indonesia in 2017 and South Korea was the champion while Japan and China had finished second and third place respectively.

4) Name the Indian wrestler, who won the Ali Aliev Wrestling Tournament, that held in Kaspiysk in Dagestan, Russia.

- 1) Sushil Kumar
- 2) Bajrang Punia
- 3) Yogeshwar Dutt
- 4) Jeet Rama
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bajrang Punia

Explanation:

A 25-year old, Bajrang Punia won a gold medal at Ali Aliev Tournament, held at Kaspiysk in Dagestan, Russia. He defeated Russian wrestler Viktor Rassadin in 65-kg category by 13-8. This was his second gold medal in the last 10 days. Last week, Punia won a gold medal in the 65-kg category at the Asian Championship in Xi'an, China. Bajrang Punia won prize money of around USD 7,700. He currently holds the world No. 1 rank in the 65kg freestyle category.

5) Xavi Hernandez recently announced retirement from which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Football

Explanation:

39 years old, Barcelona Midfielder, Xavi Hernandez, has announced his retirement from football by the end of the season 2018-19. He currently plays for Al-Sadd in Qatar. After the 2014 World Cup, he announced his retirement from international football. i. He was the part of the 2010 FIFA World Cup held in South Africa, in which Spain won the tournament for the first time. Other Awards received by him: He

won La Liga Midfielder of the Year in the year 2009, 2010, 2011. He won La Liga Spanish Player of the Year in the year 2005. He won La Liga Breakthrough Player of the Year in the year 1999. He was placed in third place in Ballon d'Or/FIFA Ballon d'Or in the year 2009, 2010, 2011. He also won six-time Copa Catalunya and one-time Catalunya Super Cup winner.

6)Where was the XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019 held recently?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Moscow, Russia
- 3) Warsaw, Poland
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Warsaw, Poland**

Explanation:

The XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held at Centre of Sport and Recreation in Warsaw, Poland from April 28 to May 5, 2019. The event was organised by the Polish Boxing Association. In this tournament, India won a total 6 medals which includes 2 gold, 1 silver and 3 bronze medal.

7)Gaurav Solanki was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Wrestling
- 2) Boxing
- 3) Weightlifting
- 4) Judo
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Boxing**

Explanation:

The 22-year-old Gaurav Solanki is related to Boxing.He is recently in news when he defeated England's William Cawley by 5-0 in Fly (52-kg) category in XXXVI Feliks Stamm International Boxing Tournament 2019.Last year, Solanki won a gold medal in Commonwealth Games and the Chemistry Cup.

Medals won by Indian Boxers:

S.No.	Weight Category	Name	Medal
1.	Fly (52-kg)	Gaurav Solanki	Gold
2.	Light (60-kg)	Manish Kaushik	Gold
3.	Bantam (56-kg)	Mohammed Hussamuddin	Silver
4.	Light Welter (64-kg)	Ankit Khatana	Bronze
5.	Welter (69-kg)	Mandeep Jangra	Bronze
6.	Heavy (91-kg)	Sanjeet	Bronze

8)Where was the Asian Individual Squash Championship 2019 held?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

Explanation:

Asian Individual Squash Championship held at National Squash Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from May 1 to 5, 2019. The event was organised by the Asian Squash Federation. This is the first time India won both men's and women's titles. Previously, Asian Individual Squash Championship was held in Chennai in 2017.

9) Name the Indian Men's Squash player, who won the Men's Asian Individual Squash Championship 2019 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- 1) Saurav Ghosal
- 2) Harinder Pal Sandhu
- 3) Kush Kumar
- 4) Mahesh Mangaonkar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Saurav Ghosal

Explanation:

A 32-year old, Saurav Ghosal the top seed defeated fourth seed Leo Au Chun Ming of Hong Kong by 11-9, 11-2, 11-8 won Men's Individual title. A 32-year old, Joshna Chinappa, the second seed defeated top seed Annie Au of Hong Kong by 11-5, 8-11, 11-6, 11-6 won Women's Individual title in Asian Individual Squash Championship 2019.

10) Name the report, released by United Nation to notify that 40% of amphibian species and 1 million of insect and fauna are at risk of extinction within decades.

- 1) World Wildlife Crime Report
- 2) Global Environment Outlook
- 3) Global Assessment
- 4) Global Report on Trafficking in Persons
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Global Assessment

Explanation:

The UN Report termed as 'Global Assessment', stated that, among the approximated 8 million plant, insect and animal species, around 1 million is at risk of extinction within decades. The research study confirms that this extreme loss is a direct result of human activity and has the consequence of a direct threat to human well-being worldwide. The report was endorsed by 130 countries, including the U.S., Russia and China. The research study was launched in Paris by the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES). IPBES is headed by Robert Watson, a British environmental scientist. The research study has been compiled by 145 expert authors from 50 countries. The basic foundation of the study lies in the dire need to incorporate a new "post-growth" form of economics, which would help to alter the risks of pollution, habitat destruction and carbon emissions.

11) Amul has announced its sponsorship with which cricket team in upcoming World Cup 2019?

1. Bangladesh team
2. Sri Lankan team
3. Indian team
4. Afghanistan team
5. None of these

Answer - 4. Afghanistan team

Explanation:-

Amul has announced to sponsor Afghanistan team which will be held in England and Wales from May 30, 2019. Amul's logo will be visible on the leading arm of jerseys of the Afghanistan players in international match and also in training kit throughout the world cup.

12) Yaya Toure was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Table Tennis
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Football

Explanation:

A 35-year old, former Manchester City and Barcelona midfielder Yaya Toure retired from football. He had won three premier league titles, two League Cups and one Football Association Challenge Cup (FA Cup) in 2011 for Manchester City and for Barcelona, he won two LaLiga titles and Champions League 2019. He was a professional player of Ivory Coast and named four times African Footballer of the Year in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

13) What is the name of the world's first exclusive women's cricket magazine that was launched in Jaipur, Rajasthan recently?

- 1) WOMENCRIC
- 2) CRICZONE
- 3) CRICWOMEN
- 4) CRICKETMAG
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) CRICZONE**

Explanation:

Recently, the world's first exclusive women's cricket magazine "CRICZONE" released with Indian women's cricket team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana featured as the cover story. The publisher of the magazine is Yash Lahoti. The magazine "CRICZONE" was launched in Jaipur, Rajasthan during an event which was conducted on the sidelines of the inaugural women's T20 challenge. It was attended by international cricketers like Mithali Raj, Smriti Mandhana, Harmanpreet Kaur and overseas players 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.

14) Where was the Desert Storm Rally 2019 held?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

The 17th edition of India's most prestigious international motorsport event, Desert Storm Rally 2019 held in Rajasthan from May 7 to 11, 2019. The event saw the participation of 130 candidates with 34 teams in 3 categories namely Xtreme, Moto and Ndure. The category Moto was won by Adrien Metge from TVS Racing. He was followed by Hero Motorsports CS Santosh and TVS Racing's Abdul Wahid Tanveer. The Xtreme category title clinched by Aabhishek Mishra (co-driver Srikanth Gowda) while Ndure Category won by Ankur Chauhan (co-driver Prakash M).

15) _____ edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) held from March 23 to May 12, 2019?

- 1) 12th
- 2) 13th
- 3) 11th
- 4) 10th
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) 12th**

Explanation:

The 12th edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) was played from March 23 to May 12, 2019. A total of 8 teams had participated in the event. The event lasted for 48 days and a total of 60 matches played in the whole tournament. The event was administered by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and hosted in India.

16) Which team won the 12th edition of Indian Premier League (IPL) or IPL 2019?

- 1) Chennai Super Kings
- 2) Mumbai Indians
- 3) Delhi Capitals
- 4) Sunrisers Hyderabad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mumbai Indians

Explanation:

Mumbai Indians won their 4th IPL title after defeating Chennai Super Kings by 1 run at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium, Hyderabad.

Rank	Team	Prize Money
1	Mumbai Indians	Rs. 20 crore
2	Chennai Super Kings	Rs. 12.5 crore
3	Delhi Capitals	Rs. 8.75 crore
4	Sunrisers Hyderabad	Rs. 8.75 crore

17) Who won the Most Valuable Player award in Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019?

- 1) KL Rahul
- 2) Imran Tahir
- 3) David Warner
- 4) Andre Russell
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Andre Russell

Explanation:

Andre Russell from Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) won the most valuable player award. He got Rs 10 lakh cheque as prize money which was collected by Shubham Gill on this behalf.

18) Which team won the Fairplay Award in Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019?

- 1) Mumbai Indians
- 2) Chennai Super Kings
- 3) Sunrisers Hyderabad
- 4) Delhi Capitals
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sunrisers Hyderabad

Explanation:

Sunrisers Hyderabad has won the Fairplay award 2019. VVS Laxman had collected the trophy.

19) Orange Cap is presented for honouring _____?

- 1) Leading run scorer
- 2) Highest Wicket taker
- 3) Best Fielder
- 4) Team Player
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Leading run scorer

Explanation:

David Warner from Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) won the orange cap by scoring 692 runs in 12 matches. He got Rs 10 lakh cheque as price money.

20) Name the oldest spinner, who won the purple cap in Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019.

- 1) Pragyan Ojha
- 2) Imran Tahir

- 3) Riyan Parag
- 4) Amit Mishra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Imran Tahir**

Explanation:

Imran Tahir from CSK became the oldest player to play in the IPL player. He also became the second spinner to win purple cap. The first spinner to do so was Pragyan Ojha.

21) Where was the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Relays 2019 held recently?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 4) Yokohama, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Yokohama, Japan**

Explanation:

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) World Relays 2019 was held in Yokohama, Japan from May 11 to 12, 2019. Total 43 nations participated in the two day event. The event was organised by International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF). The top 10 finishers in the IAAF World Relays 2019 in men's and women's 4×400 m relays event and top 12 finishers in mixed 4×400 m relays event have qualified for the IAAF World Athletics Championship which will going to held in Doha, Qatar from September 28 to October 6, 2019.

22) Who has won the Spanish Grand Prix that held in Barcelona?

- 1) Charles Leclerc
- 2) Valtteri Bottas
- 3) Lewis Hamilton
- 4) Max Verstappen
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Lewis Hamilton**

Explanation:

On May 12, 2019, Lewis Hamilton won the Spanish Grand Prix in Barcelona. He celebrated the 76th win of his Formula 1 career, third victory of 2019 and fourth in Spain following victories in 2014, 2017 and 2018. This win took him back to the top spot of the world championship ranking with 112 points, ahead of Valtteri Bottas who is on 105 points. Valtteri Bottas (Mercedes) stood at the second spot while Max Verstappen (Red Bull) was third.

23) Rahil Gangjee was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Golf
- 2) Football
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Golf**

Explanation:

On 12th May 2019, 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. Micah Lauren Shin of the USA shared second place with Japanese amateur Ren Yonezawa. New Zealand's Danzelleremia and Korea's Y E Yang were tied for fourth place. Zimbabwean Scott Vincent achieved another top-10 by sharing sixth place with Korea's Dongkyu Jang.

24) Who won the Men's Singles title in Mutua Madrid Open 2019?

- 1) StefanosTsitsipas
- 2) Novak Djokovic
- 3) HoriaTecu
- 4) Jean-JulienRojer
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Novak Djokovic**

Explanation:

The Mutua Madrid Open 2019:

	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Singles	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)	StefanosTsitsipas (Greece)
Men's Doubles	Horiaticu (Romania). Jean-Julienrojer (Curacao)	Dominic Thiem (Austria), Diego Schwartzman(Argentina)
Women's Singles	Kiki Bertens (Netherlands)	Simona Halep(Romania)
Women' Doubles	Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan), Barbora Strýcová(Czechia)	Xu Yifan (China), Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada)

25) Who has become the highest wicket-taking women spinner in One Day International (ODI) cricket recently?

- 1) Ellyse Perry
- 2) Suzie Bates
- 3) Sana Mir
- 4) Mithali Raj
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sana Mir**

Explanation:

A 33-year old, Pakistan's off-spinner Sana Mir became the highest wicket-taking women spinner in One Day International (ODI) cricket. She had taken her 147th wicket against South Africa, the 3rd ODI of the ongoing International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Championship in Benoni, South Africa. In the overall ICC's ODI bowling ranking in women's cricket, she is placed at 3rd rank after Jhulan Goswami of India (218) and Australia's Cathryn Fitzpatrick (180).

26) Name the Indian racing driver, who won 2019 Formula 3 championship in Barcelona-Catalunya.

- 1) Narain Karthikeyan
- 2) Arjun Maini
- 3) Armaan Ebrahim
- 4) Jehan Daruvala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Jehan Daruvala**

Explanation:

On 12th May 2019, Mumbai based Indian racing driver Jehan Daruvala made his maiden victory in Race 2 during the 2019 FIA Formula 3 (F3) season in Barcelona-Catalunya. The Team Prema driver is the only Indian on the grid, completed on top after a dominant drive ahead of Juri Vips and Niko Kari. FIA F3 Championship was created by merging the erstwhile GP3 Championship and FIA F3 European Championship. Jehan is the only Indian to win a Grand Prix when he won the New Zealand Grand Prix in 2017 and then went on to become the only Indian to win a race in the erstwhile FIA F3 European Championship, which used slower cars.

27) Which football club has won the Premier League title 2019 and became the first team to retain its title in last 10 years?

- 1) Blackburn Rovers
- 2) Leicester City
- 3) Manchester United
- 4) Manchester City
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Manchester City

Explanation:

Recently, Manchester City defeated Brighton by 4-1 at the Amex Stadium, UK in Premier League title match. Manchester City became the first team to retain the title in last 10 years since Manchester United had done the same in 2009. Manchester City was one point ahead of Liverpool to win the title. Pep Guardiola has become one of the successful manager who gave eight league championship over 10 years in three countries.

28) Samuel Sanchez was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Cycling
- 2) Football
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Cycling

Explanation:

Spain's Samuel Sanchez, the 2008 Olympic road race champion, has been given a two-years back-dated ban after testing positive for human growth hormones in 2017. The International Cycling Union accepted Sanchez's explanation that a contaminated supplement was at the root of the problem but said Monday it was banning him until August 2019. The 41-year-old was sacked by his then team BMC at the time of the test, just ahead of the Vuelta a Espana 2017.

29) ICC suspends Nuwan Zoysa, Avishka Gunawardene alleging corruption in T10 league, they belong to which country?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Srilanka
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Srilanka

Explanation:

Former Sri Lanka players Nuwan Zoysa and Avishka Gunawardene were provisionally suspended by the International Cricket Council (ICC) on charges of indulging in corruption in a T10 league in the UAE. Of the two, Zoysa is already under suspension for a previous allegation of corruption. The two have been given 14 days to respond to the charges. The ICC, on behalf of the Emirates Cricket Board (ECB), charged former Lankan bowling coach Zoysa on four counts and Gunawardene on two counts. But the world body did not specify the exact instances that led to the action against the two players. The charges relate to the T10 Cricket League played in the UAE in December last year.

30) Which entity has tied up with the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) for promoting the Squash?

- 1) HCL
- 2) Wipro
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Microsoft

5) None of these

Answer – **1) HCL**

Explanation:

The Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI) entered into a tie-up with HCL. The objective of this tie-up is to improve Indian Squash. There will be multiple tournaments organized under the 'HCL Squash Podium Programme' for both the senior and junior level. In recent past, very less Indian squash player has been able to make a major impact in professional squash except for Dipika Pallikal, Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa. Recently, Saurav Ghosal and Joshna Chinappa won the Asian Championship in both men's and women's category held in Kuala Lumpur.

31) Which country is set to host the Football Asian Cup 2023?

1) Russia

2) India

3) China

4) Malaysia

5) None of these

Answer – **3) China**

Explanation:

Recently, Korea Football Association (KFA) had withdraw their bid to host Asian Cup 2023 which leave the sole other bidders China with a free run to become hosts. KFA announced that they are pulled out to strategically focus on a joint bid with North Korea to host Women's World Cup in 2023. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will confirm on June 4 about China's bid to hold Asian Cup 2023 in China. 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.

32) Which sports association has announced its first-ever female referee team to officiate Men's Continental Club Cup match?

1) Asian Football Confederation(AFC)

2) Asian Hockey Federation

3) Asian Handball Federation

4) Asian Volleyball Confederation(AVC)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Asian Football Confederation(AFC)**

Explanation:

For the first time in history, Asian Football Confederation(AFC) announced its first-ever female referee team to officiate Men's Continental Club Cup match. The team consists of 3 Japanese referees namely, Yoshimi Yamashita and assistants Makoto Bozono and Naomi Teshirogi. They will officiate the match between Myanmar's Yangon United and Cambodia's Naga World at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, Myanmar. They are among the 12 officials from the AFC to lead the FIFA Women's World Cup which is scheduled to be held in June 2019. Earlier, women officials were only served as assistant referees in AFC Cup matches. Sarah Ho and Allyson Flynn were the first female assistant referees in AFC Cup matches in 2014.

33) Olympic champion Laura Dahlmeier announced retirement from which sport recently?

1) Tennis

2) Ski jumping

3) Biathlon

4) Triathlon

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Biathlon**

Explanation:

On May 17, 2019, Germany's Double Olympic biathlon champion Laura Dahlmeier announced the

retirement at the age of 25 after struggling with health issues. Laura Dahlmeier has won 7 world championship gold medals. She had won the world titles in 2015 and 2016 and took the overall biathlon World Cup in 2017. In the Winter Olympics 2018, commonly called Pyeongchang 2018, she became the first female biathlete to win sprint as well as the pursuit at the same Olympics. She had also won a bronze in the individual event in Pyeongchang. In 2012, fellow German biathlete Magdalena Neuner, a double Olympic champion, had also retired aged 25.

34) Winner of International Cricket Council (ICC) world cup 2019 will receive _____ the highest prize money in the history of the tournament?

- 1) 1 million Dollar
- 2) 3 million Dollar
- 3) 2 million Dollar
- 4) 4 million Dollar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 4 million Dollar**

Explanation:

The winners of the upcoming World Cup in England will receive a record \$4 million for lifting the trophy, the International Cricket Council. In all a total of \$10 million is on offer during the showpiece men's one-day international tournament, which starts later this month and lasts 46 days. CC CWC 2019 -- Prize Money: Winners (1) \$4,000,000; Runners-Up (1) \$2,000,000; Losing Semi-Finalists (2) \$800,000 each; Winners of each league stage match (45): \$40,000 each; Teams that do pass the league stage (6) \$100,000 each. Tournament hosts and favourites England, bidding to win the trophy for the first time, will open the World Cup when they face South Africa at The Oval in south London on 30 May.

35) Which of the following is the newly launched badminton formats by Badminton World Federation (BWF) recently.

- i. AirBadminton
- ii. Triples
- iii. Quartet
- 1) Option i & ii
- 2) Option i & iii
- 3) Option i & iv
- 4) Option ii & iii
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Option i & ii**

Explanation:

Recently, Badminton World Federation (BWF) launched two new formats of Badminton named as AirBadminton & Triples. BWF launched AirBadminton at Guangzhou with new dimensions of the court and an innovative shuttlecock called Airshuttle. The AirBadminton will be an outdoor game as compared to traditional badminton which is indoor games. In new Triples format, the match will be played between a team which consists of three players each with at least one female player in both the team.

36) _____ edition of Italian Open also known as “Rome Masters” or “the Internazionali BNL d’Italia” held at Foro Italico in Rome, Italy recently?

- 1) 55th
- 2) 70th
- 3) 76th
- 4) 80th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 76th**

Explanation:

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. It was a professional tennis tournament which played on outdoor clay courts. The Italian Open was classified as an ATP World Tour Masters 1000 event on the ATP World Tour 2019 and a Premier 5 event on the WTA Tour 2019.

37) Who won Men's singles title in the 76th edition of Italian Open held at Foro Italico in Rome, Italy?

- 1) Robert Farah
- 2) Rafael Nadal
- 3) Novak Djokovic
- 4) Juan Sebastian Cabal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rafael Nadal**

Explanation:

A Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal won the record 9th title in 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.

38) Karolina Pliskova won Women's Singles in 76th edition of Italian Open, she belongs to which country?

- 1) Serbia
- 2) Columbia
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Czech Republic
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Czech Republic**

Explanation:

Karolina pliskova wins italian open for biggest clay title of career.

S.No.	Event	Winner	Runner-up
1.	Men's Singles	Rafael Nadal (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
2.	Men's Doubles	Juan Sebastian Cabal (Columbia) Robert Farah (Columbia)	Raven Klaasen (South Africa) Michael Venus (New Zealand)
3.	Women's Singles	Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)	Johanna Konta (UK)
4.	Women's Doubles	Victoria Azarenka (Belarus) Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Anna-Lena Gronefeld (Germany) Demi Schuurs (Netherlands)

39) Name the social media platform of India, which sponsored Indian Wheelchair Cricket Association(WCA) for Asia cup 2019.

- 1) Sulekha
- 2) Helo
- 3) Quora
- 4) LinkedIn
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Helo**

Explanation:

Helo, India's social media platform became the team sponsor of Indian Wheelchair Cricket Association (WCA) for Team India for Wheelchair T20 Asia Cup 2019. It was scheduled from May 15 to 18 in

Nepal. Through this partnership with team India, Helo became the first social media app to host and promote Indian Wheelchair Cricket. Helo broadcasts the cricket updates, information, behind-the-activity and upcoming matches on its platform iii. The Wheelchair Cricket Association(WCA) is affiliated to the Disabled Sporting Society.

40) Brooks Koepka was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Football
 - 2) Table Tennis
 - 3) Judo
 - 4) Golf
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) Golf**

Explanation:

Brooks Koepka was American professional golfer. He returned to world No.1 after winning US PGA Championship victory at Bethpage Black, New York. i. He won four major titles and became the first man to ever hold back-to-back titles. ii. He won 2018 PGA TOUR Player of the Year and Sir Henry Cotton Rookie of the Year 2014.

41) Shakib Al Hasan topped the ODI all rounders list in the latest ICC Rankings, he belongs to which country?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

Shakib Al Hasan of Bangladesh aged 32, topped the ODI all-rounders list in the ICC Rankings. Two Indian Cricketer, Kedar Jadhav, and Hardik Pandya was ranked in the top 20 list. Kedar Jadhav was ranked 12th in the list while Hardik Pandya ranked 20th in the list. **Top 5 ODI all-rounders in the list:**

1. Shakib Al Hasan (Bangladesh)
2. Rashid Khan (Afghanistan)
3. Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan)
4. Imad Wasim (Pakistan)
5. Mitchell Santner (New Zealand)

42) Name the women football team that won the Indian Women's League Champions recently.

- 1) Sethu FC
- 2) Rising Student's Club
- 3) Central SSB Women's
- 4) Bangalore United FC
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sethu FC**

Explanation:

On May 22, 2019, Sethu FC from Madurai led by the captain, Indumathi was crowned as the 2018-19 Indian Women's League Champions after the 3-1 win over Manipur Police SC. The 3rd edition of the match was held at the Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana, Punjab. Manipur Police SC was on the lead during the first half with 0-1. Later on, Sethu FC made a stunning comeback by defeating Manipur Police SC with 3-1. Radharani Devi scored a goal to Manipur Police SC. Sethu FC scored the first goal from Umapati Devi and then 2 goals by Sabitra Bhandari.

43) Where was the International Tennis Federation 2019 held recently?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) Kampla, Uganda
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Kampla, Uganda**

Explanation:

2019 International Tennis Federation (ITF) men's Futures tennis tournament title was held in Kampla, Uganda.

44) Who won the Men's doubles title in International Tennis Federation 2019?

- 1) Roman Safiullin and Peter Heller
- 2) Simon Carr and Ryan James Storrie
- 3) Anirudh Chandrasekar and Niki Poonacha
- 4) Oriol Roca Batalla and David Pérez Sanz
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Anirudh Chandrasekar and Niki Poonacha**

Explanation:

In the finals of Men's doubles, Anirudh Chandrasekar and Niki Poonacha defeated Simon Carr and Ryan James Storrie by 6-3, 6-4 to win a title. This was the maiden title for Anirudh in the international circuit while it was fourth title for Poonacha, who had also won a singles titles last year in Indonesia. They won the prize money of USD 15,000.

45) Where was the Archery World Cup Stage 3 2019 held recently ?

- 1) Antalya, Turkey
- 2) Rabat, Morocco
- 3) Lima, Peru
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Antalya, Turkey**

Explanation:

Archery World Cup Stage 3 2019 held in Antalya, Turkey.

46) Name the Indian compound team, that won the Archery World Cup Stage 3 2019.

- 1) Sumangala Sharma, Dhulchand Damor and Limba Ram
- 2) Mangal Singh Champia, Dola Banerjee and Satyadev Prasad
- 3) Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini
- 4) Rahul Banerjee, Tarundeep Rai and Jayanta Talukdar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini**

Explanation:

On May 25, 2019, Indian men's compound team of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini won bronze medal at Archery World Cup Stage 3 held in Antalya, Turkey by defeating Russia. The trio performed against Anton Bulaev, Alexander Dambaev and Pavel Krylov of Russia and registered a win with 235-230. India scored 59, 58, 59, 59 in four rounds.

47) Where was the 2nd edition of India Open International Boxing Tournament 2019 held?

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Chennai, TamilNadu
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Guwahati, Assam**

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of India Open International Boxing Tournament 2019 was held in at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam from May 20 to 24, 2019. Total 200 players from 16 countries had participated in the boxing event. The competition had held in total 18 categories, 10 for men and 8 for women. The prize money for gold medallist was USD 2,500 and silver medallist was USD 1,000.

48) Shiva Thapa was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

1) Weightlifting

2) Judo

3) Wrestling

4) Boxing

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Boxing**

Explanation:

Shiva Thapa belongs to the sport boxing, he was in news recently because he won the gold medal in 2nd edition of India Open International Boxing Tournament 2019 that held in Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam.

S.No.	Event	Gold	Silver
1.	Men 49-kg	Deepak	Govind Sahani
2.	Men 52-kg	Amit Panghal	Sachin
3.	Men 60-kg	Shiva Thapa	Manish Kaushik
4.	Men 69-kg	Ashish	Duryodhan Singh Negi
5.	Men 81-kg	Manish Pawar	Brijesh Yadav
6.	Men 91-kg	Naman Tanwar	Sumit Sangwan
7.	Men +91-kg	Satish Kumar	Naveen Kumar
8.	Women 51-kg	Mary Kom	Vanlal Duati
9.	Women 54-kg	Jamuna Boro	Y. Sadhyarani Devi
10.	Women 57-kg	Neeraj	Manisha Maun
11.	Women 60-kg	Sarita Devi	Simranjit Kaur
12.	Women 75-kg	Bhagyabati Kachari	Pooja

49) Where was the Sekisui Open Squash 2019 held recently?

1) New Delhi, India

2) Beijing, China

3) Geneva, Switzerland

4) Kriens, Switzerland

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kriens, Switzerland**

Explanation:

The Sekisui Open Squash 2019 was held in Kriens, Switzerland.

50) Mahesh Mangaonkar was in news recently, he belongs to which sport ?

1) Tennis

2) Badminton

3) Squash

4) Judo

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Squash**

Explanation:

The Sekisui Open Squash 2019 was held in Kriens, Switzerland. India's Mahesh Mangaonkar had defeated Bernat Jaume of Spain in the final to win the title for the second time. This was Mahesh's 8th PSA (Professional Squash Association) title.

51) Who won the Monaco Grand Prix 2019 ?

- 1) Sebastian Vettel
- 2) Lewis Hamilton
- 3) Max Verstappen
- 4) Valtteri Bottas
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Lewis Hamilton

Explanation:

Five-time formula one world champion, Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes won Monaco Grand Prix that was held in Circuit de Monaco La Condamine and Monte Carlo, Monaco. Hailing from England, the United Kingdom, this was his sixth straight win in the year 2019. He beat Red Bull Racing-Honda, Max Verstappen who dropped from second on the road to fourth in the results because of a five-second penalty. Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari won the second place while Mercedes Valtteri Bottas completed the Monaco Grand Prix in third place.

52) Which country won the 16th edition of Sudirman Cup Badminton title 2019 ?

- 1) India
- 2) Russia
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) China

Explanation:

China has won the 16th Edition of Sudirman Cup i.e. 2019 Sudirman Cup Badminton title by beating Japan in men's doubles, women's singles and men's singles to clinch the title for the 11th time. The tournament was held in Nanning, China between 19 and 26 May 2019. In Men's singles match, Shi Yuqi of China defeated Kento Momota of Japan in the finale with a win by 15-21, 21-5, 21-11. Momota is ranked world number one and Shi ranks second in world rankings. In Women's singles, Chen Yufei of China defeated Akane Yamaguchi of Japan by 17-21, 21-16, 21-17. In mixed-team championship, the pairing of Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen thrashed the Japanese pair of Hiroyuki Endo and Yuta Watanabe by 21-18, 21-10.

53) Marco Polo Del Nero was in news recently, he belongs to which sport ?

- 1) Football
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Cricket
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Football

Explanation:

Federation Internationale de Football Association's (FIFA) Appeal Committee confirmed the lifetime ban for the former head of the Brazilian Football Federation (CBF) Marco Polo Del Nero from all football-related activities at national and international level. He was banned for corruption and bribery charges and was ordered to pay a penalty of 1 million Swiss francs (\$1 million). He was suspended by FIFA in December 2017 after an investigation revealed that he received bribes in exchange for awarding broadcast contracts at major tournaments including the Copa América and Copa Libertadores and the

CBF Copa do Brasil. His predecessors Ricardo Teixeira and Jose Maria were also accused on similar charges and CBF is now headed by Rogerio Caboclo.

54) Tai Nicholas was in news recently, he was associated with which of the following sport ?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Football
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Football

Explanation:

Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) has recently banned Tai Nicholas, former general secretary of Oceania Football Confederation for next eight years for financial misconduct since 2015. He misappropriated money in relation to the Oceania Football Confederation's Home of Football complex in Auckland, between 2014-17. He has been banned from football activities and fined 50,000 Swiss francs in the latest punishment for financial mishandling. He breached article 21 par. 2 of the 2012 edition of the FIFA Code of Ethics, (Bribery and corruption) and art. 20 of the 2018 edition (Offering and accepting gifts or other benefits).

55) Where was the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 3 2019 held recently ?

- 1) Munich, Germany
- 2) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Buenos Aires, Argentina
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Munich, Germany

Explanation:

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 3 was held in Munich, Germany from 24th to 31st May 2019. India won 5 gold medal and a silver medal totaling 6 medals and topped the medal tally. China won two gold, two silver, and five bronze medals and placed second in the medal tally. Next tournament ISSF World Cup 4 is set to be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

56) Who won gold medal in 10 metre air pistol in Men's Category and broke his own world record ?

- 1) Jitu Rai
- 2) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 3) Abhishek Verma
- 4) Vijay Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Saurabh Chaudhary

Explanation:

Saurabh Chaudhary won a gold medal in 10 metre air pistol and broke down his own world record of 245 by shooting 246.3 points in the final.

S.No	Name of the Shooter	Event Name	Medal won
1.	Saurabh Chaudhary(World Record)	10 metre air pistol	Gold
2.	Apurvi Chandela	10 metre air rifle	Gold
3.	Rahi Sarnobat	25 metre pistol	Gold
4.	Divyansh Singh Panwar & Anjum Moudgil	10 metre air rifle(Mixed Team)	Gold

5.	Saurabh Chaudhary & Manu Bhaker	10 metre air pistol(Mixed Team)	Gold
6.	Apurvi Chandela & Deepak Kumar (sport shooter)	10 metre air rifle(Mixed Team)	Silver

57) Name the Indian Shooter, who clinches seventh Olympic quota for 2020 Tokyo Olympics .

- 1) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 2) Apurvi Chandela
- 3) Manu Bhaker
- 4) Rahi Sarnobat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Manu Bhaker**

Explanation:

Asian Games champion Rahi Sarnobat and Manu Bhaker clinched sixth and seventh Olympic quota respectively in shooting for 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

OBITUARY

1) Judge and Civil Rights Icon Damon J. Keith passed away recently, he hailed from which country?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) United States**

Explanation:

On 28th April 2019, United States Sixth Circuit Judge, Damon Jerome Keith, a grandson of slaves passed away at the age of 96 in Detroit, the city where the prominent lawyer was appointed in 1967 to the US District Court. He served on the Sixth Circuit for over 40 years. He was born on 4 July 1922 in Detroit, Michigan, United States. Keith served more than 50 years in the federal courts, and before his death still heard cases about four times a year at the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati.

2) Name the deceased American actor, who was well known for his character 'Chewbacca' in Star Wars films .

- 1) Paul Walker
- 2) Cory Monteith
- 3) Ryan Dunn
- 4) Corey Haim
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Paul Walker**

Explanation:

Actor Peter Mayhew, well known for portraying Chewbacca the Wookiee in the Star Wars films, has died at the age of 74 at his home in North Texas, U.S. He was born on 19 May 1944 in Barnes, London. He starred in the original "Star Wars" trilogy, episode 3 of the prequels, later he reprised his famous role in 2005's Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith and The Force Awakens in 2015, even though he has some health complications. He also wrote two books titled "Growing Up Giant" and "My Favorite Giant".

3) V Viswanatha Menon, passed away recently, he belonged to which field?

- 1) Actor
- 2) Politician
- 3) Director
- 4) Producer

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Politician**

Explanation:

Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader and former finance minister, V Viswanatha Menon Passed away at the age of 92 in Kochi, Kerala. He was popularly known as “Ambadi Viswam”. He was born in Ernakulam, Kerala. He served as the Finance Minister in 1987 during the Left Democratic Front government led by E.K. Nayanar. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1967 and was also a member of Rajya Sabha from 1974 to 1980. He was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1987 from Thrissur constituency. He has presented five state budgets and also holds the record for delivering the longest budget speech of two hours and 35 minutes.

4) Name the former Chief Justice of Madras and Kerala High Courts, who passed away recently.

1) Justice Subhashan Reddy

2) Justice M. Patanjali Sastri

3) Justice Mehr Chand Mahajan

4) Justice Bijan Kumar Mukherjee

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Justice Subhashan Reddy**

Explanation:

On 1 May 2019, Former Chief Justice of Madras and Kerala High Courts, Justice Subhashan Reddy died at the age of 76 in Gachibowli due to age-related ailments. He was born at Amberpet in Hyderabad in 1943. Justice Subhashan Reddy. He studied law at the University of University College of Law, Osmania University. He enrolled as an advocate in January 1966 and practiced Constitutional, Civil, Criminal, Revenue and Taxation laws. He retired in March 2005. In 1991, He was the judge of High Court of Andhra Pradesh and later served as Chief Justices of High Courts of Madras in 2001 and Kerala in 2004.

5) Name the deceased West Indies cricketer, who was named as Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1967 .

1) Seymour Nurse

2) Jasper Vinall

3) Ian Folley

4) Darryn Randall

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Seymour Nurse**

Explanation:

On 6th May 2019, Former West Indies Batsman Seymour Nurse died after prolonged illness at the age of 85. He was born on 10 November 1933 at Saint Michael, Barbados. Nurse has played 29 Tests between 1960 and 1969. He was named Wisden Cricketer of the Year in 1967. He had served as Coach and cricket selector at the Barbados National Sports Council after retirement. He scored 2523 runs at an average of 47.6 with six hundred and ten fifties.

6) Derek Sippy passed away recently, he belongs to which sport?

1) Darts

2) Ten-pin bowling

3) Snooker

4) Billiards

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Billiards**

Explanation:

On 6th May 2019, Former Indian Cue sports Player, Coach and administrator Derek Sippy, who was in his 60s, died due to a massive heart attack in Mumbai, Maharashtra. His death was confirmed to Press Trust of India (PTI) by Manav Panchal, Honorary Secretary of the Billiards and Snooker Association of

Maharashtra (BSAM). He had served as secretary of BSAM for several years. He was the Indian team's coach at recently concluded Asian Under-21 Boys Snooker and Asian Women Snooker tournament in Chandigarh which was held from April 27th to May 3rd, 2019 at Community Centre, Sector 19, Chandigarh.

7) Name the father of modern legal education in India and Padma Shri awardee, who passed away recently.

- 1) Jayantilal Bhanusali
- 2) Dibyendu Palit
- 3) Pinaki Thakur
- 4) NR Madhava Menon
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) NR Madhava Menon

Explanation:

On 7th May 2019, Renowned academician and father of modern Indian Legal Education, Dr. Neelakanta Ramakrishna Madhava Menon (NR Madhava Menon) died at a private hospital in Thiruvananthapuram at the age of 84. He was born on 4th May 1935 in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. Madhava Menon founded the National Law School of India University (NLSIU) in Bengaluru, National Judicial Academy (NJA) in Bhopal and the National University of Judicial Sciences (NUJS) in Kolkata. The first national law school in India, National Law School of India, Bengaluru, was founded in 1986. The school was headed by him for 12 years. The National University of Judicial Sciences in Kolkata was founded in 1998, and the National Judicial Academy in Bhopal was founded in 2003.

8) Name the first chronicler of India's partition and a Sikh historian passed away at 95 in Chandigarh.

1. Gopal Singh
2. Kirpal Singh
3. Arjun Singh
4. Vikas Singh
5. None of these

Answer - 2. Kirpal Singh

Explanation:-

The first chronicler of India's partition and a Sikh historian, Kirpal Singh passed away at his home in Chandigarh after a brief illness. He was 95. He had retired as professor and head of the department of Punjab Historical Studies in Punjabi University, Patiala.

9) Name the deceased tamil novelist, who won Sahitya Akademi Award in 1997 for the novel "Saaivu Naarkkali" (The Reclining Chair).

- 1) Thoppil Mohamed Meeran
- 2) Rajam Krishnan
- 3) Balakumaran
- 4) Tamilvanan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Thoppil Mohamed Meeran

Explanation:

On May 10, noted Tamil novelist and Sahitya Akademi Awardee Thoppil Mohamed Meeran passed away at Pettai in Tirunelveli district. He was 74. He authored several Tamil and Malayalam novels. His novel "Saaivu Naarkkali" (The Reclining Chair) won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1997. His other novels are "Oru Kadalora Graamaththin Kathai", "Thuraimugam", "Koonan Thoppu" and "Anju Vannam Theru." He has also written short stories like "Anbukku Muthumai Illai", "Thangarasu", "Ananthasayanam Colony", "Oru Kutti Theevin Varippadam", "Thoppil Mohamed Meeran Kathaigal" and "Oru Maamaramum Konjam Paravaigalum." He received eight awards in total which included the Sahitya Akademi Award and Tamil Nadu Kalai Ilakkiya Perumantram Award in 1992.

10) Name the India's longest-serving corporate chief, who was also the founder of ITC pvt limited passed away recently.

- 1) Bhishma Narain Singh
- 2) Chandrasekhar Rath
- 3) Yogesh Chander Deveshwar
- 4) Kedarnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Yogesh Chander Deveshwar

Explanation:

On May 11, Yogesh Chander Deveshwar, who built ITC passed away after a brief illness in a private hospital at Gurugram. He was 72. He was the India's longest-serving corporate chief with over 20 years of experience. He had stepped down as the Chief Executive of ITC in 2017 and served the organization as the non-executive chairman. It was during his term, ITC saw the tremendous transformation from being a tobacco company to a multi-business union. YC Deveshwar was born on February 4, 1947 in Lahore. He completed B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering from IIT-Delhi, followed by a diploma from Harvard Business School. He also took a training course in hotels and services from Cornell University.

11) Narayana Hegde passed away recently, he belonged to which field?

- 1) Singer
- 2) Dancer
- 3) Actor
- 4) Director
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Singer

Explanation:

The 83-year old renowned singer, Yakshagana 'bhagawatha' Nebburu Narayana Hegde breathed his last, at his residence in Nebburu in Sirsi Taluk of Uttara Kannada. He was popularly called as Nebburu in Badgu Thittu school of Yakshagana. The singer is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter. Yakshagana 'bhagawatha' was a recipient of Karnataka Rajyotsava Award, which was then the Karnataka Yakshagana and Janapada Academy Award. He had also received many other awards like the Keremane Shivarama Award. A souvenir titled 'Nebburu Ninada' was released in his honour.

12) Name the deceased urbane British actor, who portrayed as the president of France in "The American President".

- 1) Clement von Franckenstein
- 2) River Phoenix
- 3) Brittany Murphy
- 4) Brad Renfro
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Clement von Franckenstein

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, Urbane British actor, Clement von Franckenstein died in Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles due to hypoxia at the age of 74. He has portrayed the president of France opposite Michael Douglas and Annette Bening in The American President. Von Franckenstein was born on May 28, 1944, Sunninghill, United Kingdom. He had acted in Lionheart (1990), Death Becomes Her (1992), The Evening Star (1996), Hail, Caesar! (2016). He had appeared in Take Me Home Tonight (2011), The Five-Year Engagement (2012) and Angels on Tap (2018).

13) Padma Shri awardee Hiralal Yadav passed away recently, he belonged to which field?

- 1) Production
- 2) Direction
- 3) Acting

- 4) Singing
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Singer**

Explanation:

On May 12, Bhojpuri singer, Padma Shri awardee Hiralal Yadav passed away in a private hospital in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh after a prolonged illness. He was 93. He was a renowned Bhojpuri folk singer from 'Birha' genre, which revolves around the separation of a lover from his beloved. He received the Padma Shri award, the fourth highest civilian award of our nation, in January 2019. For his contribution in the field of music, he was awarded the Yash Bharti Award from the Government of Uttar Pradesh in the year 2015.

14) Doris Day passed away recently, she belonged to which field?

- 1) Acting-Politics
- 2) Acting-Singing
- 3) Singing-Politics
- 4) Acting-Lawyer
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Acting-Singing**

Explanation:

On 13th May 2019, The Hollywood actor-singer Doris Day has died due to pneumonia in her home near Carmel Valley, California at the age of 97. She was born on 3 April 1922 in Cincinnati, Ohio, United States. She performed the title role in Calamity Jane (1953) and starred in Alfred Hitchcock's The Man Who Knew Too Much (1956) with James Stewart.

15) Former South Asian Games Gold medalist MB Balakrishnan passed away recently, he belonged to which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Swimming
- 3) Javelin throw
- 4) Table Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Swimming**

Explanation:

On May 14, 2019, South Asian Games Gold medalist, 50m backstroke swimmer MB Balakrishnan passed away in a road accident in Chennai. The 29 years old hailed from Tamil Nadu. He was killed while he was riding his bike when a lorry hit him and ran over him. He is an alumnus of the Guindy Engineering College and pursued MS in the US. He was a gold medalist in the National Games in Guwahati, 2007. He held a national record in the 50m backstroke at the Senior National Championships, 2010 in New Delhi and won the 100m and 200m backstroke events at the South Asian Games.

16) Name the 23rd Prime Minister of Australia, who passed away recently in Sydney, Australia.

- 1) Gough Whitlam
- 2) Malcolm Fraser
- 3) William McMahon
- 4) Bob Hawke
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bob Hawke**

Explanation:

On May 16, 2019, the former 23rd Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke passed away aged 89 at his home in Sydney, Australia. He was unwell for months. He led the Labor Party from 1983 to 1991. He was born in Bordertown, South Australia on December 9, 1929. He won the federal elections 4 times and was the longest serving prime minister after Robert Menzies and John Howard.

17) Name the Indian Army Mountaineer, who was a part of expedition team which had earlier spotted mysterious footprints of mythical creature 'Yeti'.

- 1) Mohan Singh Kohli
- 2) Naik Narayan Singh
- 3) Mohan Singh Gunjyal
- 4) Harish Kapadia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Naik Narayan Singh

Explanation:

Naik Narayan Singh, one among the 18 member of Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition team to Mt Makalu (8485m) passed away recently. He died while descending from the summit point to Camp IV (first camp during the descent). He had earlier took part in mountaineering expeditions. Last year he had successfully summited Mt Kamet. He had joined the Army in 2002 and hailed from Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand. The Expedition team has earlier spotted mysterious footprints of mythical creature 'Yeti'.

18) Jeoh Ming Pei passed away recently, he belonged to which field?

- 1) Athlete
- 2) Actor
- 3) Politician
- 4) Architect
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Architect

Explanation:

Jeoh Ming Pei, world famous Chinese-American architect who designed Louvre Pyramid, the main entrance to the Louvre Museum which houses the Mona Lisa among other historical works of art passed away at the age of 102 in New York. He was born in Guangzhou, Republic of China. He is one of the most notable architects of the 20th century.

19) What is the name of the deceased internet sensation cat nicknamed as Grumpy Cat?

- 1) Paddles
- 2) Tardar Sauce
- 3) Tuxedo Stan
- 4) Barsik
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Tardar Sauce

Explanation:

On May 14, 2019, Internet sensation, Tardar Sauce commonly called Grumpy Cat passed away aged 7. This news was announced by Tabatha Bundesen from Morristown, Arizona, the owner of Grumpy Cat. It suffered from urinary tract infection. Grumpy Cat had feline dwarfism. It had become a viral internet sensation in September 2012 on Reddit in a post titled "Meet Grumpy Cat" uploaded by Tabatha's brother Bryan. At the time of death, it had 2.4 million followers on Instagram, 1.5m followers on Twitter and 8.5m likes on Facebook. Grumpy cat had contracted with meme agent Ben Lashes who managed other viral stars like Keyboard Cat, Scumbag Steve and Nyan Cat. It was also the star of its own movie "Grumpy Cat's Worst Christmas Ever". It was the official "Spokescat" for Friskies and appeared on several US TV shows including Today and Good Morning America. Its first book titled "Grumpy Cat: A Grumpy Book", was published in the year 2013. It also had own waxwork made at Madame Tussauds in San Francisco which was unveiled in 2015.

20) Sammy Shore has passed away recently, he belonged to which field?

- 1) Director
- 2) Politician
- 3) Comedian

- 4) Businessman
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Comedian**

Explanation:

On May 18, 2019, Legendary stand-up comedian Sammy Shore, the Co-Founder of Comedy Store, passed away aged 92 at home from natural causes in Las Vegas, USA. He is the father of actor and comedian Pauly Shore. Both spent the past 20 years together as a father-son comedy team. He hails from in Las Vegas, USA. He began his career in a partnership with Shecky Greene in Catskills. He co-founded the world-famous Comedy Store in Los Angeles with screenwriter and actor Rudy De Luca in 1972. He recorded several albums titled "Brother Sam, Come Heal With Me" and "70 Sucks, but 80 is Worse". He has authored books like "The Man Who Made Elvis Laugh" and "The Warm-Up". Before his death, he was finishing up a book titled "Last Comic Sitting (Confessions of a Pissed-Off Comic)".

21) Name the former Fédération Internationale de Football Association(FIFA) panel referee, who passed away recently?

- 1) Sandeep Prakash
- 2) Shivappa Shetty
- 3) Dhanraj Venkatesh
- 4) Peter Biaksangzuala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shivappa Shetty**

Explanation:

On May 19, 2019, Shivappa Shetty, former Fédération Internationale de Football Association(FIFA) Panel Referee passed away aged 86 due to multi-organ failure. All India Football Federation (AIFF) expressed the condolences on his death. He had served as Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Instructor, AIFF referees instructor, AIFF match commissioner, AIFF referee board member and as the President of the Bombay Referees Association. He was the main contributory in the formation of the Central Bank of India Football team and served as the sports General Secretary of the organization.

22) Name the deceased Austrian racer, who won formula one three times and inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame in 1993.

- 1) Scott Kalitta
- 2) Eddie Sachs
- 3) Pierre Levegh
- 4) Andreas Nikolaus Lauda
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Andreas Nikolaus Lauda**

Explanation:

Austrian Formula One driver, Andreas Nikolaus Lauda passed away at the age of 70 in Zurich, Switzerland. He was born in Vienna, Austria. He was sometimes nicknamed as "the rat", "SuperRat" or "King Rat" because of his prominent buck teeth. Nikolaus Lauda won Formula one three time in 1975(Ferrari), 1977(Ferrari) and 1984(McLaren). He races in formula one for five companies viz- March, BRM, Ferrari, Brabham, McLaren. He was the only Formula one driver, who won for two most successful constructors, Ferrari and McLaren.

23) Name the deceased historian, researcher, writer and educationist, who was popularly known for the animation film 'Ek Anek Aur Ekta'.

- 1) Bimal Roy
- 2) Satyajit Ray
- 3) Vijaya Mulay
- 4) Ritwik Ghatak
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vijaya Mulay

Explanation:

Vijaya Mulay, a documentary filmmaker, film historian, writer, educationist, and researcher passed away at the age of 98 in South Delhi. She was born in Mumbai, Maharashtra. She was popularly known for her animation film Ek Anek Aur Ekta which won her National Film Award for Best Educational Film. Several accolades received by her: Shantaram Award for Lifetime Achievement for documentaries at the Mumbai International Film Festival. Vikram Sarabhai Life Time Achievement award for educational communication in 1999. National award for best writing on cinema for her work, From Rajahs and Yogis to Gandhi and Beyond: Images of India in International Films of the Twentieth Century.

24) Sultan Ahmad Shah Sultan Abu Bakar passed away recently, he belonged to which country?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Singapore
- 3) Malaysia
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Malaysia

Explanation:

Seventh King of Malaysia Sultan Ahmad Shah Sultan Abu Bakar passed away at the age of 88 in National Heart Institute, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. He was born in 1930 in Istana Manggal Tunggal, Pekan, Pahang, Federated Malay States, British Malaya. He also served as the fifth Sultan of Pahang state, central of Malaysia. From 1979 to 1984, he served as the seventh Yang di-Pertuan Agong or the supreme head of state. He was a football player and held Presidency of the Malaysian Football Association (FAM) from 1984 until 2014, Presidency of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) from 1994 until 2002 and Asean Football Federation (AFF) 2011.

25) Name the deceased Kenyan author and gay rights activist, who won the Caine Prize for his short story "Discovering Home".

- 1) Grace Ogot
- 2) Muthoni Garland
- 3) Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o
- 4) Binyavanga Wainaina
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Binyavanga Wainaina

Explanation:

Veteran Kenyan writer, gay right activist and founder of the literary magazine Kwani, Binyavanga Wainaina passed away at the age of 48 in Nairobi. He was born in Nakuru, Kenya. In 2002, he won Caine Prize for his short story "Discovering Home". In 2003, he was conferred with the award by the Kenya Publisher's Association for his services to Kenyan literature. In 2014, he was named one of the world's 100 most influential people by Time Magazine. He has written for The EastAfrican, National Geographic, The Sunday Times (South Africa), Granta, The New York Times, Chimurenga and The Guardian (UK).

26) Name the eminent artist, who passed away recently in Hyderabad, telengana.

- 1) Kanu Desai
- 2) Surya Prakash
- 3) M.F.Husain
- 4) Manjit Bawa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Surya Prakash

Explanation:

Surya Prakash, an Eminent artist passed away at the age of 79 in Hyderabad in his home following a heart attack. He hailed from Madhira of Khammam district of Telangana. The artist is known for his

abstract landscapes, which showcased his love for nature. He was appointed 'Artist in Residence' at the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB), a national research laboratory. His painting stands out in Hyderabad in LV Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI) and the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB).

27) What is the name of the former World War II Navajo Code Talker and longest serving senator of the New Mexico state, who passed away recently in Gallup, New Mexico, USA?

- 1) John Pinto
- 2) Howard A. Wooten
- 3) Ezekia Smith
- 4) Robert Askew
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) John Pinto**

Explanation:

On May 24, 2019, Former World War II Navajo Code Talker, Lawmaker John Pinto passed away aged 94 due to various illnesses at Gallup, New Mexico, USA. Pinto was the longest-serving senator in the state, first elected in 1977 and served until his death on May 24, 2019. He was born on December 15, 1924, at Lupton, Arizona, US. He was graduated with a bachelor's in elementary education at the age of 39 and received his master's, becoming a teacher and a truancy officer in Gallup.

28) Name the deceased physicist, who won Noble Prize in 1969 for his contributions and discoveries concerning the classification of elementary particles and their interactions .

- 1) Philipp Lenard
- 2) Pieter Zeeman
- 3) Wilhelm Röntgen
- 4) Murray Gell-Mann
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Murray Gell-Mann**

Explanation:

Murray Gell-Mann, Nobel Prize-winning physicist passed away at the age of 89 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He hailed from New York City, United States. He transformed physics by devising a method known as "eightfold way" for sorting subatomic particles into simple groups of eight—based on an electric charge, spin and other characteristics. He was honoured with Nobel Prize in Physics for his contributions and discoveries concerning the classification of elementary particles and their interactions in the year 1969.

29) Prem Tinsulanonda, Former prime minister & royal confidante of which country passed away at the age of 98 recently ?

- 1) Philippines
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Cambodia
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Thailand**

Explanation:

The former prime minister of Thailand and royal confidante Prem Tinsulanonda passed away at the age of 98 in Bangkok, Thailand. He was born in southern Thailand. He was the most trusted advisor of late King Bhumibol Adulyadej and served as the 16th prime minister of Thailand from 1980 to 1988. He first achieved national prominence in 1974-77 & later served as the deputy interior minister in 1977 and later army commander and defence minister.

30) Donald Cash passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Mountaineer
- 2) Politician
- 3) Actor
- 4) writer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mountaineer

Explanation:

A 54 years old American from Utah, Donald Cash died on Mount Everest just after climbing the highest peak on each seven continent. He was a software salesman and had a goal of climbing the tallest mountain on each of the seven continents. He left his job to join the “Seven Summits Club”. Donald Cash was 12th climber to die on Everest in the range with elevations above 25,000 feet in this year’s spring climbing season.

31) Name the only one orangutan of India, which passed away in odisha recently.

- 1) Arjuna
- 2) Binny
- 3) Agni
- 4) Drona
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Binny

Explanation:

On May 29, 2019, India's only orangutan, Binny died at Odisha's Nandankanan Zoological Park after a prolonged illness. It was 41 years old. Since a year, she was under treatment by the experts from the College of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology(OUAT) under the constant advice of the Orangutan experts from UK and Singapore. She was brought from Pune's Rajiv Gandhi Zoological Park on November 20, 2003, aged 25. Orangutans are one of the world's 3 extant species of great apes found in Indonesia and Malaysia. At present, they are found only in the rain forests of Borneo and Sumatra. As per experts, their life span is up to 45 years in the forests and can be survived for more years in zoos.

32) Name the deceased american actor, who was well known by the film “The Godfather” at the age of 85 in Los Angeles, California, U.S.

- 1) Brad Renfro
- 2) Ryan Dunn
- 3) Corey Haim
- 4) Carmine Caridi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Carmine Caridi

Explanation:

American Television as well as film actor, Carmine Caridi passed away at the age of 85 in Los Angeles, California, U.S. He was born in New York City, New York, U.S. He was well known by the films, The Godfather Part II (1974) and The Godfather Part III (1990). He was the first person to be expelled from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in the year 2004.

33) Name the deceased American actor, who was well known for his character ‘Chewbacca’ in Star Wars films .

- 1) Paul Walker
- 2) Cory Monteith
- 3) Ryan Dunn
- 4) Corey Haim

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Paul Walker**

Explanation:

Actor Peter Mayhew, well known for portraying Chewbacca the Wookiee in the Star Wars films, has died at the age of 74 at his home in North Texas, U.S. He was born on 19 May 1944 in Barnes, London. He starred in the original “Star Wars” trilogy, episode 3 of the prequels, later he reprised his famous role in 2005’s Star Wars: Revenge of the Sith and The Force Awakens in 2015, even though he has some health complications. He also wrote two books titled “Growing Up Giant” and “My Favorite Giant”.

34) V Viswanatha Menon, passed away recently, he belonged to which field?

1) Actor

2) Politician

3) Director

4) Producer

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Politician**

Explanation:

Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader and former finance minister, V Viswanatha Menon Passed away at the age of 92 in Kochi, Kerala. He was popularly known as “Ambadi Viswam”. He was born in Ernakulam, Kerala. He served as the Finance Minister in 1987 during the Left Democratic Front government led by E.K. Nayanar. He was elected to the Lok Sabha in 1967 and was also a member of Rajya Sabha from 1974 to 1980. He was elected to Kerala Legislative Assembly in 1987 from Thrippunithura constituency. He has presented five state budgets and also holds the record for delivering the longest budget speech of two hours and 35 minutes.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1) Name the UAE Minister of Tolerance, who was gifted with the coffee table book titled “Work of Beauty: Architecture and Landscape of Rashtrapati Bhawan” recently.

1) K.K. Kan'goma Kapijimpanga

2) Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan

3) Ahmed Al Banna

4) H.E. Mariam Saeed Hareb Al Mehairi

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan**

Explanation:

Ambassador Navdeep Suri presented UAE Minister of Tolerance Sheikh Nahayan Mubarak Al Nahayan with the Coffee Table book on “Work of Beauty: Architecture and Landscape of Rashtrapati Bhawan”, which has been published by Publications Division, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The book was commissioned by President’s Secretariat and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), Ministry of Culture, Government of India. UAE Minister had visited the India Pavilion of the ongoing Abu Dhabi International Book Fair 2019. India is the ‘Guest of Honour’ at the Book Fair.

2) What is the name of the autobiography of Shahid Afridi, former captain of the Pakistan national cricket team which is co-authored by journalist Wajahat S Khan?

1) Cricket As I See It

2) Cricket Delightful

3) Spinning Round The World

4) Game Changer

5) None of these

Answer - **4) Game Changer**

Explanation:

Shahid Afridi, former captain of the 'Pakistan national cricket team' has written his autobiography titled, 'Game Changer' which will unveil answers to the much-contemplated questions about him. The book has been published by Harper Collin's India. Afridi is popularly known as 'Boom Boom' and holds the world record for the fastest ODI (One Day International) century in 37 deliveries. He also holds the distinction of having hit the most number of sixes in the history of ODI cricket. The book has been co-authored by Afridi and journalist Wajahat S Khan.

3) Who deciphered the world's most mysterious 600-year old manuscript named 'Voynich Manuscript' ?

- 1) Dr. Gerard Cheshire
- 2) David Adjaye
- 3) Sonia Boyce
- 4) Roger Zogolovitch
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dr. Gerard Cheshire

Explanation:

The world's most mysterious 600-year old manuscript named 'Voynich Manuscript' was finally deciphered by Bristol academician Dr. Gerard Cheshire and it took him just 2 weeks. The Voynich Manuscript contains information about astrological sex tips, parenting and psychology, abortion advice and herbal remedies. According to Dr. Gerard Cheshire's paper published in Romance Studies journal, the manuscript was written in a dead language – proto-Romance. The book written in Voynich Manuscript was compiled by Dominican nuns as a source of reference for Maria of Castile, Queen of Aragon. The manuscript was written around mid-15th century and contains Catholic and Roman pagan religious beliefs. The book was discovered in 1912 by an antiquarian named Wilfrid Voynich.

4) Who is the author of the book titled "Coming Round the Mountain"?

- 1) R.K. Narayan
- 2) Ruskin Bond
- 3) Khushwant Singh
- 4) Mulk Raj Anand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ruskin Bond

Explanation:

On May 19, Ruskin Bond, on his 85th birthday launched new memoir titled "Coming Round the Mountain". India's beloved children's author officially released the book at Cambridge bookstores in Mussourie, Uttarakhand. The book has been published by Penguin India. "Coming Round the Mountain" is the third installment of Ruskin Bond's award-winning memoir series for children, prior being "Looking for the Rainbow" and "Till the Clouds Roll By". This book will deal with Bond's story as a boy of thirteen during the crucial year of India's partition. ii. Other books written by Ruskin Bond include "The Room on the Roof", "The Blue Umbrella", "A Flight of Pigeons", "Rusty, the Boy from the Hills", "A Handful of Nuts" and many more.

5) Name the Padma Shri & Sahitya Akademi Awardee, who authored the book on Naxal movement in West Bengal in the year 1978, which was now translated to English by Paulami Sengupta, Tias Basu along with the author.

- 1) Vikram Seth
- 2) Salman Rushdie
- 3) Arundhati Roy
- 4) Nabaneeta Dev Sen
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Nabaneeta Dev Sen

Explanation:

Nabaneeta Dev Sen's book on Naxal movement in West Bengal which was first published in Bengali in 1978, is published in English. It is translated from Bengali to English by Paulami Sengupta, Tias Basu and the author. It is published by Niyogi Books' imprint Thornbird. The book describes the conflicts between integrity and expediency and the important character of the novel is Anupam Roy, a newspaper columnist, commentator and an academician. Nabaneeta Dev Sen is an award-winning Indian poet, novelist and academic. She is the recipient of Padma Shri Award(2000), Sahitya Akademi Award(1999) and Kamal Kumari National Award(2004).

6) Who launched the Hindi version of Oscar Academy's publication 'Digital Dilemma' in New Delhi ?

- 1) Lois Burwell
- 2) Sid Ganis
- 3) Larry Karaszewski
- 4) John Bailey
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) John Bailey

Explanation:

The Hindi translation of an Academy Publication, Digital Dilemma, has been launched by Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences (AMPAS) aka Oscar Academy President, John Bailey, during a special event at New Delhi. The conversion of this publication into Hindi follows the MoU signed between National Film Archive of India (NFAI), the premier organization of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting involved in film conservation, preservation and restoration with the Oscar Academy in order to reach out to film fraternity in India. The Oscar Academy works towards the goal of advancing the arts and sciences of motion pictures.

7) Who authored the book titled “An Autobiography of Moon”, which was released by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma in New Delhi recently ?

- 1) Dr. Ramesh Shishu
- 2) Dr. M.S.S Murthy
- 3) Dr. Govind Bhattacharya
- 4) Dr. Felix Bast
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dr. Ramesh Shishu

Explanation:

On May 29, 2019, Four popular science books published by Vigyan Prasar were released by Prof. Ashutosh Sharma, Secretary of Department of Science and Technology(DST) at Indian National Science Academy (INSA) in New Delhi. The book 'Voyage to Antarctica', authored by Dr. Felix Bast. The book 'Story of Consciousness', authored by Dr. Govind Bhattacharya. The book 'An Autobiography of Moon', authored by Dr. Ramesh Shishu, deals with the secrets of moon like its origin, how it changes the shape daily, why only half of it can be seen and many more things. 'Sambhu Nath De - The Discovery of Cholera Toxin', authored by Dr. M.S.S Murthy.

8) Name the book launched by former american professional basketball player, Lamar Odom that reveals the dark secrets of his life .

- 1) Playing It My Way
- 2) The Immortal Life of Lamar Odom
- 3) Darkness to light
- 4) Long Walk to Freedom
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Darkness to light

Explanation:

Former American professional basketball player, Lamar Odom, aged 39, launched a new book titled 'Darkness to light'. The book reveals the dark secrets of his life. The book has been published by BenBella Books. He is the ex-husband of Khloe Kardashian, an American media personality, socialite, model, businesswoman, and entrepreneur. In his book, he has opened up about his relationship with ex-wife Khloe Kardashian, his difficult childhood, past overdoses and addictions to drugs, alcohol, and sex.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) What was the theme of the International Labour Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Celebrating the International Labour Movement”
- 2) Theme – “Uniting Workers for Social and Economic Advancement”
- 3) Theme – “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”
- 4) Theme – “Create peace, solidarity and decent work”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”**

Explanation:

International Labour Day or Workers day is observed annually on 1 May, It is also known as May Day. The day was promoted by the international labour movement, socialists and communists. The theme of International Labour Day 2019 is “Sustainable Pension for all: The Role of Social Partners”. In India, the first Labour Day was celebrated on 1 May 1923 in Madras by Labour Kisan Party of Hindustan. Labour Day is also called Antarrashtriya Shramik Diwas or Kamgar Din in India. Workers day is observed to commemorate the happenings of May 4, 1886, the Haymarket affair (Haymarket Massacre) in Chicago.

2) World Tuna Day 2019 is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 1st May
- 2) 30th April
- 3) 29th April
- 4) 2nd May
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 2nd May**

Explanation:

World Tuna Day was observed on May 2 worldwide to highlight the importance of tuna fish and to promote more sustainable fishing practices which will help in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. In December 2016, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) officially recognized May 2 as a World Tuna Day in its resolution 71/124. After the resolution has passed, the day was first observed on May 2, 2017. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in its latest report in 2018 titled, “The State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture: Meeting the Sustainable Development Goals” highlights the tuna fish role in achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 14 which talks about conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

3) Name the day, which was observed globally on 1st Thursday of May every year.

- 1) World Cancer Day
- 2) World Pulses Day
- 3) World Password Day
- 4) World Radio Day
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) World Password Day**

Explanation:

The Registrar of National Day Calendar has designated the first Thursday of the month of May of each

year as World Password Day. This day is celebrated to promote better password habits for digital protection for online shopping, dating, banking, social media, private work, and life communications. For the very first time, security researcher, Mark Burnett encouraged people to have a “password day,” where they updated important passwords in his 2005 book Perfect Passwords. Inspired by his idea, Intel Security took the initiative to declare the first Thursday of May every year as World Password Day. The declaration was done in May 2013.

4) When was Coal Miners Day observed?

- 1) 3rd May
- 2) 4th May
- 3) 2nd May
- 4) 1st May
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 4th May

Explanation:

On 4th May 2019, Coal Miners Day was observed 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. In the 18th Century, the industrial revolution started in Britain and later expanded to continental Europe and North America. In 1880s New coal cutting machines were introduced. In 1912, Steam Shovels were used in surface coal mining.

5) International Firefighters Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 3rd May
- 2) 1st May
- 3) 2nd May
- 4) 4th May
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 4th May

Explanation:

On 4th May 2019, International Firefighters' Day (IFFD) is observed to recognise and honour the sacrifices that firefighters make to ensure that their communities and environment are as safe as possible. The symbol for International Firefighters Day is a red and blue ribbon. The color red signifies fire and the blue denotes water. These colors also signify emergency services around the world. It was initiated 1994, after a firefighter named JJ Edmondson emailed out to his colleagues calling for an international holiday that would honor the sacrifices and triumphs of firefighters who died in a bushfire in Australia on 4th January 1999.

6) World Laughter Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) First Sunday of May
- 2) First Saturday of May
- 3) First Wednesday of May
- 4) First Friday of May
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) First Sunday of May

Explanation:

World Laughter Day is observed on the first Sunday of May every year and this year first Sunday of May coincide with May 5. The Laughter Yoga Movement started by Dr. Kataria was a part of the facial feedback hypothesis which postulates that facial expression of a person can have an effect on their

emotions. The popularity of this movement has grown exponentially and till now over 6000 laughter Clubs opened worldwide.

7) Who is the founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga Movement?

- 1) K Pattabhi Jois
- 2) Dr. Madan Kataria
- 3) Tirumalai Krishnamacharya
- 4) Maharishi Mahesh Yogi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dr. Madan Kataria**

Explanation:

World Laughter Day is observed on the first Sunday of May every year and this year first Sunday of May coincide with May 5. The day was first celebrated on May 10, 1998, in Mumbai and arranged by Dr. Madan Kataria, founder of the worldwide Laughter Yoga Movement. The purpose is to raise awareness about laughter and its many healing benefits.

8) International No Diet Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 5th May
- 2) 6th May
- 3) 4th May
- 4) 3rd May
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 6th May**

Explanation:

On 6th May 2019, International No Diet Day (INDD) was observed to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of the dangers and futility of dieting. The day also aims to raise awareness about the various dieting disorders which exist such as anorexia and bulimia. The INDD symbol is a blue ribbon. The INDD was first created in 1992 by Mary Evans Young to help people appreciate their own bodies. British feminist Mary was an anorexia patient (an eating disorder). She is the director of the British group “Diet Breakers” among the weight issues.

9) What was the theme of the International Day of the Midwife?

- 1) Theme – “Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery”
- 2) Theme – “Midwives: Making a difference in the world”
- 3) Theme – “Midwives leading the way with quality care”
- 4) Theme – “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Theme - “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”**

Explanation:

International Midwives Day 2019 is celebrated on May 5th every year. The theme for this year’s celebration was “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”. 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. The main event was hosted by WHO Chief Nursing Officer and Taskforce on Nursing and Midwifery. The event was inaugurated by the WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

10) World Athletics Day 2019 is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 5th May
- 2) 6th May
- 3) 7th May
- 4) 4th May

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 7th May**

Explanation:

On 7th May 2019, World Athletics Day was observed to promote Athletics as the primary sport in schools and institutions, to raise awareness about the sports and to educate youngsters about the importance of the sports. It is the sport's annual worldwide festival of youth and one of the busiest programmes of competitions on the athletics calendar. The first World Athletics Day was celebrated in 1996.

International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) is authorised to decide the date of this day. This Day, which is organized by the IAAF, helps to establish an important link between the youth, our sport, and environmental conservation.

11) What was the theme of the World Asthma Day 2019?

1) Theme – “Never too early, never too late. It's always the right time to address airways disease”

2) Theme – “STOP for Asthma”

3) Theme – “Allergy and Asthma”

4) Theme – “You Can Control Your Asthma”

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “STOP for Asthma”**

Explanation:

World Asthma Day is observed annually on the first Tuesday of May to raise awareness regarding Asthma and its care. This year it coincided with May 7th. It is supported by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA), World Asthma Foundation, and National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI). The theme of this year is “STOP for Asthma”. STOP means Symptom evaluation, Test response, Observe and assess, Proceed to adjust treatment. The inaugural World Asthma Day was held in 1998 in more than 35 countries. The first World Asthma Meeting was held in Barcelona, Spain. Asthma is a condition which cannot be cured, it can only be controlled with effective management tips.

12) What was the theme of the World Red Cross Day or Red Crescent Day 2019?

1) Theme - Less known Red Cross stories

2) Theme - #Love

3) Theme - Memorable smiles from around the world

4) Theme - Together for Humanity

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme - #Love**

Explanation:

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) celebrated the World Red Cross Day on May 8th. The theme of this year was “#Love”. It is celebrated to commemorate the birthday of the founder of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, Henry Dunant, who was born on 8th May 1828. This year's celebration also coincides with the centenary of the founding of IFRC on 5th May, 1919 by the American, British, French, Italian and Japanese Red Cross Societies.

13) India celebrates _____ edition of Raising Day of Border Roads Organization (BRO) on May 7, 2019?

1) 59th

2) 60th

3) 58th

4) 57th

5) None of these

Answer – **1) 59th**

Explanation:

The 59th Raising Day of Border Roads Organization (BRO) was celebrated on May 7, 2019. It is a nodal road construction agency under the Ministry of Defence. It was formed on 7th May 1960, with the

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.

14) What was the theme of the World Thalassaemia Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Get connected: Share knowledge and experience and fight for a better tomorrow in thalassaemia”
- 2) Theme – “Thalassaemia past, present and future: Documenting progress and patients' needs worldwide”
- 3) Theme – “Universal Access to Quality Thalassaemia Healthcare Services: Building Bridges with and for Patients”
- 4) Theme – “Access to safe and effective drugs in thalassaemia”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – “Universal Access to Quality Thalassaemia Healthcare Services: Building Bridges with and for Patients”

Explanation:

World Thalassaemia Day 2019 was celebrated on May 8 worldwide with a theme of “Universal Access to Quality Thalassaemia Healthcare Services: Building Bridges with and for Patients”. The purpose of this day is to honour all patients of thalassaemia and their wards who never gave up despite all odds and also to support researchers who are striving to create an improved quality of life for people with thalassaemia across the world. To celebrate this day, Thalassaemia International Federation (TIF) organised 3 online competitions worldwide with a certain theme. This online competition will include a video challenge, a photo contest, and a story competition.

15) May 8 observed as the -----.

1. Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation
2. World Press Freedom Day
3. World Migratory Bird Day
4. International Day for Biological Diversity
5. None of these

Answer - 1. Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation

Explanation:-

May 8 observed as the **Day of Remembrance and Reconciliation** for those who had lost their life during Second World War which ended in 1945.

16) When was the 74th anniversary of victory over Nazism in Europe in Second World War observed?

1. May 8
2. May 7
3. May 9
4. May 6

Answer - 3. May 9

Explanation:-

May 9, 2019 observed as the 74th anniversary of victory over Nazism in Europe in Second World War. These days were designated by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 2004.

17) _____ is commemorating ‘2019’ as the ‘Year of Next of Kin’.

1. Indian Army
2. Indian Navy
3. Indian Air Force
4. Indian Coast Guard
5. None of these

Answer - 1. Indian Army

Explanation:-

The Indian Army is commemorating '2019' as the 'Year of Next of Kin' to reach out to the next of kin of battle casualties. As a part of this commemoration, the Army has planned to reach out to the next of kin of battle casualties, ex-servicemen and serving soldiers to resolve their pension related issues and to let them know of their entitled financial benefits, welfare schemes.

18) Whose 158th birth anniversary was celebrated on the 9th of May, 2019?

1. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
2. Dr. Rajendra Prasad
3. Lal Bahadur Shastri
4. Rabindra Nath Tagore

Answer - 4. Rabindra Nath Tagore

Explanation:-

The 158th birth anniversary of Rabindra Nath Tagore, Asia's first Nobel laureate and composer of India's National Anthem, was celebrated. This day is also called 'Rabindra Jayanti' symbolising his birth anniversary. Different programmes were organised to pay homage to the legendary poet and streams of people had gotten together at Tagore's birthplace in Jorasanko Thakurbari, West Bengal.

19) 5th United Nations Global Road Safety Week observed from May 6 to 12. What is the theme of 2019?

1. "SaveLives and SpeakUp"
2. "Let's Speed up the solutions"
3. "Leadership for road safety".
4. "Raising awareness about the road safety"
5. None of these

Answer - 3. "Leadership for road safety".

Explanation:-

Celebrated once in two years, the 5th United Nations Global Road Safety Week is being observed from May 6 to 12, 2019. It emphasizes that everyone can be a leader for road safety. The theme for this year's weekly event is "Leadership for road safety". It launched an ongoing campaign "Save Lives – #SpeakUp" to achieve global goals by ensuring the safety of human life. It runs on the philosophy of "Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020".

20) National Technology Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) May 8
- 2) May 11
- 3) May 10
- 4) May 9
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) May 11

Explanation:

Every year on May 11, National Technology Day is observed in India to mark India's technological advancements. It also emphasizes the importance of science in our day-to-day life. This day marks the remembrance of the successful launch of Shakti-I nuclear missile at Pokhran Test Range in Rajasthan on May 11, 1998. Along with the launch of Shakti-I nuclear missile, which was headed by the then President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, India also successfully test fired two nuclear weapons as part of Operation Shakti.

21) Name the Indian Prime Minister, who declared May 11 as National Technology Day in order to commemorate the technological achievements made by India.

- 1) Indira Gandhi
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Manmohan Singh
- 4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Explanation:

In order to commemorate the technological achievements made by India, the then Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee announced May 11 as the National Technology Day. This day also marks the launch of Hansa-3, India's first indigenous aircraft. It was flown in Bengaluru when the nuclear tests were being conducted in Pokhran, Rajasthan. On the same day, the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) conducted the last test-fire of the Trishul Missile. This missile was later inducted into service by the Indian Air Force and Indian Army.

22) What was the theme of the World Migratory Bird day, 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!"
- 2) Theme – "Unifying our Voices for Bird Conservation"
- 3) Theme – "Their Future is our Future – A Healthy Planet for Migratory Birds and People"
- 4) Theme – "Year of the Bird"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!"

Explanation:

The World Migratory Bird Day for 2019 is observed on May 11. It is celebrated twice in the year, which falls on the second Saturday in May and October. In 2019, it will be celebrated on May 11 and October 10. The theme for this year is "Protect Birds: Be the Solution to Plastic Pollution!". It is organized by the Secretariats of the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals (CMS) and the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) along with Environment for the Americas (EFTA). It is celebrated to raise the awareness on the need for protecting the migratory birds and their habitats. The first world Migratory Day was observed on the weekend of April 8-9, 2006.

23) What was the theme of the International Nurses Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Nurses: A Force for Change: Improving health systems"
- 2) Theme – "Nurses: A Voice to Lead – Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals"
- 3) Theme – "Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All"
- 4) Theme – "A voice to lead: Health is a human right"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – "Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All"

Explanation:

On 12th May 2019, The International Nurses Day was celebrated globally to commemorate the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale also known as 'The Lady with the Lamp', was famous as manager and trainer of nurses during the Crimean War. The theme for the International Nurses Day 2019 is – 'Nurses – A Voice to Lead – Health for All'. In 1860, Nightingale laid the foundation of professional nursing with the establishment of "Nightingale School of Nursing" at St Thomas' Hospital in London. It was the first secular nursing school in the world and is now part of King's College London. The Florence Nightingale Medal is the highest international distinction a nurse can achieve.

24) What was the theme of the International Day of Families (IDF) 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Fathers and Families: Responsibilities and Challenges"
- 2) Theme – "Families, education and well-being"
- 3) Theme – "Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13"

4) Theme – “Families and inclusive societies”

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13”

Explanation:

As proclaimed by the UN (United Nations) General Assembly in 1993 with resolution A/RES/47/237, the International Day of Families or IDF is observed on May 15 every year since 1996, and it lays stress on the importance attached to families. Its theme for 2019 is: “Families and Climate Action: Focus on SDG 13”. The main event of the International Day of Families took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, which was organized by Division for Inclusive Social Development (DISD) of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA). The key SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) 13 targets are: SDG 13 target 13.3: To enhance education, awareness, human and institutional capacity on curbing climate change and adaptation. SDG 13 target 13.2: To incorporate climate change measures into national schemes, strategies and planning.

25) _____ edition of International Day of Light is observed on May 16, 2019?

1) Second

2) Third

3) First

4) Fourth

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Second

Explanation:

Globally, May 16 is celebrated as International Day of Light. This the 2nd edition of the International Day of Light. UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) officially observes the International Day of Light so as to continuously appreciate light and for the exemplary role it plays in science, culture and art, education, sustainable development, medicine, communications, and energy. The Director General of UNESCO is Audrey Azoulay. On 16th May, 2019, globally, more than 300 events have taken place in 60 countries. A special focus of celebrations on this day have been the ‘Illuminating Education conference’ that was held at the UNESCO Category 1 Institute ICTP in Trieste where presentations have covered a wide range of topics, namely, science education, challenges on diversity and gender equality, and practical career advice.

26) International Day of Living Together in Peace is celebrated annually on _____?

1) 13th May

2) 15th May

3) 16th May

4) 14th May

5) None of these

Answer – 3) 16th May

Explanation:

International Day of Living Together in Peace is celebrated on 16th May. This day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly in its resolution 72/130. This day is celebrated to promote peace, tolerance, inclusion, solidarity and understanding across the world. International Day of Living Together in Peace was celebrated for the first time on May 16, 2018. The UN Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) celebrates this day by releasing doves which symbolizes Peace.

27) What was the theme of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) 2019?

1) Theme – “Big Data for Big Impact”

2) Theme – “Bridging the Standardization Gap”

3) Theme – “ICT entrepreneurship for social impact”

4) Theme – “Enabling the positive use of Artificial Intelligence for All”

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Bridging the Standardization Gap”**

Explanation:

World Telecommunication and Information Society Day (WTISD) was celebrated on May 17, 2019, with a theme of “Bridging the Standardization Gap”. It is celebrated on May 17 every year since 1969 because on this day the first International Telegraph Convention was signed and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) was created. This year, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of World Telecommunication and Information Society Day. The purpose to celebrate this day is to help raise awareness of the possibilities that the use of the Internet and other information and communication technologies (ICT) can bring to societies and economies, as well as of ways to bridge the digital divide.

28) National Dengue Day is observed annually on _____?

1) May 16

2) May 17

3) May 15

4) May 18

5) None of these

Answer – **1) May 16**

Explanation:

Initiated by Ministry of Healthy and Family Welfare, National Dengue Day is observed annually on May 16 to raise awareness about the viral disease dengue and its preventive measures. In India, Directorate of National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP) is the nodal centre for the surveillance and prevention of dengue. In 2016, The GOI has launched a mobile app “India Fights Dengue”. In 2017 maximum numbers of dengue cases were reported from Tamil Nadu. As per Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report, globally, 400 million people get infected with this virus annually.

29) What was the theme of World Hypertension Day 2019?

1) Theme – “Awareness of high blood pressure”

2) Theme – “Know Your Blood Pressure”

3) Theme – “Know Your Numbers”

4) Theme – “Treat to goal”

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Know Your Numbers”**

Explanation:

Since 2006, World Hypertension Day (WHD) 2019 is observed annually on May 17 to raise awareness about the high blood pressure (HBP). It is a situation where blood pressure in the arteries is persistently raised. The day also works towards the prevention and control of this silent killer. The theme for WHD 2019 was “Know Your Numbers”. The day was initiated by the World Hypertension League (WHL) on May 14, 2005. This year, WHL in collaboration with the International Society of Hypertension (ISH) also promoted May Measurement Month (MMM), under which, volunteers around the world measure the blood pressure of people in cities, towns, and villages. MMM was initiated in 2017 by ISH.

30) What was the theme of International Museum Day 2019?

1) Theme – “Museums and Cultural Landscapes”

2) Theme – “Museums and contested histories: Saying the unspeakable in museums”

3) Theme – “Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition”

4) Theme – “Hyperconnected Museums: New approaches, new publics”

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition”**

Explanation:

International Museum Day 2019 is celebrated on May 18 annually. It is observed to create awareness on the importance of museums for the development of society. The theme of International Museum Day

2019 is “Museums as Cultural Hubs: The future of tradition”. International Museum Day is organized by the International Council of Museums(ICOM).This day was celebrated for the first time in 1977.In India, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) allows free entry to the general public to the museums as a part of International Museum Day celebrations.

31)Day of Vesak 2019 also known as Buddha Purnima, Buddha Day or Buddha Jayanti 2019 was observed on _____?

- 1) May 18
- 2) May 15
- 3) May 17
- 4) May 16
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) May 18**

Explanation:

The UN General Assembly, by its resolution 54/115 of 1999 has internationally recognized the Day of Vesak also known as Buddha Purnima, Buddha Day or Buddha Jayanti. This day commemorates the birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha (or Lord Buddha). This year it day coincides with May 18, which witnessed the 2,563rd birth anniversary of the Lord Buddha. Buddha Purnima also acknowledges the contribution made by Buddhism for humanity.It is celebrated worldwide on the day of May (Vaishakha) that has the full Moon (known as Purnima).It was on the Day of Vesak, around 2.5 millennia ago, in 623 B.C., Buddha was born at Lumbini Grove. It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment under a Bodhi Tree (Peepal tree), and it was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha in his 80th year passed away. Thus, the Day of Vesak marks the 3 major events of Buddha’s life.

32) What was the theme of the World Metrology Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Constant evolution of the International System of Units”
- 2) Theme – “Measurements for transport”
- 3) Theme – “Measurements in a Dynamic World”
- 4) Theme – “The International System of Units – Fundamentally better”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “The International System of Units – Fundamentally better”**

Explanation:

World Metrology Day was observed on May 20, 2019 with a theme “The International System of Units – Fundamentally better”. This theme was chosen because last year on 16th November 2018, the General Conference on Weights and Measures agreed to revise the International System of Units (SI). The World Metrology Day was celebrated every year because of the signature of the Metre Convention on May 20, 1875. ii. The World Metrology Day project was jointly recognized by International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) and International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML).

33) Whose birthday was commemorated as the World Bee Day?

- 1) Anton Janša
- 2) L. L. Langstroth
- 3) Johann Dzierzon
- 4) Karl Kehrle
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Anton Janša**

Explanation:

World Bee Day was declared by the United Nations General Assembly and it was celebrated for the first time on May 20, 2018, in Slovenia.This day marks the birthday of Anton Janša (1734) who pioneered the modern beekeeping techniques in his native Slovenia in the 18th century.Slovenia had proposed to celebrate May 20 as World Bee Day. In December 2017, The United Nations and the UN Member States approved Slovenia’s proposal and since 2018 this day is celebrated.

34) What was the theme of the World Bee Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Preserve Honey”
- 2) Theme – “Protect Bees”
- 3) Theme – “Save the Bees”
- 4) Theme – “Save Bees and utilize honey”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Save the Bees”**

Explanation:

World Bee Day is celebrated on May 20 annually. It is celebrated to raise the awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development. The theme of this year is “Save the Bees”.

35) What was the theme of the International Day of Biological Diversity 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Biodiversity and Sustainable Tourism”
- 2) Theme – “Celebrating 25 years of Action for Biodiversity”
- 3) Theme – “Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health”
- 4) Theme – “Mainstreaming Biodiversity: Sustaining People and their Livelihoods”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health”**

Explanation:

International Day of Biological Diversity (IDB) was celebrated on May 22. It was declared by the United Nations to raise awareness and increase understanding of biodiversity issues. The theme of this year is "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health". As a part of celebrations, the Convention on Biological Diversity has partnered with the Slow Food International, an organization that promotes local food and traditional cooking. The theme "Our Biodiversity, Our Food, Our Health" is aimed at spreading knowledge and awareness of the dependency of our food systems, nutrition and health on biodiversity and healthy ecosystems.

36) When was World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development observed?

- 1) May 24
- 2) May 23
- 3) May 21
- 4) May 22
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) May 21**

Explanation:

World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development is celebrated on May 21 worldwide. The objective is to bridge the gap between cultures which is urgent and necessary for peace, stability and development. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) had adopted the Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity in 2001 and in 2002, the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in its resolution 57/24 declared May 21 as World day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development.

37) Which country has declared National Vesak week from May 15 to 21, 2019?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) India
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Nepal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sri Lanka**

Explanation:

On 15th May, Sri Lanka declared National Vesak week from May 15 to 21, 2019 to mark the celebrations

of one of the most important events of Buddhists all over the world. The Festival held at the Thotagama Ranpath Viiharaya in Galle, Sri Lanka under the patronage of the President Maithripala Sirisena and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe. The Day of Vesak commemorates the birth anniversary of Gautama Buddha (or Lord Buddha) and it is celebrated on the day of May (Vaishakha) that has the full Moon (known as Purnima). Means this year it day coincided with May 18. The objective of this year's festival is to create a society of wise Buddhists making the village temple as the centre of spiritual development in order to realize the sustainable goals of development. During the festival, different programs will be held centering the Vihara and the Buddha Sasana Ministry will allocate 50 million rupees for the developmental activities of 200 Dhamma schools and 85 temples.

38) National Anti-Terrorism Day 2019 is observed annually on _____?

- 1) May 24
- 2) May 23
- 3) May 21
- 4) May 22
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) May 21

Explanation:

University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked all university in the country to observe May 21 as Anti-terrorism Day. The objective is to wean away the youth from terrorism and showing as to how it is prejudicial to the national interest of the country. This day is celebrated as a Anti-terrorism Day because on the same day in 1991, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was killed by a woman operative of the separatist Lankan Tamil outfit Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE). UGC asked universities to organize different programmes which include pledge-taking ceremony and other activities suggested by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

39) When was World AIDS Vaccine Day (WAVD) observed?

- 1) May 21
- 2) May 20
- 3) May 19
- 4) May 18
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) May 18

Explanation:

Since 1998, World AIDS Vaccine Day (WAVD) is observed every year on 18th May to spread awareness about the urgent need for a vaccine to prevent Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and Acquired Immuno Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The day is also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. World AIDS Vaccine Day observance is headed by National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID), Washington DC, USA. In 1981, AIDS was first reported in the United States and since then becomes a worldwide epidemic. HIV originated in west-central Africa during the late 19th or early 20th century.

40) International Day to End Obstetric Fistula observed annually on _____?

- 1) May 20
- 2) May 21
- 3) May 22
- 4) May 23
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) May 23

Explanation:

United Nations celebrated May 23 as International Day to End Obstetric Fistula. In 2003, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), formerly known as United Nations Fund for Population Activities and

its partners had launched a global campaign to End Obstetric Fistula. In 2012, United Nations announced to celebrate May 23 as International Day to End Obstetric Fistula every year starting from 2013. An obstetric fistula is a hole between the vagina and rectum or bladder that is caused by prolonged obstructed labor, leaving a woman incontinent of urine or feces or both. Obstructed labor means, labor that goes unattended, the labor can last up to six or seven days.

41) What was the theme of International Commonwealth Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “A Connected Commonwealth”
- 2) Theme – “Holocaust Remembrance and Education: Our Shared Responsibility”
- 3) Theme – “linguistic diversity and multilingualism for sustainable development”
- 4) Theme – “Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women’s lives”
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Theme – “A Connected Commonwealth”**

Explanation:

International Commonwealth Day was celebrated on May 24, 2019, by the people in Commonwealth countries. The theme for this year is ‘A Connected Commonwealth’. Commonwealth Day was earlier known as the Empire Day. In 1958, Harold Macmillan, the then Prime Minister of United Kingdom, announced in Parliament the renaming of Empire Day as Commonwealth Day and since then it is celebrated. It is celebrated on the second Monday in March in many countries whereas in India it is celebrated on May 24. This year marks the 70th anniversary of the formation of the Commonwealth.

42) World Turtle Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 22nd May
- 2) 23rd May
- 3) 21st May
- 4) 20th May
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 23rd May**

Explanation:

19th World Turtle Day was observed on May 23, 2019. It is celebrated annually to educate people about the things they can do to protect the habitats of turtle and tortoises. The theme of this year is “Adopt, Don’t Shop”. Key Points: i. For the first time, it was celebrated in the year 2000. It was founded by the American Tortoise Rescue (ATR) to increase the respect and knowledge of turtles. These animals survived for 200 million years.

43) International Missing Children's Day 2019 was observed annually on _____?

- 1) 25th May
- 2) 24th May
- 3) 23rd May
- 4) 22nd May
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 25th May**

Explanation:

International Missing Children's Day 2019 celebrated on May 25 annually. It is celebrated to raise awareness on the issue of child abduction, educate parents on safeguarding measures to protect their children. In 1983, former US President Ronald Reagan declared 25th May as United States' National Missing Children's Day. The date was chosen following the disappearance of 6-year-old boy Etan Patz on 25th May 1979 from New York City who was kidnapped and later killed without heart.

44) What is the symbol of International Missing Children's Day ?

- 1) Winter-flowering heather
- 2) Bleeding Heart

- 3) Forget-me-not flower
- 4) Snake's Head Fritillary
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Forget-me-not flower**

Explanation:

In 2001, May 25 was declared as International Missing Children's Day (IMCD) due to the efforts of International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children(ICMEC), Missing Children Europe and the European Commission. The forget-me-not flower is the symbol of International Missing Children's Day.

45) World Thyroid Day is celebrated annually on _____?

- 1) May 23
- 2) May 24
- 3) May 25
- 4) May 26
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) May 25**

Explanation:

World Thyroid Day is celebrated annually on May 25. It is observed to educate public on checking thyroid function regularly, awareness of the disease and to initiate precautionary action. This day was celebrated for the first time in 2008 by the American Thyroid Association (ATA) and the European Thyroid Association (ETA). The focus of this year is on the children with or at risk of developing thyroid diseases due to the rising incidence of thyroid disease including pediatric thyroid cancer.

46) What was the theme of the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Investing in Peace Around the World”
- 2) Theme – “70 Years of Service and Sacrifice”
- 3) Theme – “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”
- 4) Theme – “Honouring our Heroes”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”**

Explanation:

International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers was celebrated on May 29. This day was adopted by the UN General Assembly in its resolution 57/129. The theme for this year is “Protecting Civilians, Protecting Peace”. The theme of 2019 marks the upcoming 20th anniversary when for the first time the Security Council explicitly mandated a peacekeeping mission (UNAMSIL- United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone) to protect civilians. The day was first celebrated on May 29, 1948 to pay tribute to the 3700 uniformed and civil personnel who lost their lives upholding peace.

47) Whose birth anniversary is celebrated on May 28 to commemorate the sacrifices made by him during the freedom struggle ?

- 1) Veer Savarkar aka Vinayak Damodar Savarkar
- 2) Tirot Sing
- 3) Alluri Sitarama Raju
- 4) Mangal Pandey
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Veer Savarkar aka Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**

Explanation:

The birth anniversary of Veer Savarkar aka Vinayak Damodar Savarkar was observed on May 28 annually to commemorate the sacrifices made by him during the freedom struggle. He was born on May 28, 1883 in Bhagpur village near Nasik in Maharashtra. He was a freedom fighter who called 1857 revolt as the first war of independence. He has written “Joseph Mazzini- Biography and Politics”. He has published “The Indian War of Independence” about Indian rebellion of 1857. He also founded the two-

nation theory in his book "Hindutva" calling Hindus and Muslims two separate nations. He was sentenced to 50 years and was sent to the Cellular Jail in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands in 1911. He was released in 1921. In 2002, in his honour, airport at Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar's capital was renamed as Veer Savarkar International Airport.

48) What was the theme of the World Hunger Day 2019 ?

- 1) Theme – "#Our Actions are our Future"
- 2) Theme – "#SustainabilityIs"
- 3) Theme – "#Agricultural Cooperatives"
- 4) Theme – "#Change the future of migration"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – "#SustainabilityIs"**

Explanation:

The 9th annual World Hunger Day was observed on May 28, 2019, with a theme of "#SustainabilityIs". World Hunger Day is an initiative by The Hunger Project, first started in 2011. The objective is to raise awareness about more than 821 million people living in chronic hunger worldwide. It seeks to celebrate sustainable solutions to hunger and poverty and to inspire everyone to be a part of the solution. The Hunger project used an innovative, holistic approach that tackles all the issues of poverty and hunger and also empowers those people who are living in hunger so that they can become the agents of their own development and lift their communities above the poverty line. Out of the total 821 million people living in chronic hunger, 60 percent of them are women.

49) On which date, International Everest Day was observed ?

- 1) May 28
- 2) May 29
- 3) May 30
- 4) May 27
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) May 29**

Explanation:

66th International Everest Day was observed on May 29. On this day, Nepalese Tenzing Norgay and New Zealand's Edmund Hillary had climbed the Mt. Everest for the first time in 1953. On this day, Himalayan Nature and Adventure Foundation (HNAF) expressed the condolences over the deaths of the Mountaineers during the mountain expeditions in this month. On this regard, an event was organized by Himalayan Nature and Adventure Foundation (HNAF) in association with the Siliguri Jalpaiguri Development Authority (SJDA) in front of the statue of Tenzing Norgay at Darjeeling More, West Bengal.

50) What was the theme of World Digestive Health Day 2019 ?

- 1) Theme – "Reaching out - connect to your community"
- 2) Theme – "Universal Health Coverage: everyone, everywhere"
- 3) Theme – "Viral Hepatitis: Lift the Global Burden"
- 4) Theme – "Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – "Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer"**

Explanation:

World Digestive Health Day was celebrated every year on May 29. This year the theme of the World Digestive Health Day 2019 was "Early Diagnosis and Treatment of Gastrointestinal (GI) Cancer". The day was celebrated by World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO) in collaboration with WGO Foundation (WGOF) and the aim of the celebration was to raise awareness and provide resources and tools for gastrointestinal diseases and disorders. World Digestive Health Day was started in 2003 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the World Gastroenterology Organisation (WGO).

51) What was the theme of the World No Tobacco Day 2019 ?

- 1) Theme – “Tobacco and Lung health”
- 2) Theme – “Tobacco and heart disease”
- 3) Theme – “Tobacco – a threat to development”
- 4) Theme – “Get Ready for Plain Packaging”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Tobacco and Lung health”**

Explanation:

World No-Tobacco Day (WNTD) was observed on May 31. It is celebrated to raise awareness to the public to stop smoking. The theme of the year is "Tobacco and Lung health". The member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) declared this day for the first time in 1987. In 1987, the World Health Assembly passed a Resolution WHA40.38 to celebrate April 7, 1988 as 'World No-Smoking Day'. In 1988, Resolution WHA42.19 was passed to celebrate 'World No Tobacco Day' every year on 31 May. Since 1988, WHO has presented awards to organizations or individuals who have made exceptional contributions in reducing tobacco consumption.

52) International No Diet Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 5th May
- 2) 6th May
- 3) 4th May
- 4) 3rd May
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 6th May**

Explanation:

On 6th May 2019, International No Diet Day (INDD) was observed to promote a healthy lifestyle and raise awareness of the dangers and futility of dieting. The day also aims to raise awareness about the various dieting disorders which exist such as anorexia and bulimia. The INDD symbol is a blue ribbon. The INDD was first created in 1992 by Mary Evans Young to help people appreciate their own bodies. British feminist Mary was an anorexia patient (an eating disorder). She is the director of the British group “Diet Breakers” among the weight issues.

53) What was the theme of the International Day of the Midwife?

- 1) Theme – “Women and Newborns: The Heart of Midwifery”
- 2) Theme – “Midwives: Making a difference in the world”
- 3) Theme – “Midwives leading the way with quality care”
- 4) Theme – “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Theme - “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”**

Explanation:

International Midwives Day 2019 is celebrated on May 5th every year. The theme for this year’s celebration was “Midwives: Defenders of Women’s Rights”. 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. The main event was hosted by WHO Chief Nursing Officer and Taskforce on Nursing and Midwifery. The event was inaugurated by the WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Static GK Q & A – May 2019

1) What is the Capital and Currency of Japan?

Capital: Tokyo & Currency: Japanese yen

2) Where is the headquarter of Dredging Corporation of India Limited (DCIL)?

Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

3) Who is the Secretary-General of International Maritime Organization?

Kitack Lim

4) Where is the headquarter of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) located?

Noida, U.P.

5) What is the tagline of State Bank of India (SBI)?

With you all the way

6) Who is the Director-General of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)?

Jose Graziano da Silva

7) Where is the headquarter of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) located?

Munich, Germany

8) Name the Parent organisation of Archaeological Survey of India?

Ministry of Culture, Government of India

9) Who is the MD & CEO of National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

Vikram Limaye

10) What is the Capital and Currency of United Kingdom(UK)?

Capital: London & Currency: Pound sterling

11) Where is the headquarter of World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

12) What is the Capital and Currency of Qatar?

Capital: Doha & Currency: Qatari Riyal

13) Where is the headquarter of LIC Housing Finance Ltd (LIC HFL) located?

Maharashtra

14) Where is the headquarter of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) located?

Haren, Brussels, Belgium

15) Who is the Director of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

K. Sivan

16) Who is the Chief Economic Adviser to the Government of India?

Krishnamurthy Subramanian

17) What is the Capital and Currency of United Arab Emirates(UAE) ?

Capital: Abu Dhabi & Currency: United Arab Emirates Dirham

18) Who is the Prime Minister of Senegal?

Mohammed Dionne

19) Where is the headquarter of Asian Development Bank(ADB) located?

Mandaluyong, Metro Manila, Philippines

20) Who is the Chairman of 15th Finance Commission?

N.K. Singh

21) Who is the President of Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

Mr. Takehiko Nakao

22) What is the Capital and Currency of Denmark?

Capital: Copenhagen & Currency: Danish Krone

23) Who is the founder & CEO of SpaceX?

Elon Musk

24) Where is the headquarter of Volleyball Federation of India(VFI) located?

Bengaluru, India

25) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion functions under which Ministry?

Ministry of Commerce and Industry

26) Who is the President of Federation of Indian Chambers & Industry (FICCI)?

Sandip Somany

27) What is the Capital and Currency of Senegal?

Capital: Dakar & Currency: CFA franc, West African CFA franc.

28) What is the Tagline of Yes Bank?

Experience our Expertise

29) Who is the CEO of Microsoft?

Satya Nadella

30) Where is the headquarter of International Monetary Fund (IMF) located?

Washington, D.C. , US

31) Where is the headquarter of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

32) When was Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) initiated?

2015

33) Who is the CEO of HDFC Life Insurance?

Vibha Padalkar

34) What is the Capital and Currency of Japan?

Capital: Tokyo & Currency: Japanese Yen

35) Who is the President of International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association (IMMA)?

Johannes Loman

36) What is the tagline of Yes Bank?

Experience our Expertise

37) Who is the CEO of Microsoft?

Satya Nadella

38) Where is the headquarter of World Health Organisation (WHO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

39) What is the Capital and Currency of Afghanistan?

Capital: Kabul & Currency: Afghan afghani

40) Pakkamalai Reserve Forests is recently in news, it is located in which state?

Answer – Tamil Nadu

41) Indravati National Park is located in which state?

Answer - Chhattisgarh

42) Who is the governor of Jammu and Kashmir?

Satya Pal Malik

43) Where is the headquarter of United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) located?

New York, US

44) What is the tagline of Karnataka Bank?

Your Family Bank, Across India

45) Montesinho Natural Park is located in which country

Answer – Portugal

46) Where is the headquarter of International Solar Alliance (ISA) located?

Gurugram, Haryana

47) Who is the President of Singapore?

Halimah Yacob

48) What is the Capital and Currency of Eritrea?

Capital: Asmara & Currency: Eritrean Nakfa

49) Where is the headquarter of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) located?

Anand, Gujarat

50) Who is the President of All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

Praful Patel

51) Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Uttar Pradesh

52) Where is the headquarter of WhatsApp located?

United States

53) Who is the CEO of Facebook?

Mark Zuckerberg

54) Who is the Secretary-General of United Nations?

Antonio Guterres

55) Who is the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh?

Yogi Adityanath

56) Who is the President of International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF)?

Sebastian Coe

57) What is the Capital and Currency of Spain?

Capital: Madrid & Currency: Euro

58) Who is the director of Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology?

Rakesh Mishra

59) Who is the President of China?

Xi Jinping

60) Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium is located in which state?

Hyderabad, Telangana

61) Brahmakalashotsava Festival 2019 is celebrated in which state?

Karnataka

62) Who is the Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Organization(NASA)?

Jim Bridenstine

63)Where is the head quarter of International Cricket Council (ICC) located?

Dubai, UAE

64) What is the tagline of Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India(ICICI) Bank?

"Hum Hai na"

65) What is the Capital and Currency of Fiji?

Capital: Suva & Currency: Fijian Dollar

66) Gir forest is located in which state?

Answer – Gujarat

67) What is the Capital and Currency of Bosnia & Herzegovina?

Capital: Sarajevo & Currency: Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible mark

68) Who is the President of Nepal?

Bidhya Devi Bhandari

69) What is the tagline of Nanital Bank?

Banking with Personal Touch

70) Which state celebrated the Pooram festival?

Kerala

71) Chandoli National Park is located in which state?

Maharashtra

72) Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Scott Morrison

73) Where is the headquarter of Asian Football Confederation (AFC) located?

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

74) What is the Capital and Currency of South Africa?

Capital: Cape Town, Pretoria, Bloemfontein & Currency: South African rand

75) Who is the President of Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)?

Debendranath Sarangi

76) Who is the Secretary General of International Telecommunication Union (ITU)?

Houlin Zhao

77) Pambadum Shola National Park is located in which state?

Kerala

78) Who is the Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC)?

Shashank Manohar

79) Where is the headquarter of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) located?

Dehradun, Uttarakhand

80) What is the tagline of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

We believe in your belief (Bharosa, Aap ke Bharose Par)

81) Who is the President of World Hypertension League (WHL)?

Daniel T. Lackland

82) Where is the headquarter of United Nations located?

Manhattan, New York, United States

3) Who is the chief of Naval Staff?

Admiral Sunil Lanba

84) Where is the headquarter of Bajaj Finserv?

Pune, Maharashtra, India

85) Who is the Prime Minister of Kingdom of Eswatini?

Ambrose Mandvulo Dlamini

86) Who is the Secretary-General of United Nation?

António Guterres

87) Where is the headquarter of Archaeological Survey of India(ASI)?

New Delhi

88) What is the Motto of National Security Guards (NSG)?

Omnipresent Omnipotent Security

89) Where is the headquarter of Google?

California, US

90) When was Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) launched?

14th January 2016

91) Kesarbagh Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Rajasthan

92) How many Regional Rural Bank's are there in India?

45

93) Who is the chairman of Tripura Gramin Bank?

Mahendra Mohan Goswami

94) Where is the headquarter of Badminton World Federation (BWF) located?

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

95) Who is the president of All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

Praful Patel

96) Where is the headquarter of United Nations Environment Programme (UN Environment) located?

Nairobi, Kenya

97) Who is the MD and CEO of SBI Card?

Hardayal Prasad

98) Gangotri National Park is located in which state?

Uttarakhand

99) Who is the Director General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

Audrey Azoulay

100) What is the Capital and Currency of United Arab Emirates(UAE)?

Capital: Abu Dhabi & Currency: UAE Dirham

101) What is the Capital and Currency of Iceland?

Capital: Reykjavik & Currency: Iceland Krona

102) Who is the President of United Arab Emirates(UAE) ?

Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan

103) What is the tagline of Karnataka Bank?

Your Family Bank, Across India

104) Who is the Managing Director of State Bank of India ?

PK Gupta

105) Where is the headquarter of Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) located?

Paris, France

106) Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park is located in which state?

Telangana

107) Who is the chairman of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)?

G. Satheesh Reddy

108) Where was the headquarter of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) located?

New York, US

109) What is the Capital and Currency of Ukraine?

Capital – Kyiv & Currency – Ukrainian hryvnia

110) Who is the MD & CEO of Bharti AXA Life Insurance?

Vikas Seth

111) Where is the headquarter of Commonwealth of Nations?

London, UK

112) Who is the President of International Tennis Federation (ITF)?

David Haggerty

113) What is the motto of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?

For the Benefit of All

114) Koundinya Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Andhra Pradesh

115) What is the Capital and Currency of Iran?

Capital: Tehran & Currency: Iranian rial

116) Where is the headquarter of International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) located?

Alexandria, Virginia, USA

117) Who is the administrator National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA)?

Jim Bridenstine

118) What is the tagline of Corporation Bank ?

A Premier Public Sector Bank , Prosperity for all

119) Where was the Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium located?

Guwahati, Assam

120) Who is the Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO) ?

Tedros Adhanom

121) What is the Capital and Currency of Sweden?

Capital: Stockholm & Currency: Swedish Krona

122) Who is the chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) ?

Ajay Tyagi

123) Where is the headquarter of United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) located ?

Juba, South Sudan

124) Who is the chairman of European Thyroid Association(ETA) ?

Peter Smyth

125) What is the Capital and Currency of Papua New Guinea?

Capital: Port Moresby & Currency: Papua New Guinean Kina

126) Who is the Chairman & MD of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)?

Shiv Das Meena

127) Pangolakha Wildlife Sanctuary was located in which state?

Sikkim

128) Who is the Director General of Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) ?

Dr. Usha Sharma

129) Wolong National Nature Reserve is located in which country?

China

130) What is the Capital and Currency of Germany?

Capital: Berlin & Currency: Euro

131) Who is the chairman of National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM) ?

Keshav Muruges.

132) Where is the headquarter of Standard Chartered located?

London, United Kingdom

133) What is the tagline of Oriental Bank of Commerce ?

Where every individual is committed

134) Where is the headquarter of Federation Internationale de Football Association's (FIFA) located ?

Zurich, Switzerland

135) Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Andhra Pradesh

136) Who is the director general of World Health Organization(WHO)?

Tedros Adhanom

137) What is the tagline of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) ?

Good people to grow with

138) National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC) works under which ministry?

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

139) Mouling National Park is located in which state?

Arunachal Pradesh

140) Where is the headquarters of United Nations?

New York, USA

141) Surinsar Mansar Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state ?

Jammu and Kashmir

142) What is the Capital and Currency of Papua New Guinea ?

Capital: Port Moresby & Currency: Papua New Guinean kina

143) Who is the Prime Minister of Mauritius ?

Pravind Jugnauth

144) Nandankanan Zoological Park is located in which state?

Odisha

145) Who is the director of Indian Space Research Organization(ISRO)?

K Sivan

146) Where is the headquarter of World Health Organization(WHO) located ?

Geneva, Switzerland

147) Who is the President of International Shooting Sport Federation(ISSF) ?

Vladimir Lisin

148) Where is the headquarter of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI) located?

New Delhi, India

149) When was Supreme Court of India founded ?

1950

150) What is the Motto of Indian Navy ?

Sham No Varunah (May the Lord of the water be auspicious unto us)

151) Gir Forest National Park is located in which state?

Answer – Gujarat

152) Where was the headquarter of World Health Organization(WHO) located?

Answer - Geneva, Switzerland

153) Who is the President of Confederation of Indian Industry(CII)?

Answer - **Vikram Kirloskar**

154) What is the Capital and Currency of Malaysia?

Answer - **Capital: Kuala Lumpur & Currency: Malaysian Ringgit**

155) Who is the Prime Minister of Nepal?

Answer - **KP Sharma Oli**

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