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INDIAN AFFAIRS

1. Who released the 14th edition of the National Health Profile(NHP) 2019 in New Delhi?

- 1) Smriti Irani
- 2) Prakash Javadekar
- 3) D. V. Sadananda Gowda
- 4) Harsh Vardhan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Harsh Vardhan

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019, the union minister of Health and Family Welfare (HFW), Science and technology and earth science, Shri Harsh Vardhan released the 14th edition of the National Health Profile(NHP) 2019, and also its ebook at an event in New Delhi. CBHI has been publishing the NHP since 2005 and its digital version since 2015. The health profile covers information on demographics, socio-economic health status, health finance indicators, health infrastructure and health of human resources in the country.

2. Which state/UT has the highest population density with 11,320 people per square kilometer?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Delhi

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019, the union minister of Health and Family Welfare (HFW), Science and technology and earth science, Shri Harsh Vardhan released the 14th edition of the National Health Profile(NHP) 2019. Delhi reported the highest population density with 11,320 people per square kilometre while the lowest was in Arunachal Pradesh with density of 17.

3. Name the mission, which was launched with an objective to achieve 100% immunization?

- 1) Bhartam Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0
- 2) Suraksha Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0
- 3) Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0
- 4) Sansad Adarsh Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019, the union minister of Health and Family Welfare(HWF), science and technology and earth science Dr. Harsh Vardhan launched Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 2.0 portal in New Delhi ahead of the launch of IMI 2.0 programme in December 2019-March 2020. The IMI 2.0 is a rechristened version of mission Indhradhanush-Universal Immunization Programme(UIP) that aims to achieve 100% immunization.

4. Where was the 3rd edition of the Global Ayurveda Summit 2019 held?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kochi, Kerala**

Explanation:

The governor of Kerala Arif Mohammed Khan inaugurated the 2-day long 3rd edition of the Global Ayurveda Summit 2019 in Kochi, Kerala from October 30-31, 2019. The theme of the summit was 'Mainstreaming Ayurveda through Startups, Innovation and Branding' and was organised by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).

5. Which two countries had recently signed a joint declaration of intent on cooperation in agriculture market development?

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

Answer – **4) India and Germany**

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar held bilateral meeting with his German counterpart Ms. Julia Klockner, German Minister of Food & Agriculture in New Delhi. Both Ministers of India & Germany signed a Joint Declaration of Intent on cooperation in agriculture market development, during the meeting.

6. Name the German Minister of Food & Agriculture, who visited India recently?

- 1) Franziska Giffey
- 2) Julia Klockner
- 3) Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer
- 4) Katarina Barley
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Julia Klockner**

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, The Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar held bilateral meeting with his German counterpart Ms. Julia Klockner, German Minister of Food & Agriculture in New Delhi.

7. Name the two Union Territories(UT) of India, whose new political map of India was released?

- 1) Jammu and Ladakh
- 2) Ladakh and Leh
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Leh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019, A day after the bifurcation of the state Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) into two Union territories (UT) – Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh, the Union Home minister Amit Shah has released a new political map of India showing 28 states and 9 Union territories.

8. Which organization has redrawn the new political map after official formation of the UT of J&K, and Ladakh?

- 1) Survey of India
- 2) Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC)
- 3) Vigyan Prasar
- 4) National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Survey of India

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019, A day after the bifurcation of the state Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) into two Union territories (UT) – Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh, the Union Home minister Amit Shah has released a new political map of India showing 28 states and 9 Union territories. He also separately released a map showing the administrative boundaries of the Union territories of J&K and Ladakh. The map has been redrawn by Survey of India, Department of Science & Technology.

9. Find the district which is not the part of new Union Territory Ladakh?

- 1) Chilhas
- 2) Poonch
- 3) Kargil
- 4) Gilgit Wazarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Poonch

Explanation:

The new UT of Ladakh consists of 2 districts of Kargil and Leh & areas such as Gilgit, Gilgit Wazarat, Chilhas and the Tribal Territory of 1947 that have been occupied by Pakistan are included in the Ladakh UT. The Leh district has been defined in the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization (Removal of Difficulties) Second Order, 2019. The rest of the former State of Jammu and Kashmir such as Kupwara, Baramulla, Bandipur, Ganderbal, Srinagar, Pulwama, Poonch, Budgam, Shopian, Anantnag, Kulgam, Kishtwar, Rajouri, Reasi, Ramban, Doda, Jammu, Udhampur, Samba, Kathua & other areas in Pakistan occupied Kashmir (PoK) such as Mirpur and Muzaffarabad have been included in the new UT of J&K.

10. Where was the 7th meeting of India-US (United States) Economic and Financial partnership (EFP) dialogue 2019 held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Washington D.C., United States
- 3) Mumbai, India
- 4) New York, United States
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, In order to deepen the economic partnership, the 7th meeting of India-US (United States) Economic and Financial partnership (EFP) dialogue 2019 held in New Delhi.

11. Who led the Indian delegation to the 7th meeting of India-US (United States) Economic and Financial partnership (EFP) dialogue 2019?

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Nitin Gadkari
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nirmala Sitharaman**

Explanation:

Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance, Government of India (GoI) led the Indian delegation to the 7th meeting of India-US (United States) Economic and Financial partnership (EFP) dialogue 2019 that held in New Delhi.

12. Which two countries have agreed to enhance cooperation in tackling money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism recently?

- 1) India & Japan
- 2) India & Russia
- 3) India & United States(US)
- 4) India & China
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India & United States(US)**

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, Both the nations of India & US (United States) have agreed to enhance cooperation in tackling money laundering and combating the financing of terrorism, during 7th meeting of the Economic and Financial Partnership (EFP) held in New Delhi.

13. Which year is set as target to produce 1 billion tonnes of coal by the Minister of coal & mines, and parliamentary affairs Shri Prahlad Singh Joshi?

- 1) 2025
- 2) 2022
- 3) 2023
- 4) 2024
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 2024**

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019, Minister of coal & mines, and parliamentary affairs Shri Prahlad Singh Joshi announced the target of producing 750 million tonnes of coal in the financial year 2020-21 and also of producing 1 billion tonnes of coal in the financial year 2023-2024 by Coal India Ltd (CIL). This was announced during his address at CIL's 45th Coal India Foundation Day celebrations in Kolkata, West Bengal.

14. Name the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, who visited India recently?

- 1) Gerhard Schröder
- 2) Emmanuel Macron
- 3) Angela Merkel
- 4) Theresa May
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Angela Merkel

Explanation:

The Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany Dr. Angela Merkel paid a 2-day official visit to India from October 31-November 1, 2019 at the invitation of Prime Minister(PM) Shri Narendra Modi, with the aim of boosting strategic ties with the country including key areas such as defence and security.

15. Where was the 5th Indo German Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC) held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Berlin, Germany
- 3) Kolkata, India
- 4) Munich, Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

5th Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC) was co-chaired by PM Modi and Angela Merkel. This IGC which was held in Hyderabad House, New Delhi, was part of strengthening the relationship between the two nations in traditional sectors like transport, skill development & energy, and explore possibilities for cooperation in newer areas like green urban mobility and Artificial Intelligence(AI).

16. How many Memorandum of Understandings(MoU's) were signed between India and Germany during Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany visit to India?

- 1) 20
- 2) 17
- 3) 22
- 4) 25
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 17

Explanation:

17 Memorandum of Understandings(MoUs) & agreements and 5 Joint Declaration of Intent(JDI) were signed at the 5th Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC).

S.No	MoU/Agreements
1	Arrangement for exchanging personnel between Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO) and German Aerospace Centre (DLR- in German).
2	Cooperation in the Field of Civil Aviation.
3	Cooperation within the International smart cities network.
4	Cooperation in the field of skill development and vocational

	education and training(VET).
5	Economic Cooperation in the field of Start-ups.
6	Establishing cooperation project on agricultural market development.
7	MoU in Occupational Diseases, rehabilitation and vocational training of insured persons & workers with disabilities.
8	Statement of Intent(SOI) on Indo-German Migration and mobility partnership agreement.
9	MoU between National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management MANAGE, Hyderabad, Telangana and the German Agricultural Academy DEULA in the German city of Nienburg. The cooperation is for agricultural, technical and professional training.
10	Cooperation in Inland, coastal and maritime technology.
11	Establishment of academic collaboration in Ayurveda, Yoga and Meditation.
12	Promotion and expansion of scientific and technological research cooperation
13	Extension of the partnership in higher education.
14	Cooperation between the National Museum, New Delhi; The National Gallery of Modern Art, Karnataka; The Indian Museum, Kolkata; The Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation and the Stiftung Humboldt Forum in Berliner Schloss Germany.
15	JDI of intent between Siemens Limited, India and MSDE(Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship) and German Ministry for economic cooperation and development on skills for sustainable growth.
16	All India Football Federation (AIFF) and Deutscher Fußball-Bund (DFB).

17. Which of the following is not the part of 5 Joint Declaration of Intent(JDI) signed between India and Germany during Angela Merkel, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany visit to India?

- 1) Consultations for the period 2020-2024
- 2) Cooperation on Strategic Projects
- 3) Cooperation in Research & Development (R&D) on AI
- 4) Cooperation in Infrastructure Projects
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Cooperation in Infrastructure Projects

Explanation:

5 Joint Declaration of Intent(JDI) were signed at the 5th Indo-German Inter-Governmental Consultations (IGC).

S.No	Joint Declaration of Intent
1	Consultations for the period 2020-2024

2	Cooperation on Strategic Projects.
3	Indo-German Partnership for Green Urban Mobility.
4	Cooperation in Research & Development (R&D) on AI.
5	JDI regarding cooperation in the field of prevention of marine litter.

18. Name the field for which German Chancellor Angela Merkel, pledged to invest €1 billion over the next five years?

- 1) In the field of Start-ups
- 2) In the Field of Civil Aviation
- 3) Environment friendly urban mobility
- 4) International smart cities network
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Environment friendly urban mobility

Explanation:

The German Chancellor Merkel, pledged to invest €1 billion over the next five years on environmentally-friendly urban mobility in the Indian nation. Germany would invest €200 million for bus sector reforms in Tamil Nadu.

19. Who chaired the Empowered Committee (EC) that recommended to set up and strengthen Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs) and Women Help Desks (WHDs) in police stations across India?

- 1) S. K. Sinha
- 2) Rajiv Gauba
- 3) Rabindra Panwar
- 4) Samant Goel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rabindra Panwar

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019, The govt. of India is to set up and strengthen Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs) and Women Help Desks (WHDs) in police stations across the country for safety and security of women and girl victims of trafficking. The Empowered Committee (EC) chaired by Rabindra Panwar, Secretary of the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD) recommended this proposal to the Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA).

20. Using which fund, recommended Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs) and Women Help Desks (WHDs) will be set up?

- 1) Nirbhaya Fund
- 2) Permanent Fund
- 3) Revenue Fund
- 4) Capital projects Fund
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nirbhaya Fund

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019, The govt. of India is to set up and strengthen Anti-Human-Trafficking-Units (AHTUs) and Women Help Desks (WHDs) in police stations across the country for safety and security of women and girl victims of trafficking. Setting up of WHDs in 10,000 police stations and AHTUs in the remaining districts of India, costing Rs. 100cr each which were recommended to be borne by the government under the Nirbhaya Fund.

21. Name the organization, which introduced India's 1st nanotechnology-based environment-friendly plant nutrition products by introducing nano- nitrogen, nano-zinc and nano-Copper?

- 1) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India(NAFED)
- 2) National Fertilizers Limited(NFLTD)
- 3) Rashtriya Chemicals & Fertilizers(RDFTLD)
- 4) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO)**

Explanation:

On November 3, 2019, the world's largest fertiliser cooperative- Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) introduced India's 1st nanotechnology-based environment-friendly plant nutrition products by introducing nano- nitrogen, nano-zinc and nano-Copper for on-field trials at an event at Gujarat's Kalol unit of IFFCO.

22. Which Indian Ministry has released the report titled "Annual report 2018- 2019" that ranks the Indian States based upon the violence occurred?

- 1) Ministry of Defence
- 2) Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Union Home Ministry**

Explanation:

Union Home Ministry of India released the report titled "Annual report 2018- 2019".

23. Name the state, which remained the most violent State accounting for about 50% of the total incidents in the Northeast region in 2018?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Assam
- 3) Manipur
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Manipur**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, As per the "Annual report 2018- 2019", released by Union Home Ministry, Government of India (GoI), the State of Manipur remained the most violent State accounting for about 50% of the total incidents in the region in 2018 with a total of 127 violent incidents as against the 252 incidents reported in entire NE (North East) states that includes Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. i

24. Where was the 8th edition of the Indo – German Energy Forum (IGEF) 2019 held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Arnis, Germany
- 3) Mumbai, India
- 4) Berlin, Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) New Delhi

Explanation:

The 8th edition of the Indo – German Energy Forum (IGEF) was held on November 1, 2019 in New Delhi to deepen the strategic political dialogue regarding the ongoing energy transition in both countries. From the Indian side, it was co-chaired by Sanjiv Nandan Sahai, Secretary of power ministry while from the German side it was chaired by Mr. Christian Hirte, Secretary of State of the federal ministry of economic affairs and energy.

25. How many Memorandum of Understandings(MoU) were signed by the Ministry of Power and Ministry of New & Renewable Energy with the German counterparts during the 8th edition of the Indo – German Energy Forum (IGEF) 2019?

- 1) 10
- 2) 4
- 3) 5
- 4) 8
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 8

Explanation:

During the 8th edition of the Indo – German Energy Forum (IGEF) 2019 a total of 8 Memorandum of Understandings(MoU) were signed by the Ministry of Power and Ministry of New & Renewable Energy with the German counterparts. The MoUs were on Flexibilization in thermal power plants Renewable Energy efficiency and low carbon strategies Green energy corridors Sub groups were also created on the above mentioned areas, where regular meetings will be conducted hereafter.

26. Where was the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue (SCOJTEx)- 2019 held?

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

Answer – 4) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

3-day organised Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue (SCOJTEx)- 2019 was kick started in New Delhi. The exercise which will be held till november 7, 2019 is organised by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

27. Who inaugurated the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue (SCOJTEx)- 2019?

- 1) Rajnath Singh

- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019 the union Minister of Home Affairs(MoHA) Shri Amit Shah inaugurated 3-day organised Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Joint Exercise on Urban Earthquake Search & Rescue (SCOJTEs)- 2019 in New Delhi. The exercise which will be held till november 7, 2019 is organised by National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).

28. Name the mobile app developed by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), where international passengers can file customs declaration in advance?

- 1) FILE
- 2) ATITHI
- 3) VERIFY
- 4) DECLARE
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) ATITHI**

Explanation:

ATITHI is an easy to use mobile app by CBIC, where international passengers can file customs declaration in advance. The app is available on both iOS (operating system) and Android devices.

29. Find the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard, that enables the public to check the customs clearance time of import cargo in various ports/airports?

- 1) CLEARDASH
- 2) CHKDASH
- 3) MONITOR
- 4) ICEDASH
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) ICEDASH**

Explanation:

The ICEDASH which is an Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) monitoring dashboard, enables the public to check the customs clearance time of import cargo in various ports/airports. The dashboard is developed by joint collaboration of CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) with NIC (National Informatics Centre). The ICEDASH can be accessed through CBIC website.

30. Who launched the two new IT (Information Technology) initiatives, “ICEDASH” and “ATITHI” in New Delhi for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of goods?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Nirmala Sitharaman**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, the union minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt Nirmala Sitharaman launched two new IT (Information Technology) initiatives in New Delhi. They were "ICEDASH" and "ATITHI" for improved monitoring and pace of customs clearance of goods that are imported and to facilitate the arriving international passengers by e-filing of customs baggage and currency declarations.

31. In which river, the first ever Integrated Inland Water Transport (IWT) movement was announced?

- 1) Godavari
- 2) Yamuna
- 3) Brahmaputra
- 4) Ganges
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Brahmaputra**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019 the union shipping ministry announced 1st ever landmark Container Cargo consignment (movement of goods) to sail on inland waterways from Haldia Dock Complex (HDC), West Bengal to the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) terminal in Pandu, Guwahati, in the river Brahmaputra. This approval was given in order to boost the connectivity in the northeast region.

32. Who released the 5th edition Wastelands Atlas 2019?

- 1) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 2) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 3) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- 4) Adha Mohan Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Narendra Singh Tomar**

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister for Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Panchayati Raj has released the 5th edition Wastelands Atlas 2019.

33. How much percent of India's geographical area are wastelands in India in the year 2015-16 as per the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC)'s 5th Wastelands atlas 2019?

- 1) 22.96 %
- 2) 25.96%
- 3) 20.96%
- 4) 16.96 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 16.96 %**

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, the Union Minister for Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Panchayati Raj has released the 5th edition Wastelands Atlas 2019. As per the atlas, which presents the changes in wastelands between 2008-09 and 2015-16, wastelands in India has estimated to the tune of 55.76 million hectares (Mha) / 16.96 % of

geographical area of the country i.e. 328.72 million hectares for the year 2015-16 as compared to 56.60 Mha (17.21%) in the year 2008-09.

34. Which organization has associated with Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) & launched SkillsBuild platform?

- 1) International Business Machines Corporation(IBM)
- 2) Microsoft Corporation
- 3) Google
- 4) Facebook
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) International Business Machines Corporation(IBM)

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, In order to help the next-generation to compete in the global economy, Directorate General of Training (DGT), under the aegis of Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE), has launched SkillsBuild platform in association with IBM (International Business Machines Corporation) India Private Limited, the Indian subsidiary of IBM.

35. Who inaugurated India's 1st-ever global mega-science exhibition, 'Vigyan samagam 2019', in kolkata, West Bengal?

- 1) Piyush Goyal
- 2) D. V. Sadananda Gowda
- 3) Harsh Vardhan
- 4) Prakash Javadekar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Harsh Vardhan

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, Dr Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Minister of Science & Technology and Minister of Earth Science has inaugurated the India's 1st -ever multi-venue Mega science exhibition, 'Vigyan Samagam 2019', at the iconic Science City in Kolkata, West Bengal.

36. Under which scheme, 2.31 lakh more houses were sanctioned at 48th meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC)?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY- U)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Jyoti Jyoti Bima Yojna (PMJJBY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY- U)

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019 Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, secretary of Housing and Urban Affairs ministry(HUA) approved construction of 2.31 lakh more houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY- U). The approval was given at the 48th meeting of Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) under PMAY-U. With this approval, the house construction count has increased to 93.1 lakh and is expected that the target of constructing 1.1crore homes under the scheme would soon be achieved.

37. Which two countries has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on withdrawal of 1.82 cusec of water from Feni River by India for drinking water supply scheme?

- 1) India & China
- 2) India & Myanmar
- 3) India & Nepal
- 4) India & Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India & Bangladesh

Explanation:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Indian and Bangladesh on the withdrawal of 1.82 cubic feet per second (cusecs) of water from Feni river by India. This is the first such agreement between the South Asian neighbours in more than two decades by India and Bangladesh.

38. Name the Indian city, that will receive 1.82 cusec of water for drinking water supply scheme as per an agreement over Feni River by India and Bangladesh?

- 1) Ranirbazar, Tripura
- 2) Sabroom, Tripura
- 3) Sonamura, Tripura
- 4) Ambassa, Tripura
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Sabroom, Tripura

Explanation:

Sabroom town(Tripura) will receive 1.82 cusec of water for drinking water supply scheme by India and Bangladesh agreements over Feni River. The Feni River originates in South Tripura district and flows through Sabroom town(Tripura) and then enters Bangladesh.

39. Which country's MoU based on Health, Medicine and Protocol convention on tax evasion have been approved by the cabinet on November 6 2019?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Guinea
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Maldives
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Brazil

Explanation:

India has signed 2 MoU's with Brazil. The MoU's were Health and medicine & Protocol convention on tax evasion. Health and medicine: The cabinet has approved co-operation of India and Brazil in the field of health and medicine. The MoU in this regard is expected to be signed in November 2019. Protocol convention on tax evasion: The cabinet also approved protocol convention for the avoidance of double taxation and also on prevention of fiscal evasion regarding taxes on income. Through the updation of the Double Taxation Avoidance Convention's (DTAC) provisions to international standards, the protocol will facilitate the elimination of double taxation. The tax evasion is an illegal activity in which a person or entity deliberately avoids paying a true tax liability.

40. In which of the following field, India and Guinea has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on November 6, 2019?

- 1) Tourism
- 2) Climate change and environment
- 3) Renewable energy
- 4) Health and Medicine
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Renewable energy

Explanation:

The cabinet has given approval for India and Guinea to cooperate in the field of renewable energy. The objective of the MoU is to encourage and promote cooperation in renewable energy on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity between the parties.

41. India and German agency DGUV (Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung) has signed MoU on various field, which of the following is not among them?

- 1) Rehabilitation
- 2) Vocational training
- 3) Occupational diseases
- 4) Renewable Energy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Renewable Energy

Explanation:

India and Germany hasn't signed in the Renewable Energy field. The union cabinet approved MoU between India and German agency DGUV (Deutsche Gesetzliche Unfallversicherung), which is a German statutory accident insurance agency. The MoU was on cooperation on occupational diseases, rehabilitation and vocational training. India and DGUV will work on Occupational Safety and Health(OSH) and social protection, and also help in exchanging information in areas related to medical, occupational and social rehabilitation of insured persons with disabilities and prevention, detection and treatment of occupational diseases.

42. For which of the following project, Cabinet had approved to provide 'Special Window' fund of Rs 25,000 crore on November 6, 2019?

- 1) Infrastructure
- 2) Stalled Housing Projects
- 3) Education
- 4) Smart City
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Stalled Housing Projects

Explanation:

In a major relief to landlords and real estate companies stuck in stalled housing projects, the Union Cabinet gave its assent for the establishment of a 'Special Window' fund of Rs 25,000 crore for the stuck housing project across the country. The government will provide 10,000 crore rupees as a Category-11 Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) registered with SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India). State Bank of India (SBI) & Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) besides sovereign wealth funds and pension funds will provide the remaining Rs 15,000 crore to reach Rs.25000 crores.

43. Name the joint naval exercise of India & Indonesia that held in Bay of Bengal from November 6-7, 2019?

- 1) Ajeya Warrior 2019
- 2) Maitree 2019
- 3) Samudra Shakti 2019
- 4) Mitra Shakti 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Samudra Shakti 2019

Explanation:

The 2nd divisional naval exercise 'Samudra Shakti 2019' between India navy & Indonesia navy was held in Bay of Bengal, the northeastern part of the Indian Ocean, from November 6-7, 2019. INS (Indian Naval Ship) Kamorta, an anti-submarine warfare corvette was jointly exercising with Indonesian warship KRI Usman Harun as part of the exercise.

44. Which armed force has conducted the Regional Level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise 2019 (ReSAREX- 1 in Goa?

- 1) Indian Coast Guard(ICG)
- 2) Indian Army
- 3) Indian Air Force(IAF)
- 4) Central Armed Police Forces(CAPF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Indian Coast Guard(ICG)

Explanation:

The Indian Coast Guard(ICG) conducted Regional Level Search and Rescue Workshop and Exercise 2019 (ReSAREX- 1 near the coast of Goa, to check the efficiency and preparedness of ICG. The exercise was organised for 2 days, by the coast guard district headquarters of Goa from November 6-7, 2019.

45. Name the organization that released the report titled "India Justice Report 2019" in collaboration with the Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause & Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative?

- 1) International Court of Justice
- 2) Tata Trusts
- 3) United Nations
- 4) World Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Tata Trusts

Explanation:

Tata Trusts in collaboration with the Centre for Social Justice, Common Cause, and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative released the India Justice Report 2019. It was unveiled by former Supreme Court Judge Justice Madan B. Lokur.

46. Which state topped among the 18 large-medium states in the overall ranking of Indian States on justice delivery as per the "India Justice Report 2019"?

- 1) Jharkhand
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kerala

- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On November 7 2019, According to 'India Justice Report 2019', Maharashtra is the topest state among the 18 large-medium states that leads in the overall ranking of Indian States on justice delivery, followed by Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and Punjab. In this classification, Jharkhand, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are at the bottom.

47. Based on how many pillars, 'India Justice Report 2019' was released?

- 1) 2
- 2) 3
- 3) 4
- 4) 5
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 4**

Explanation:

The report covers the justice of delivery on police, judiciary, prisons and legal aid. Maharashtra is the toppest state among the 18 large-medium states that leads in the overall ranking of Indian States on justice delivery while among the list of seven smaller States, Goa leads the group.

48. What is the new ex-gratia amount announced by Coal minister Pralhad Joshi for fatal accidents in coal mining?

- 1) Rs15 lakhs
- 2) Rs5 lakhs
- 3) Rs10 lakhs
- 4) Rs25 lakhs
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs15 lakhs**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 the Union Minister of Coal, Mines and parliamentary affairs Shri Prahlad Joshi announced for a 300% hike in the ex-gratia amount for fatal accidents in coal mining. With this, the ex-gratia amount has increased to Rs15 lakhs from the previous amount of Rs 5 lakhs. This announcement was made at Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) in Odisha.

49. Which organization has released the draft regulation titled "Food Safety and Standards (Safe Food and healthy diets for School Children) Regulations, 2019"?

- 1) United Nations Children's Fund(UNICEF)
- 2) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI)
- 3) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization(CDSCO)
- 4) World Health Organization(WHO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI)**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India(FSSAI) has proposed a draft regulation titled "Food Safety and Standards (Safe Food and healthy diets for School Children)

Regulations, 2019". The regulations which is a 10-point charter, were proposed to ensure safe and wholesome food for School children. Foods with high fat, salt and sugar content are banned to be sold in school canteens and other school premises or within 50 meters of school campus.

50. Who will head the 7member panel constituted to implement 100days homestay of the CAPF (Central Armed Police Forces) jawans?

- 1) Imdad Ali
- 2) V G Kanetkar
- 3) Atul Karwal
- 4) Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Atul Karwal

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019 the centre has formed a 7member panel headed by Central Reserve Police Force(CRPF) Additional Director General (ADG) Atul Karwal to implement union home minister Amit Shah's order of implementing 100days homestay of the CAPF (Central Armed Police Forces) jawans.

51. Which state has shown the highest percent of decline in Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) as per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Bulletin-2016?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer –1) Karnataka

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019, As per the Sample Registration System (SRS) Bulletin-2016, The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) in India has decreased by 26.9 % since 2013. The MMR between 2011-2013 was 167 which decreased to 130 between 2014 and 2016. It decreased further in 2015-17 to 122. Thus, it has decreased by 6.15 % as compared to the previous survey 2014-2016. Karnataka has shown the highest percentage decline in MMR, Uttar Pradesh & Madhya Pradesh have witnessed an increase by 15 points each in MMR in 2015-17 compared to 2014-16.

52. Where was the first mainland MILAN Multi-lateral Naval Exercise for the year 2020 held?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Eastern Naval Command (ENC) to host first mainland MILAN Multi-lateral Naval Exercise at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh in March 2020. On November 8, 2019, A 3-day Mid Planning Conference (MPC) for the joint multinational naval exercise MILAN 2020 concluded at Eastern Naval Command (ENC) Headquarters in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

53. Where was the 10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of Member-States of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) held?

- 1) Washinton D.C., United States
- 2) Tokyo, Japan
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of Member-States of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization), dealing with Prevention and Elimination of Emergency Situations held in New Delhi.

54. Name the Indian delegate, who chaired the 10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of Member-States of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) 2019?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Amit Shah**

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, Union Minister of Home Affairs Amit Shah chaired 10th Meeting of the Heads of Departments of Member-States of SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization), dealing with Prevention and Elimination of Emergency Situations held in New Delhi.

55. Who inaugurated the first edition of the 'Rising Himachal: Global Investor's Meet 2019' in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Narendra Modi**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2-day organised first edition of the 'Rising Himachal: Global Investor's Meet 2019' at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The meet which was held from November 7-8, 2019 was organised by the Himachal State govt.

56. Which country is the partner country of the first edition of the 'Rising Himachal: Global Investor's Meet 2019' in Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) Russia
- 2) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 2-day organised first edition of the 'Rising Himachal: Global Investor's Meet 2019' at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh. The meet which was held from November 7-8, 2019 was organised by the Himachal State govt. The partner country for the event was United Arab Emirates (UAE).

57. Name the Brand Ambassador of the 'Rising Himachal: Global Investor's Meet 2019'?

- 1) Divya Khosla Kumar
- 2) Urvashi Rautela
- 3) Ayushmann Khurrana
- 4) Yami Gautam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Yami Gautam**

Explanation:

The Brand Ambassador for Investors' Meet was Bollywood actress Yami Gautam.

58. Where was the 1st edition of the 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave' held?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP)
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP)**

Explanation:

The Minister of State (MoS- independent charge) for Shipping, Shri Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the 1st edition of the 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave' held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh(AP). Vizag port trust in AP, hosted the conclave.

59. Which 2 countries were benefitted by the 3 MoU signed between Ranong Port (Port Authority of Thailand) and the Port Trusts of Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Kolkata during the 1st edition of the 'BIMSTEC Ports' Conclave'?

- 1) India and Thailand
- 2) India and Bangladesh
- 3) India and Sri Lanka
- 4) India and Myanmar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) India and Thailand**

Explanation:

A total of 3 Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) was signed between Ranong Port (Port Authority of Thailand) and the Port Trusts of Chennai, Visakhapatnam and Kolkata for strengthening the port connectivity which is one of the key objectives of the BIMSTEC member countries. This port connectivity is also part of India's act east policy. Through this MoU, economic partnership will be enhanced by reducing the sea travel time between India and Thailand to 7day from 10-15 days.

60. Where was the 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 held?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 has been held at at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal from Nov 5 – 8, 2019. Organised jointly by Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Earth Sciences in association with Vijnana Bharati (VIBHA), the festival aims to build a strategy for inclusive advancement of Science and Technology.

61. What was the theme of the 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Science for Transformation”
- 2) Theme – “Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation”
- 3) Theme – “Decade of Innovation”
- 4) Theme – “RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation”

Explanation:

The 5th edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2019 with the theme “RISEN India – Research, Innovation, and Science Empowering the Nation” has been held at at Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Kolkata, West Bengal from Nov 5 – 8, 2019.

62. Name the International Science Literature Festival 2019 held in Kolkata, West Bengal?

- 1) Jugendforsch
- 2) Regeneron
- 3) Vigyanika
- 4) Cheltenham
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vigyanika

Explanation:

Vigyanika, an International Science Literature Festival 2019, coordinated by the CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research) -National Institute of Science Communication and Information Resources (NISCAIR), Vigyan Prasar and Vigyan Bharatias, was held as a part of the 5th IISF2019 at Kolkata.

63. Who inaugurated the Integrated Check Post(ICP) in Gurdaspur city of Punjab?

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Venkaiah Naidu
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Ram Nath Kovind
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019 the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated Integrated Check Post(ICP) and flagged off the 1st batch of pilgrims at Kartarpur Sahib corridor at Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur city of Punjab in India. The ICP would provide Indian pilgrims to visit Gurudwara Kartapur Sahib in Pakistan.

64. Name the 1st Indo-Russian (India –Russia) joint tri-service exercise that is to be held in India from December 10-19, 2019?

- 1) INDRA 2019
- 2) AJEYA WARRIOR 2019
- 3) VAJRA PRAHAR 2019
- 4) MAITREE
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) INDRA 2019**

Explanation:

The first ever joint tri service exercise between India and Russia named “INDRA 2019” is to be held from December 10-19, 2019. The fighter and transport aircraft as well as ships of respective Armies, Air Forces and Navies will participate in INDRA exercise. A joint planning conference was held from November 7-10 in this regard in two phases.

65. In which port, world’s first CNG (Compressed natural gas) port terminal is going to be built?

- 1) Mormugao Port
- 2) Bhavnagar port
- 3) Kandla Port
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bhavnagar port**

Explanation:

The world’s first CNG (Compressed natural gas) port terminal is going to be built in Bhavnagar port, a seaport in Saurashtra region of Gujarat. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani, who is Chairman of Gujarat Infrastructure Development Board (GIDB), approved this proposal.

66. Where was the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) conference held?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Kochi, Kerala
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

On November 11 2019, The Ministry of Defence (MoD) organized ‘Def-Connect’ to showcase the achievements of the Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) initiative and create a strong outreach towards the future entrepreneurs of the defence sector. The aim of this conference is to connect all stakeholders of iDEX ecosystem to showcase the countries growth towards defence sector. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh was the Chief Guest of the event. iDEX Portal, Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC)-III was also launched.

67. Who will chair the committee constituted by union ministry of water resources (MoWR) to draft a new National Water Policy (NWP)?

- 1) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 2) Mihir Shah
- 3) Shashi Shekhar
- 4) Ashwin Pandya
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Mihir Shah**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, the union ministry of water resources (MoWR) has announced a committee to draft a new National Water Policy (NWP). The committee comprising of 10 members, will be headed by Mihir Shah, a former planning commission member and a water expert. The committee will have to produce its report within 6 months.

68. Which journal has released a report titled 'Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-sectional study'?

- 1) Global Health Action
- 2) Health and Human Rights Journal
- 3) Lancet Global Health
- 4) Human Resources for Health
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Lancet Global Health**

Explanation:

A report titled 'Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-sectional study' was published in the journal Lancet Global Health. The report was on anaemia in Indian men. The report mainly aimed to determining the prevalence of anaemia among men in India has found that 23.2 per cent of men had anaemia, ranging from mild to moderate to severe degrees.

69. Which state has the highest anaemia among men as per the report titled 'Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-sectional study'?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bihar**

Explanation:

The highest prevalence among men was in Bihar (32.9%), West Bengal (30.46%), Jharkhand (30.3%), Meghalaya (29.13%) and Odisha (28.45%). The lowest prevalence among men was in Manipur (9.19%), followed by Mizoram (9.78%), Nagaland (10.23%), Goa (10.68%) and Kerala (11.77%) as per the report titled 'Anaemia among men in India: A nationally representative cross-sectional study'.

70. Government has approved to set up four medical device parks to support Make in India, which of the following state is not among them?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Andhra Pradesh

- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Karnataka**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, Government has approved to set up four medical device parks to support Make in India and give world-class treatment in low cost. The four parks will be set up in Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. These parks will provide better infrastructure, for the company to plug and play. The approval was given for the project of Andhra Pradesh Medtech Zone for establishing Common Facility Center (CFC) for Superconducting Magnetic coil testing and Research. The scheme recommends to provide Rs 25 crore or 70 per cent of the project cost of setting up of CFC.

71. Where was the first of its kind global conference on the Sanskrit language, “Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan” held?

- 1) Washington D.C., United States
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) New Delhi, India**

Explanation :

The Sanskrit Bharati Vishwa Sammelan, which is a first of its kind global conference on the Sanskrit language was held in New Delhi from November 9-11, 2019. The conference, organised by Samskrita Bharati, focused on discussing ideas, theories & research findings of the Sanskrit language. During the conference, an exhibition titled “Sanskriti Pradarshini” was put up displaying manus, models and charts showcasing the development of the Sanskrit language. Chief Minister(CM) of Himachal Pradesh(HP) Shri Jairam Thakur was honoured by Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu at the conference, for giving second language status to Sanskrit in the state.

72. What was the theme of the inaugural conclave on “National Capital Region(NCR) -2041”?

- 1) Theme – “Delhi Capital for the world soon”
- 2) Theme – “National Capital for Tomorrow”
- 3) Theme – “Planning for Tomorrow’s Greatest Capital Region”
- 4) Theme – “Delhi-MetroPolis of Tomorrow’s world”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Planning for Tomorrow’s Greatest Capital Region”**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, The inaugural conclave on “National Capital Region(NCR) -2041” with the theme of the “Planning for Tomorrow’s Greatest Capital Region” was held in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Organized by the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB), the Conclave was chaired by Shri Durga Shankar Mishra, Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India(GoI).

73. By which year, Delhi is set to become the world's largest metropolis overtaking Tokyo?

- 1) 2028
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2035
- 4) 2025
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 2028

Explanation:

The conclave aims to encourage deeper participation from all the stakeholders to address various issues related to the development of the largest metropolitan region of the world. As per a report by the United Nation (UN), by 2028, Delhi is set to become the world's largest metropolis overtaking Tokyo.

74. Which country is set to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO)'s 19th council of heads of government in the year 2020?

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

Answer – 2) India

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO) Vladimir Norov, announced that India would host the 19th council of heads of government in 2020. The meeting will be organized in New Delhi. This is the first time India will be hosting the meeting after its admission into SCO as a member in 2017.

75. In which state, President's rule was imposed on November 12, 2019?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, President's rule was imposed in Maharashtra after President Ram Nath Govind approves Governor Bhagat Singh Koshiyari's recommendation on the deadlock of government formation in the state. The reason behind the president's rule is the Power tussle over chief minister post between BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) and Shiv Sena.

76. How many times the President's rule has been imposed in Maharashtra, in a 59year history?

- 1) 3
- 2) 4
- 3) 5
- 4) 6

5) None of these

Answer – 1) 3

Explanation:

The first time when Maharashtra was under President's rule was in February 1980, when the Indira Gandhi government dismissed the Progressive Democratic Front (PDF) government headed by Sharad Pawar. After this, it was imposed on September 28, 2014, when Prithviraj Chavan resigned as Chief Minister. Now, it's for the 3rd time in the 59-year-old history of the state when Article 356 has been invoked due to the inability of political parties to form a government after an assembly election. Maharashtra came into existence on May 1, 1960.

77. Who headed the 5-member Supreme Court (SC) constituted bench that gave its final judgment on the long-disputed Ayodhya case to construct a Ram temple at Ayodhya site in Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) Ashok Bhushan
- 2) Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud
- 3) Ranjan Gogoi
- 4) Sharad Arvind Bobde
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ranjan Gogoi

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019, the Supreme Court (SC) gave its final judgment on the long-disputed Ayodhya case to construct a Ram temple at Ayodhya site in Uttar Pradesh. It has also directed the center to allocate a separate land of 5 acres for the Sunni Waqf Board for building a Mosque. A 5-member SC constitution bench, headed by Chief Justice of India Ranjan Gogoi announced the Ayodhya Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title suitcase.

78. Where was the 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) held?

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

Answer – 2) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) was held in Kolkata, West Bengal from November 11-12, 2019. Prof. Bimal K Roy, Chairman, National statistical commission (NSC) inaugurated this conference.

79. What was the theme of the 27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) that held in Kolkata, West Bengal?

- 1) Theme – "Social Development"
- 2) Theme – "Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare"
- 3) Theme – "Quality Assurance in Official Statistics"

4) Theme – “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”**

Explanation:

27th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organizations (COCSSO) was held in Kolkata, West Bengal from November 11-12, 2019. The theme of this conference was “Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)” which highlights the actions taken by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) for a strong observing mechanism for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

80. Where was the India-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019 held?

1) New Delhi, India

2) Jakarta, Indonesia

3) Hanoi, Vietnam

4) Bangkok, Thailand

5) None of these

Answer – **1) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, has addressed the 2-day India-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019 that held in New Delhi, India.

81. What was the theme of the India-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019?

1) Theme – “ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace and Shared Prosperity”

2) Theme – “Shared Values, Common Destiny”

3) Theme – “Today, Tomorrow, Together”

4) Theme – “Resilient and innovative Asean”

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Today, Tomorrow, Together”**

Explanation:

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (I/C) Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), MoS PMO, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, has addressed the 2-day India-ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) Business Summit 2019 based on the theme “Today, Tomorrow, Together” held at LPS Auditorium in PHD House, New Delhi from November 11-12, 2019.

82. Where was the 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance(WCRAF) held?

1) Tokyo, Japan

2) Beijing, China

3) New Delhi, India

4) Washinton D.C., United States

5) None of these

Answer – **3) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

The 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance(WCRAF) which was inaugurated by the Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, was held in New Delhi from November 12-13, 2019. It was jointly organised by Asia-Pacific Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (APRACA), National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Ministry of Agriculture Farmers Welfare and Cooperation(MoAFWC).

83. What was the theme of the 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance(WCRAF)?

- 1) Theme – “Rural and Agricultural Finance: Critical Input to achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development”
- 2) Theme – “Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Rural and Agricultural Finance”
- 3) Theme – “Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World in Rural and Agricultural Finance”
- 4) Theme – “Opportunities in Modern Healthcare for Young minds and Businesses in Rural and Agricultural Finance”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Rural and Agricultural Finance: Critical Input to achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development”**

Explanation:

The theme of the 6th World Congress on Rural and Agricultural Finance(WCRAF) was “Rural and Agricultural Finance: Critical Input to achieve Inclusive and Sustainable Development”.

84. Which states coastal areas have received Green Climate Fund worth \$43 million in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to boost climate resilience?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Odisha
- 2) Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Odisha
- 3) Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- 4) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019 India started its \$43 million worth project to boost climate resilience in three coastal states in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The project is funded by Green Climate Fund, a fund established within the framework of United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in assisting the developing countries. 3 Coastal areas: The 3 coastal areas where the project will be implemented are Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha.

85. Under which act, Supreme Court(SC) has announced that the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) as a public authority?

- 1) Right to Information (RTI) Act 2004
- 2) Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005
- 3) Right to Information (RTI) Act 2006
- 4) Right to Information (RTI) Act 2007

5) None of these

Answer - **2) Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, the Supreme Court(SC) announced that the office of the Chief Justice of India (CJI) as a public authority under the transparency law, the Right to Information (RTI) Act 2005. The judgement in this regard was made by a 5 judge constitution bench headed by CJ Ranjan Gogoi.

86. Name the Indian delegate, who addressed the 35th edition of Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC) 2019 based on the theme "Oil and Gas 4.0"?

1) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar

2) Piyush Goyal

3) Dharmendra Pradhan

4) Jagat Prakash Nadda

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Dharmendra Pradhan**

Explanation:

Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel has attended 35th edition of Abu Dhabi International Petroleum Exhibition & Conference (ADIPEC) 2019 based on the theme "Oil and Gas 4.0" held in Abu Dhabi, UAE (United Arab Emirates) from 11 – 14 November 2019.

87. Which institute has signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH) to carry out research especially in areas of healthcare?

1) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)

2) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM)

3) Indian Institute of Technology Bengaluru (IITB)

4) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IITK)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB)**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)-Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH), Chandigarh has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) in New Delhi with Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IITB) to promote collaborative research.

88. With which locomotive factory, Indian Railways & French multinational companyAlstom have entered into procurement cum maintenance agreement to deliver the 10 locomotives in FY (fiscal year) 2019-20?

1) Modern Coach Factory

2) Integral Coach Factory

3) Rail Wheel Factory

4) Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt. Ltd. (MELPL)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt. Ltd. (MELPL)**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, To deliver the 10 locomotives in FY (fiscal year) 2019-20, Indian Railways & French multinational company Alstom have entered into procurement cum maintenance agreement with Bihar based Madhepura Electric Locomotive Pvt. Ltd. (MELPL), where India's most powerful electric locomotives are being manufactured. In 2015, the project worth 3.5 billion Euro order for supplying 800 high-powered electric locomotives to the Indian Railways was handed over to Alstom. This is for the 1st time in the world by any railway, a locomotive with so much horsepower is being tested on a network of large lines.

89. Whose Aadhaar KYC (Know Your Customer) norms were simplified by the government of India recently?

- 1) Senior Citizen
- 2) Migrants
- 3) Non-resident Indian
- 4) Physically Challenged
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Migrants**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019, The Department of Revenue, Government of India (GoI) has simplified the process of Aadhaar KYC (Know Your Customer) norms for migrants. Now the Diaspora can give a self-declared local address as sufficient proof of residence in case it is different from one mentioned in Aadhaar document. This step has been taken by the government to facilitate migrants to open bank accounts and to promote financial inclusion. UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India) is responsible for Aadhaar to all residents of India to eliminate duplicate and fake identities.

90. Where was the Sisseri River bridge inaugurated on November 15, 2019?

- 1) Mizoram
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Arunachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019 Sisseri River bridge at Lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh was inaugurated. This 200-metre long bridge which connects Dibang Valley and Siang district, was built by Project Brahmaputra of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). It was built on the Pasighat- Bomjir highway. This bridge would now reduce the travel time by 5 hours.

91. Who inaugurated the Sisseri River bridge at Lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh?

- 1) Amit Shah
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rajnath Singh**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019 the union defence minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Sisseri River bridge at Lower Dibang Valley in Arunachal Pradesh and has also inaugurated National Highway-52 (NH52) in East Siang district of the state. This 200-metre long bridge which connects Dibang Valley and Siang district, was built by Project Brahmaputra of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO). It was built on the Pasighat- Bomjir highway. This bridge would now reduce the travel time by 5 hours.

92. What was the theme of the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) in Arunachal Pradesh?

- 1) Theme – “The Strong Civil Military Relationship”
- 2) Theme – “Know Your Army”
- 3) Theme – “Innovation in Defence: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World”
- 4) Theme – “Opportunities in Defence for Young minds and Businesses”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Know Your Army”**

Explanation:

The defence minister also attended the 11th edition of Maitree Diwas (Civil-Military Friendship) in Arunachal Pradesh. The festival symbolises patriotism of the people of the region and their close relationship with the Armed Forces. The 2-day socio-military cultural festival was jointly organised by the Indian Army, Tawang civil administration and volunteers at the high-altitude stadium of Arunachal Pradesh. It was first celebrated in 2004 by the initiation of Late Dorjee Khandu, former Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh. Theme: The theme of the event was “Know Your Army.”

93. FSP was in news recently, what does ‘S’ stands for _____?

- 1) S - Service
- 2) S - Stakeholders
- 3) S - Securitisation
- 4) S - Subsidy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) S - Service**

Explanation:

S stands for Service. The full form of FSP is Financial Service Providers (FSPs).

94. Name the Financial Service Provider (FSP), which is exempted by the new “Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019?

- 1) Consumer-Finance Companies
- 2) Insurance Companies
- 3) Banks
- 4) Credit Unions
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Banks**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019 the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) has notified new rules known as the “Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019 (Rules)”. The rule provides framework for

insolvency and liquidation proceedings of systemically important Financial Service Providers (FSPs) other than banks.

95. What was the theme of the 8th edition of the International Conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-VIII)?

- 1) Theme – “Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture & Improving Statistics for Food Security”
- 2) Theme – “Improving Statistics for Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture, and Rural Development”
- 3) Theme – “Modernization of agricultural statistics in support of the Sustainable Development Agenda”
- 4) Theme – “Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Statistics for Transformation of Agriculture to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”

Explanation:

The 8th edition of the international conference on Agricultural Statistics (ICAS-VIII) is to be organised from November 18-21 2019 in New Delhi. Dr. Trilochan Mohapatra Director General of ICAR & Secretary of Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) announced that the conference will be inaugurated by the Union Minister for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare Shri Narendra Singh Tomar.

96. Which organization has released the 1st ever, ‘Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India’?

- 1) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- Structural Engineering Research Centre(CSIR-SERC)
- 2) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR- NGRI)
- 3) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Metallurgical Laboratory(CSIR-NML)
- 4) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Environmental Engineering Research Institute(CSIR-NEERI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Geophysical Research Institute (CSIR- NGRI)

Explanation:

On November 10, 2019, In a bid to understand and assess the environmental damage and help policy makers to devise a strategy, CSIR- NGRI (Council of Scientific & Industrial Research- National Geophysical Research Institute), based in Hyderabad, Telangana, has released the 1st ever, ‘Geochemical Baseline Atlas of India’.

97. Name the organization, which has started Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) Prevention and Investigation Unit to control the exploitation of child porn on Internet?

- 1) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)
- 2) Central Vigilance Commission
- 3) Research and Analysis Wing
- 4) National Investigation Agency
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

Explanation:

On November 15 2019, Online Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation (OCSAE) Prevention and Investigation Unit started by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in New Delhi under the special crime zone to control the exploitation of child porn on Internet. The aim of this “specialized unit” is to collect, collate and disseminate information regarding publication, transmission, creation, browsing, downloading, advertising, exchanging, distribution of information relating to online child sexual abuse and exploitation and investigation of such offences.

98. Who will chair the 23-member Development council constituted by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) that will be responsible for planning in design, engineering and manufacturing of premium bicycles?

- 1) Shobhana K. Pattanayak
- 2) Anil Kumar Gupta
- 3) Guruprasad Mohapatra
- 4) Pramod Kumar Misra
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Guruprasad Mohapatra**

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India (GoI) has set up a 23 -member Development Council headed by Guruprasad Mohapatra (Secretary DPIIT) for Bicycle. The Council, active for 2 years, will be responsible for planning in design, engineering and manufacturing of lighter, smarter, value added, safe and faster premium bicycles which are comparable with global standards for exports and domestic market.

99. What was the theme of the National Tribal Festival called Aadi Mahotsav for the year 2019?

- 1) Theme – “A Celebration of tribal work”
- 2) Theme – “A Celebration of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, fabric, jewellery”
- 3) Theme – “A Celebration of Tribal Culture, Craft, Cuisine and Commerce”
- 4) Theme – “A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce”**

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah has inaugurated 15-day National Tribal Festival called Aadi Mahotsav 2019 based on the theme “A Celebration of the Spirit of Tribal Crafts, Culture and Commerce” at Dilli Haat, New Delhi. Organized jointly by Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs & TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India Ltd), the festival will be concluded on November 30, 2019.

100. Where was the second phase of the Indian Army exercise named “Sindhu Sudarshan-VII” held?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rajasthan

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019 the Strike Corps of the Indian Army(IA) has conducted its second phase of the exercise named Sindu Sudarshan-VII in Jaisalmer-Barmer deserts of Rajasthan from November 12-18, 2019. The aim of the exercise was to evaluate the capability and battle readiness of the defence forces in an integrated air-land battle in a semi-developed terrain of the desert.

101. How much amount was pledged by India to contribute for the UN Development Activities for the year 2020?

- 1) \$10.5 million
- 2) \$11.5 million
- 3) \$12.5 million
- 4) \$13.5 million
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) \$13.5 million

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019 the United Nations (UN), has announced India's pledge to contribute \$13.5 million for UN development activities 2020 for various operational activities of the UN. It was announced at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) pledging conference for development activities by Anjani Kumar, Counsellor at India's Permanent Mission to the UN.

102. "SAANS" campaign was launched recently, Expand SAANS?

- 1) Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Successfully
- 2) Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Malaria Successfully
- 3) Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully
- 4) Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Dengue Successfully
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully

Explanation:

The full form of SAANS is 'Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully'.

103. Which state has topped the list in child deaths due to pneumonia?

- 1) Madhya pradesh
- 2) Himachal pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Madhya pradesh

Explanation:

Pneumonia contributes for 15% deaths annually to children under the age of 5. As per Health Management Information System (HMIS) data, under five mortality rate in the country is 37 per 1000 live birth. Of this, 5.3 deaths are caused due to pneumonia. HMIS data: Gujarat ranked second in terms of child mortality due to Pneumonia as per HMIS data for 2018-2019. Madhya pradesh topped the list in child deaths due to pneumonia.

104. Name the scheme launched by Union Minister of Women and Child Development(MoWCD) Smt Smriti Zubin Irani for better nutritional outcomes in New Delhi?

- 1) Sansad Poshan Krishi Kosh (SPKK)
- 2) Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)
- 3) Sansad Adarsh Krishi Kosh (SAKK)
- 4) Bharatiya Adarsh Krishi Kosh (BAKK)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK)

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 the union minister of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) Smt Smriti Zubin Irani has announced the Bharatiya Poshan Krishi Kosh (BPKK), a repository of a variety of crops across 128 agro-climatic zones for better nutritional outcomes in New Delhi. MoWCD has collaborated with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for this project. Aim: The aim of the kosh is to reduce malnutrition through multi-sectoral results-based framework, which includes agriculture, among women and children across the country. It also aims to promote healthy dietary practices.

105. Who released five-point action plan to make India nutrition secure?

- 1) Virender Lal Chopra
- 2) Mina Swaminathan
- 3) Verghese Kurien
- 4) Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan

Explanation:

Father of Green Revolution in the country, Dr Mankombu Sambasivan Swaminathan through a video conference released five-point action plan to make India nutrition secure. The 5 points are Ensuring calorie-rich diet to women and children, Ensuring high protein diet, Eradicating hidden hunger by deficiency of micro- nutrients, Ensuring clean drinking water supply and Spreading nutrition literacy across the country.

106. Which country's citizen have received the Visa-On-Arrival facility from India on November 16,2019?

- 1) United Kingdom(UK)
- 2) United States (US)
- 3) United Arab Emirates(UAE)
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) United Arab Emirates(UAE)

Explanation:

On November 16,2019 govt. of India has extended its Visa-On-Arrival facility to the citizens of the United Arab Emirates(UAE). This announcement was done as part of the aim of strengthening people to people and trade links as well as strategic ties by both the nations. Visa-On-Arrival duration: The Visa-On-Arrival for the UAE citizens is available for a period of 60 days. The 60- day Visa-On-Arrival also has double entry for business, tourism, conference and medical purposes.

107. Which organization analysed the quality of piped drinking water being supplied in the country and also rank the States, Smart Cities and even Districts based on the quality of tap water & released a report titled “Water Quality Report 2019”?

- 1) Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)
- 2) International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation(ILAC)
- 3) International Organization for Standardization(ISO)
- 4) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan has released BIS's (Bureau of Indian Standards) Water Quality Report 2019 for State Capitals & Delhi. The test reports on samples of drinking water taken from 20 states across the country including Delhi.

108. Name the city, which topped in the BIS's (Bureau of Indian Standards) Water Quality Report 2019?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Shri Ram Vilas Paswan has released BIS's (Bureau of Indian Standards) Water Quality Report 2019 for State Capitals & Delhi. The test reports on samples of drinking water taken from 20 states across the country including Delhi. Findings: Mumbai ranked number 1 in this report as all 10 samples comply with every standard. Hyderabad (Telangana) is at number two and it was followed by Bhubaneswar, Odisha (3rd). Delhi's water is the worst as all the 11 samples drawn from various places did not comply with the requirements (19 out of 28 parameters failed).

109. What was the theme of the 21st (XXI) annual conference of the International Society of Addiction Medicine(ISAM)?

- 1) Theme – “From the past to the Future”
- 2) Theme – “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World”
- 3) Theme – “Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Jointness”
- 4) Theme – “Addiction in a Rapidly Changing World”.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Addiction in a Rapidly Changing World”

Explanation:

A 4-day organized 21st (XXI) annual conference of the International Society of Addiction Medicine(ISAM) was held in New Delhi from November 13-16, 2019. Union Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot addressed the event. The conference was about drug addiction and its prevention for the citizens in the country. Theme: The theme for 2019 conference was “Addiction in a Rapidly Changing World”.

110. Where was the 5th International conference on yoga for the year 2019 held with the theme 'Yoga for Heart Care'?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Mysuru, Karnataka
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mysuru, Karnataka

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019, Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, the Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha and Homoeopathy) and Defence has inaugurated 2- day International Conference on Yoga 2019 based on the theme 'Yoga for Heart Care' at Karnataka state open University in Mysuru, Karnataka. Organized by Ministry of AYUSH, it was concluded on November 16, 2019.

111. Election Commission of India (ECI), has decided to establish a visiting chair on interdisciplinary approach to Electoral Studies as the commemoration of which former Chief Election Commissioner(CEC)?

- 1) Narayana Iyer Seshan
- 2) Sukumar Sen
- 3) T Swaminathan
- 4) RK Trivedi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Narayana Iyer Seshan

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019 in order to commemorate former Chief Election Commissioner(CEC) Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan who passed away recently on November 10, 2019, the Election Commission of India (ECI), has decided to establish a visiting chair on interdisciplinary approach to Electoral Studies. It will be established in the Centre for Curriculum Development at India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), New Delhi from 2020-2025.

112. Which organization has introduced a special winter grade diesel which remains unfrozen up to minus 33-degree celsius (-33 °C)?

- 1) Hindustan Petroleum
- 2) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)
- 3) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC)
- 4) Bharat Petroleum
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)

Explanation:

On November 17, 2019, the state-run Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) has introduced a special winter grade diesel which remains unfrozen up to minus 33-degree celsius (-30 °C). The diesel was launched to provide year-round access to snow-capped border regions and enhance road connectivity. The diesel was launched by the union minister of Home Affairs Shri Amit Shah through a video link.

113. Name the 1st /inaugural edition of the joint bilateral maritime exercise “Za’ir-Al-Bahr” (Roar of the Sea) between the Qatar and India?

- 1) Al-Nagah
- 2) Prabal Dostyk
- 3) Za’ir-Al-Bahr (Roar of the Sea)
- 4) Sahyog-Kaijin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) “Za’ir-Al-Bahr” (Roar of the Sea)

Explanation:

5 day long 1st /inaugural edition of the joint bilateral maritime exercise “Za’ir-Al-Bahr” (Roar of the Sea) between the Qatari Emiri Navy and Indian Naval force of Qatar and India respectively began in Doha, Qatar on November 17, 2019 and will take place till November 21, 2019. The exercise is aimed to strengthen the cooperation and interoperability between the two navies especially in areas of fight against terrorism, maritime piracy and maritime security.

114. Which state’s “Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council” (HNLC) insurgent group was banned by government of India on November 18, 2019?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Meghalaya

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 the central govt. has banned Meghalaya based insurgent group “Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council” (HNLC) due to its increased activities of violence and other subversive acts. The notification in this regard was released by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

115. Name the organization which released a report on ‘Health Systems for a New India: Building Blocks Potential Pathways to Reforms’?

- 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 2) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog
- 3) National Development Council
- 4) Planning Commission
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

Explanation:

On November 18 2019, NITI Aayog released a report on ‘Health Systems for a New India: Building Blocks Potential Pathways to Reforms’. The report was released by National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog Vice Chairman Dr Rajiv Kumar in the presence of Bill Gates.

116. Under which act, “Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council” insurgent group of Meghalaya was banned by government of India?

- 1) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1963
- 2) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1964
- 3) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1965

4) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967

Explanation:

The central govt. banned the “Hynniewtre National Liberation Council” (HNLC) under sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 196). The group involved in activities such as intimidate and bully civilians to extort funds, maintains links with other insurgent groups of the Northeast to carry out acts of extortion and intimidation, maintaining camps in Bangladesh for training its cadre etc. These types of activities are considered detrimental to the sovereignty and integrity of India.

117. Name the government agency that released the report titled “accidental deaths and suicides in India” with reference to farmers’ suicides for the year 2016?

1) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

2) Bureau of Police Research and Development(BPRD)

3) Central Bureau of Investigation(CBI)

4) Narcotics Control Bureau(NCB)

5) None of these

Answer – 1) National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB)

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, After a long gap of 3-years, National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), an Indian government agency responsible for collecting and analysing crime data, has released the 2016 report called “accidental deaths and suicides in India” with reference to farmers’ suicides.

118. Which state has the highest number of farmer suicides in 2014, 2015 & 2016 as per the report titled “accidental deaths and suicides in India”?

1) Andhra Pradesh

2) Madhya Pradesh

3) Maharashtra

4) Karnataka

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

As per the report titled “accidental deaths and suicides in India”, Maharashtra accounted for almost 40 % of all farmer suicides in the country in 2016 with 3,661. The state also witnessed the highest number of farmer suicides in 2014 and 2015 at 4,004 and 4,291 respectively.

119. Name the ministry which has partnered with United Nations(UN) Women India with outreach partner Radio Nasha & jointly launched an ‘UNiTE to End Violence Against Women’ awareness campaign?

1) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

2) Ministry of Home Affairs

3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

4) Ministry of Women and Child Development

5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ministry of Home Affairs

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019, The Ministry of Home Affairs, the UN (United Nations) Women India in association with outreach partner Radio Nasha have jointly launched an 'UNiTE to End Violence Against Women' awareness campaign from Sultanpur Metro station in New Delhi.

120. Name the American business magnate, who visited India recently?

- 1) Bill Gates
- 2) Jeff Bezos
- 3) Mark Zuckerberg
- 4) Elon Musk
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bill Gates**

Explanation:

American Billionaire philanthropist and Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates (born as William Henry Gates III) paid a three-day visit to India from November 16-18, 2019 to review the work of his foundation in the country.

121. Which organization has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation(MoC) with Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare(MoH&FW) Dr. Harsh Vardhan for support in innovation for performance management in the health sector?

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) Google
- 3) Facebook
- 4) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF)**

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 Mr. Bill Gates, Co-Chair, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) signed a Memorandum of Cooperation(MoC) with the Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare(MoH&FW) Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The MoC was on support in innovation for performance management in the health sector.

122. Which act will be amended by the new bill "Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2019" that seeks to remove Congress chief/ president of Indian National Congress(INC) from being a permanent member of the Jallianwala Bagh memorial trust?

- 1) Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1954
- 2) Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1953
- 3) Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951
- 4) Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1956
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019 the parliament passed the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial (Amendment) Bill 2019 in Rajya Sabha(RS). The bill was first passed in Lok Sabha on August 2, 2019. The Bill seeks to amend the Jallianwala Bagh National Memorial Act, 1951. It seeks to remove Congress chief/

president of Indian National Congress(INC) from being a permanent member of the Jallianwala Bagh memorial trust which was established in Amritsar, Punjab in 1951.

123. Which state has the highest number of deaths due to road accidents as per the report titled 'Road Accidents in India, 2018' released by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Assam
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, As per the report 'Road Accidents in India, 2018' released by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways based on information provided by the Police Departments of States and UTs (Union Territories). As per the report, the number of road accidents has increased by 0.46% with 4,67,044 in the year 2018. The death rate during the road accident has also increased by 2.37 % to more than 1,51,471 people in 2018. i. Highest number of deaths: Uttar Pradesh (UP) ranked the highest position in terms of deaths due to road accidents. In 2018, 22,256 people lost their lives in the state where 42,568 road accidents were reported. It is followed by Maharashtra, where 13,261 people lost their lives due to road accidents in 2018.

124. Name the state that records the highest number of road accidents in the year 2018 as per the report titled 'Road Accidents in India, 2018' released by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Tamil Nadu recorded the highest number of road accidents in 2018 with 63,920 incidents. 12,216 people lost their lives in the state due to these as per the report titled 'Road Accidents in India, 2018' released by Ministry of Road Transport and Highways based on information provided by the Police Departments of States and UTs (Union Territories).

125. Who chaired the 11-member Company Law Committee, that submitted its report to Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman to remove criminality from the Companies Act 2013?

- 1) Tarun Shridhar
- 2) Injeti Srinivas
- 3) Rajiv Gauba
- 4) Pramod Kumar Misra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Injeti Srinivas

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 the 11-member Company Law Committee submitted its report to Union

Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs (MoF&CA), Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman to remove criminality in the Companies Act 2013. The report was submitted by the committee's chair, Shri Injeti Srinivas, Secretary of Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MoCA). Changes have been recommended in the report to the 46 penal provisions in order to remove criminality or to restrict punishment to only fine, or to allow rectification of defaults through alternative methods.

126. Name the maternity scheme that reached only 31% of its intended beneficiaries as per the Right to Information Act (RTI) survey between April 2018 and July 2019?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PMSYM)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PMKISAN)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY)**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, As per the Right to Information Act (RTI) survey between April 2018 and July 2019, the maternity scheme named Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) reached only 31% of its intended beneficiaries instead of reaching atleast 49% of all mothers who would have delivered their first child.

127. Where was the 2nd edition of the South Asia Safety Summit 2019 held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Thimphu, Bhutan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019 the Union Minister of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) and Textiles, Smt Smriti Zubin Irani, addressed the 2nd edition of the South Asia Safety Summit 2019 in New Delhi.

128. Which organization has collaborated with Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry to increase digital literacy in India?

- 1) IBM
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) Facebook
- 4) Google
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Facebook**

Explanation:

Facebook has collaborated with Women and Child Development (WCD) Ministry to increase digital literacy in India.

129. Name the online education portal launched by Smriti Zubin Irani, that has many tutorials to help people think critically and share thoughtfully online?

- 1) E-Learning

- 2) We Think Digital
- 3) Learn Digitally
- 4) Digital Learning
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) We Think Digital**

Explanation:

Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani launched “We Think Digital” digital learning programme during the summit. The website is an online education portal with many tutorials to help people think critically and share thoughtfully online. “We Think Digital” is a 4-part course and the topics covered include privacy, safety, security, digital discourse and knowing your digital footprint. The programme will focus on online safety, privacy and misinformation. Along with the Ministry of Home Affairs(MoHA), Ministry of WCD has launched a cyber-crime portal to help women to lodge complaints of cyberbullying, online shaming and online threats.

130. Which state topped among the Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Haryana
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation

On the occasion of World Toilet Day (November 20, 201, the Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019 were conferred upon top-ranked states, Union Territories (UTs), and districts in the various categories by Shri D.V. Sadananda Gowda and The Union Minister of the Ministry of Chemical and Fertilizers & Union Minister of State of the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Shri Rattan Lal Kataria at Pravasi Bhartiya Kendra, New Delhi. The top ranked States and Districts which received awards are as below:

Overall Ranking:

Rank	States	Districts
1	Tamil Nadu	Peddapalli, Telangana
2	Haryana	Faridabad, Haryana
3	Gujarat	Rewari, Haryana

131. Which district was conferred with the award of top district of India in terms of sanitation and cleanliness in Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019?

- 1) Peddapalli, Telangana
- 2) Faridabad, Haryana
- 3) Patan, Gujarat
- 4) Khunti, Jharkhand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Peddapalli, Telangana**

Explanation:

Peddapalli district of Telangana was conferred with the award of top district of India in terms of sanitation and cleanliness. Faridabad of Haryana and Rewari bagged the 2nd and 3rd place respectively in Swachh Survekshan Grameen Awards 2019.

132. Name the first city in India that installed first of its kind high-end Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) Machines for quick detection of diseases such as dengue, tuberculosis (TB) and swine flu?

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

Answer – 4) Kolkata, West Bengal

Explanation:

On November 19, Kolkata has installed four Third Umpire Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction(RT-PCR) machines as an initiative of a project at Hatibagan in North Kolkata, Behala, Jadavpur and Haji Mohammad Mohsin square in central park of the city. The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) has taken a major step towards public health by installing the RT-PCR in India.

133. How many days will be exempted for foreigners, who seeks indoor treatment in a hospital due to illness as per the new notification?

- 1) 45 days
- 2) 180 days
- 3) 90 days
- 4) 120 days
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) 180 days

Explanation:

On November 19, 2010 the consulate general of India in Dubai in its notification announced exemption of getting primary Indian visa converted to Medical visa for foreigners (except Pakistani National) seeking medical treatment in India. This was announced after the implementation of liberalized medical visa policy. As per the notification, the exemption will be applicable to foreigners seeking indoor treatment of upto 180 days in a hospital due to illness. Medical visa requirement: A medical visa is however required in case of treatment of disease which require organ transplant.

134. Where was the 29th edition of the Regional Contact Points(RCP) meeting of the Asia Pacific(A/P) region of the World Customs Organisation(WCO) for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Puducherry
- 4) New Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Puducherry

Explanation:

The 29th edition of the Regional Contact Points(RCP) meeting of the Asia Pacific(A/P) region of the World Customs Organisation(WCO) was held in Puducherry from November 18-20, 2019. The meeting was organised by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) of India. The meeting was inaugurated and chaired by Shri Raj Kumar Barthwal, Member (Customs) CBIC.

135. Which city hosted the World Conference on Access to Medical Products 2019?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Washington D.C., United States
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Dr. Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated 3-day long World Conference on Access to Medical Products 2019 in New Delhi from November 19- 21, 2019.

136. What was the theme of the “World Conference on Access to Medical Products 2019”?

- 1) Theme – “Opportunities in Modern Healthcare for Young minds and Businesses”
- 2) Theme – “Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World”
- 3) Theme – “Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Jointness”
- 4) Theme – “Achieving the SDGs (sustainable development goals) 2030”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Achieving the SDGs (sustainable development goals) 2030”

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, The Union Minister for Health & Family Welfare (MoHFW), Dr. Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated 3-day long World Conference on Access to Medical Products 2019 based on the theme “Achieving the SDGs (sustainable development goals) 2030” held in New Delhi from November 19- 21, 2019. The Conference was organized with the aim to boost innovative thinking around issues surrounding provisioning of affordable, quality medical products as part of public health care delivery systems.

137. Where was the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved setting up of National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR)?

- 1) Ramban
- 2) Leh
- 3) Ladakh
- 4) Baramulla
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Leh

Explanation:

CCEA has approved establishment of National Institute for Sowa-Rigpa (NISR) in Leh as an autonomous organization at an estimated cost of Rs 47.25 crore under the Ministry of AYUSH (Ministry of Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy).

138. What are the Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) that received ‘In-principle’ approval for strategic disinvestment by Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA)?

- 1) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI)
- 2) Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR), North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO)
- 3) Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDCIL)

- 4) Both 1 and 2
- 5) All the above

Answer – **5) All the above**

Explanation:

CCEA has given 'In-principle' approval for strategic disinvestment in 5 Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs). The 5 CPSEs are as follows, i. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. (BPCL), The sale of stake in BPCL would exclude the company's Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam. The 61% stake of BPCL in NRL will be moved to another govt. entity operating in the oil and natural gas sector. ii. Shipping Corporation of India Ltd. (SCI). Container Corporation of India Ltd. (CONCOR) iv. Tehri Hydro Development Corporation India Limited (THDCIL) and v. North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited (NEEPCO).

139. Which country's International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009 can be accessed as per cabinet approval on November 20, 2019?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Hong Kong
- 4) Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Hong Kong**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the proposal for enactment of the Recycling of Ships Bill, 2019 and accession to the Hong Kong International Convention for the Safe and Environmentally Sound Recycling of Ships, 2009. Under the Recycling of Ships Bill 2019, the govt. will provide regulations of recycling of ships by setting international standards. A statutory mechanism for enforcement of the standard will also be set up.

140. Which two countries has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for strengthening cooperation in the field of Tourism?

- 1) India and Finland
- 2) India and Comoros
- 3) India and Sweden
- 4) India and Poland
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) India and Finland**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between India and Finland for strengthening the cooperation in the field of tourism. Objective of the MoU: Under the MoU both the nations will cooperate together in making policy regulation, sharing data, knowledge, expertise in the field of tourism.

141. Under which field, India and Comoros have signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on October 11, 2019 in Moroni?

- 1) In the field of Education
- 2) In the field of Infrastructure
- 3) In the field of Agriculture

- 4) In the field of Health and Medicine
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) In the field of Health and Medicine**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the MoU signed between India and Comoros in the field of health and medicine. The MoU was signed by both the nations on October 11, 2019 in Moroni, Comoros during Vice President Shri Venkaiah Naidu's visit to the country. Objective under MoU: Under the MoU, both the nations will cooperate to provide training and capacity building, strengthen hospital management, focus on Oncology (branch of medicine dealing with prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of cancer) and palliative care (relieving pain without dealing with the cause of the condition) areas etc.

142. Which of the following countries participated in the first ever 'CT-TTX' (counter-terrorism table-top exercise) hosted by National Investigation Agency(NIA)?

- 1) SAARC Countries
- 2) ASEAN Countries
- 3) Quad Countries
- 4) BRICS Countries
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Quad Countries**

Explanation:

The National Investigation Agency(NIA) hosted its first ever counter-terrorism exercise for the "Quad" countries (India, the US, Japan and Australia) at the NIA headquarters in New Delhi from November 21-22, 2019. The exercise is named 'CT-TTX'(counter-terrorism table-top exercise) aims to address the global and regional issues of common interest. It also focuses to strengthen its cooperation in counter terrorism and provide opportunities to share best practices in the participating countries.

143. Where was the 5th India-Europe 29 Business Forum on Speeding regional Economic Connectivity held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Tirana, Albania
- 3) Helsinki, Finland
- 4) Zagreb, Croatia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

The "5th India-Europe 29 Business Forum: Speeding regional Economic Connectivity" was held in New Delhi from November 20-21. The forum was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs(MoEA) and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) between India and 29 countries in Central, Eastern and Northern Europe. The forum was conducted to strengthen the India Europe relationship where the forum acts as India's largest European platform. E29 countries act as a platform for Indian products.

144. Which year is set as target by Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to connect 2 lakh gram Panchayats with internet & broadband?

- 1) 2025
- 2) 2023
- 3) 2022

- 4) 2020
5) None of these
Answer – **4) 2020**

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019 the govt has set a target of connecting 2 lakh gram panchayats by March 2020. As of 7th November 2019 1,28,000 gram panchayats have been provided with internet connectivity under phase 1 of the BharatNet project. This was announced by Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) Ravi Shankar Prasad. It was also announced that BharatNet project for providing digital connectivity to 2.5lakh villages has been under implementation under phase 2.

145. What is the male to female ratio in the labour force participation out of 5 persons of age bracket 15-30 years by 2023 as per the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO)'s Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18?

- 1) 3:2
2) 4:1
3) 2:3
4) 1:4
5) None of these
Answer – **2) 4:1**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18 conducted by the National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), the estimated female labour force participation for women aged 15 years and above in the country during 2017-18 saw the decline to 23.3 %. Statistics showed that just 1 out of 5 persons in the 15-30years age bracket entering the labour force is expected to be a female in the five years ending 2023. This is because many female between the age group of 15 & 19 years not active in the labour force, instead choosing to opt for higher education.

146. Which state will contribute the highest number of youth entrants (15-30 years) into labour force during 2019-23?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
2) Madhya Pradesh
3) Uttar Pradesh
4) Maharashtra
5) None of these
Answer – **3) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh will be the top state to contribute to the youth entrants (15-30 years) during 2019-23 followed by Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka. These 6 states will account for 50% (about 3 crore) of the new youth entrants by 2023.

147. Name the organization, that has signed a MoU with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) for cooperation in the field of Research & Development (R&D) & Training in Ayurveda & Traditional Medicine?

- 1) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
2) Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH)
3) National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC)

- 4) Indian Agricultural Research Institute(IARI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)**

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019, Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS) under Ministry of AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Homoeopathy) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) with JawaharLal Nehru University (JNU) and Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) for the purpose of cooperation in the field of Research & Development (R&D) and Training in Ayurveda & Traditional Medicine.

148. Which country is set to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) forum of Young Scientists and Innovators for the year 2020?

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

Answer – **3) India**

Explanation:

India has been selected to host the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO) forum of Young Scientists and Innovators for the year 2020. The decision was taken during the closing ceremony of the “5th Meeting of SCO Member States’ Heads of Ministries and Departments of Science and Technology(S&T) and Permanent Working Group on S&T Cooperation”. The meeting was conducted on November 20-22, 2019 in Moscow, Russia.

149. Which state was ranked as the best performer in terms of number of hospital admissions under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana scheme (Ayushman Bharat)?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Bihar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Gujarat**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019 the Union health ministry submitted its detail to the Parliament on the no. of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana scheme which is also known as Ayushman Bharat. Gujarat was ranked as the best performer in terms of no. of hospital admissions. Gujarat has so far made 1 million hospital admissions and raised health claim worth Rs 1,519 crore. Worst performing states: Bihar and Uttar Pradesh(UP) were ranked as worst performers in terms of no. of beneficiaries, as Bihar reported only 1,20,000 hospital admissions and UP reported 230,000 hospital admissions.

150. Name the scheme under which 7 crore farmers have been benefited?

- 1) Prime Minister Ujjwala Plan
- 2) Prime Minister Jyoti Jyoti Bima Yojna (PM-JJB)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PM-SBY)

4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

5) None of these

Answer - **4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**

Explanation:

The govt has announced that over 7 crore farmers have been benefited under Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) scheme. Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister, Narendra Singh Tomar in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha has mentioned that from 1st of December 2019, the benefits will be given to beneficiaries only on the basis of authenticated Aadhar data under the scheme.

151. How many plastic parks were approved for implementation by central government?

1) 4

2) 6

3) 5

4) 8

5) None of these

Answer – **2) 6**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, In a written reply to a question in the Rajya Sabha, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Devaragunda Venkappa Sadananda Gowda informed that the central government has approved setting up of six plastic parks in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand and Tamil Nadu with 50% funding by centre & another 50% funded by State Government beneficiary industries and by a loan from financial institutions. The plastic park at Tamot Village in Madhya Pradesh is now active.

152. Where was the plenary meeting of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) held?

1) Moscow, Russia

2) Beijing, China

3) New Delhi, India

4) Tokyo, Japan

5) None of these

Answer – **3) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

The Plenary meeting of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) was hosted by India, the founding member and 2019 KP chair, in New Delhi from November 18-22, 2019. KP is a joint initiative involving govt, international diamond industry and civil society to reduce or control flow of conflict diamonds. The meeting was inaugurated by, Dr. Anup Wadhawan, Secretary of Commerce industry.

153. Who is the next chair of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS) for the year 2020?

1) Russia

2) China

3) India

4) Japan

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Russia**

Explanation:

India on the closing session of the KPCS handed over the KP chair for the year 2020 to the Russian federation. It is also to be noted that India was the previous chair of the KP in 2008.

154. What was the theme of the Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General Conclave 2019 that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – ‘Innovating for India: Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World’
- 2) Theme – ‘Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Jointness’
- 3) Theme – ‘Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World’
- 4) Theme – ‘Transforming Audit and Assurance in a Digital World’
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – ‘Transforming Audit and Assurance in a Digital World’**

Explanation:

Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Damodardas Modi has addressed the 2-day Accountants General and Deputy Accountants General Conclave 2019 held in New Delhi From November 21-22, 2019 based on the theme ‘Transforming Audit and Assurance in a Digital World’. It was held with the aim to consolidate experience and learning, and lay out the plan of Indian Audit and Accounts Department for the next few years.

155. Name the short documentary film released by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, to promote ‘Jalshakti Abhiyan’ and create awareness about water conservation “Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan”?

- 1) Final Solution
- 2) SHIKHAR SE PUKAR
- 3) THARIODE
- 4) VEENAVAADANAM
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) SHIKHAR SE PUKAR**

Explanation:

On November 22 2019, Union Minister of Jal Shakti Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released a short documentary film on Water Conservation named ‘SHIKHAR SE PUKAR’ in New Delhi. The film has been made to promote ‘Jalshakti Abhiyan’ and create awareness about water conservation “Jal Sanrakshan Abhiyan”. The film is based on the journey of Ravindra Kumar, Indian Administrative Service (IAS) Officer of Uttar Pradesh who climbed Everest twice- first in 2013 and again on May 23, 2019. It also gives a glimpse on the significance of Himalaya & picturizes the difficulties and challenges in climbing the highest peak of the world.

156. Where was the DRDO Industry Synergy Summit 2019 organised by Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO) held?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, Defence Minister of India, Shri Rajnath Singh has attended the one-day long Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO) organised DRDO Industry Synergy Summit 2019 held at Auditorium of Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Vigyanakancha in Hyderabad, Telangana wherein discussions were held with the DRDO industry partners to further proliferate the initiatives taken by DRDO for industries.

157. When will the 'Fit India week' celebrated?

- 1) Second week of December
- 2) Second week of November
- 3) Third week of November
- 4) First week of December
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) First week of December**

Explanation:

On November 24, 2019 the Prime minister of India Shri Narendra Modi launched the Fit India school grading system in schools across the country. The system ranks schools based on the fitness activities and facilities for such provided to students and teachers in the country. PM also announced the 'Fit India week' to be celebrated by the students and teachers in the first week of December.

158. Maximum number of tourists in Indian belongs to which of the following country in the year 2016, 2017 & 2018 as per Ministry of Tourism reports?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) United Kingdom
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Tourism submitted its report on foreign tourist visits to India in 2018 to the parliament. As per the report, Bangladesh topped the list for having maximum no. of the country's visitors to India. Bangladesh was followed by United States(US) and United Kingdom(UK) in the second and third place respectively.

159. Where was the first Global Bio-India Summit for the year 2019 held?

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

Answer – **1) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

The first ever Global Bio-India Summit was held in New Delhi from November 21-23,2019. The summit was one of the largest biotechnology stakeholders' conglomerates. The summit was inaugurated by Minister for Science and Technology Dr. Harsh Vardhan and Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in presence of other officials.

160. Name the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan, who visited India recently?

- 1) Pulat Bobojonov
- 2) Rustam Sadikovich
- 3) Sayfiddin Umarovich
- 4) Botir Asadillayevich
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Pulat Bobojonov**

Explanation:

Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan Mr. Pulat Bobojonov is on 4 day visit to India from November 20-23,2019.

161. Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) will be set up in which of the following state?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

On November 25, 2019 The Indian Railway Institute of Financial Management (IRIFM) by the Indian Railways (IR) has been set up in Hyderabad, Telangana. The institute will provide professional training in railway finances management. It was inaugurated by Vinod Kumar Yadav, Chairman of the Railway Board. IRIFM has been constructed by Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) at a cost of Rs.85 crores.

162. Name the field for which India and Uzbekistan has signed an agreement on November 22, 2019?

- 1) Research and Education
- 2) Defence
- 3) Education
- 4) Security Cooperation
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Security Cooperation**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019 an agreement was signed between India and Uzbekistan on Security Cooperation. The agreement was signed in New Delhi between Minister of Home Affairs(MoHA) of India Shri Amit Shah and the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Uzbekistan Mr. Pulat Bobojonov, during his(Pulat) bilateral visit to India from November 20-23,2019.

163. What was the theme of the 11th edition of Agrovision exhibition 2019 that held in Nagpur, Maharashtra?

- 1) Theme – “Development in Technology for Sustainable Development”
- 2) Theme – “Digital India”
- 3) Theme – “Smart Technologies for Sustainable Development”
- 4) Theme – “Educating and Encouraging Farmers for Prosperity”
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Theme - “Smart Technologies for Sustainable Development”

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, Nitin Jairam Gadkari, Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways and Shipping & Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) has inaugurated the 11th edition of Agrovision 2019, an Agricultural exhibition based on the theme “Smart Technologies for Sustainable Development” held from 22-25 November, 2019 at Reshimbagh Ground, Nagpur, Maharashtra.

164. Who released a booklet titled ‘Convergence of National Highway improvement/construction with water conservation and groundwater recharge at Agro Vision-2019 in Nagpur, Maharashtra?

- 1) Nitin Gadkari
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Ram Vilas Paswan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nitin Gadkari

Explanation:

Union Minister for Road Transport Nitin Gadkari has released a booklet called ‘Convergence of National Highway improvement/construction with water conservation and groundwater recharge at Agro Vision-2019 in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

165. Who launched the logo of lokpal in New Delhi on November 26, 2019?

- 1) Pradip Kumar Mohanty
- 2) Dilip Babasaheb Bhosale
- 3) Prashant Mishra
- 4) Pinaki Chandra Ghose
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Pinaki Chandra Ghose

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 The Chairman of Lokpal, Shri Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose launched the lokpal’s logo in New Delhi. On this day, the motto of the lokpal “Ma Gridhah Kasyasvidhanam (Do not be greedy for anyone’s wealth)” was also adopted.

166. Where was the first “Mine Countermeasure Exercise (MINEX) 2019” participated by Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) held?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Kochi, Kerala
- 3) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kochi, Kerala

Explanation:

On November 23, 2019, For the 1st time, Indian Navy and the Japanese Maritime Self Defence Force (JMSDF) have conducted Mine Countermeasure Exercise (MINEX) 2019 at Kochi, Kerala. Officials of the Indian Navy and from the warships Bungo and Takashima of JMSDF’s Minesweeper (a naval ship that

is deployed in removing naval mines) Division 3, commanded by Captain Seiji Ikubu took part in the exercise.

167. Who chairs the Inter Ministerial Approval Committee(IMAC) that approved Rs 271 crores worth project under Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities(CEFPPC) scheme?

- 1) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- 2) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 3) Preneet Kaur
- 4) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Harsimrat Kaur Badal

Explanation:

On November 25, 2019 the Inter Ministerial Approval Committee(IMAC) under food processing minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal's chairmanship, has approved Rs 271 crores worth project under Creation/Expansion of Food Processing and Preservation Capacities(CEFPPC) scheme. Beside this approval, the food processing ministry has also implemented Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sampada Yojana(PMKSY) with an outlay of Rs 6,000 crores.

168. Which state topped the list of overall crimes in India as per the Child Relief and You (CRY) report prepared based on data of National Crime Records Bureau(NCRB) for 2016-2017?

- 1) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka
- 2) Assam and Maharashtra
- 3) Himachal Pradesh(HP) and Gujarat
- 4) Uttar Pradesh(UP) and Madhya Pradesh(MP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Uttar Pradesh(UP) and Madhya Pradesh(MP)

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 an analysis by Non-govt Organisation(NGO) Child Relief and You (CRY), released its report on crimes against children in India. As per the report, crimes against children rose by 20% which is higher than the overall number of crimes that rose by 3.6%. Among the Indian states, Uttar Pradesh(UP) and Madhya Pradesh(MP) topped the list for overall crimes in India. The CRY analysis was based on data of National Crime Records Bureau(NCRB) for 2016-2017, which was released after a gap of 2 years on October 21, 2019.

169. Name the state that recorded the highest prevalence of acute respiratory infections(ARIs) among children under the age of 5 years between September 2018 and June 2019 as per report titled "Situation Analysis of Pneumonia in India"?

- 1) Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Bihar
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bihar

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 Non-Government Organisation(NGO), Save the Children released a report titled "Situation Analysis of Pneumonia in India". The report was on respiratory infections in children. As per the report, Bihar recorded the highest prevalence of acute respiratory infections(ARIs) among children under the age of 5 years when compared with the 5 high burden states between September 2018 and June 2019. Bihar had 15.9% of prevalence of ARIs. The other states in the top 5 ranking includes, Uttar Pradesh (2nd), Jharkhand(3rd), Madhya Pradesh(4th) and Rajasthan(5th).

170. Where was the 3rd edition of 'Destination Northeast (or Destination NE)' festival 2019 held?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**

Explanation:

The Minister of State (MoS) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) Dr Jitendra Singh has attended the 4-day long 3rd edition of 'Destination Northeast (or Destination NE)' festival 2019 held at IIT-BHU (Indian Institutes of Technology-Banaras Hindu University) grounds in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh (UP) from November 23-26, 2019. It was organized by DoNER with the aim to bring the rest of India closer to the North East and to have experience of two rich cultures of Ganga and Brahmaputra, represented by Varanasi and North East respectively.

171. Where was the 'National Organic Festival of Women Entrepreneurs' organized by National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management(NIFTEM) held?

- 1) Sonapat, Haryana
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sonapat, Haryana**

Explanation:

The Ministries of WCD & FPI have agreed to implement an annual event called 'National Organic Festival of Women Entrepreneurs' organized through NIFTEM -National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management (an academic institution under the administrative control of MoFPI) at Kundli in Sonapat, Haryana. The festival aims to encourage both rural women entrepreneurs and farmers to connect with buyers and thus, empower them through financial inclusion, while also promoting organic food produce in India.

172. What was the theme of the 'DEFCOM INDIA 2019' that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – "Digital Army Infrastructure and Skilled Human Resource"
- 2) Theme – "Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for improved Communication support to Forward Edges of Tactical Battle Area (TBA)"
- 3) Theme – "Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness"
- 4) Theme – "Make in India - Fight Category: Opportunities and Imperatives"

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness”**

Explanation:

A 2-day ‘DEFCON INDIA 2019’ seminar based on the theme “Communications: A Decisive Catalyst for Jointness” held at Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi from November 26-27, 2019. The seminar Defence Communication (or DEFCON) is the flagship event in the area of military communication for achieving jointness between three services (Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy). The prestigious DEFCON journal was also released during the event.

173. What was the increased authorized capital of Food Corporation of India (FCI)?

- 1) Rs. 17,000 crores
- 2) Rs. 12,000 crores
- 3) Rs. 15,000 crores
- 4) Rs. 10,000 crores
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rs. 10,000 crores**

Explanation:

The CCEA has given its approval for increasing its authorized capital of Food Corporation of India (FCI) from existing Rs. 3,500 crores to Rs. 10,000 crores. With the increase in authorised capital, additional equity capital can be infused in FCI through union budget. This will help in funding foodgrains stock, held by FCI and will also help in reducing the borrowing by FCI.

174. Which material should be used for packaging of food grains and sugar as per cabinet approval on 27th November, 2019?

- 1) Flour
- 2) Jute
- 3) Cotton
- 4) Tote
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Jute**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the extension for mandatory packaging of food grains and sugar in jute material for the Jute Year 2019-20. the scope of mandatory packaging norms under the Jute Packaging Material (JPM) Act, 1987 as per 2018 has been retained by the govt.

175. Name the 2 countries that have signed the agreement for establishment of Strategic Partnership Council?

- 1) India and Saudi Arabia
- 2) India and Canada
- 3) India and South Korea
- 4) India and Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) India and Saudi Arabia**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the agreement signed by the PM on 29th October, 2019 for establishment of Strategic Partnership Council between India and Saudi Arabia. The agreement will help both the

nations to meet regularly and monitor the progress in the ongoing initiatives/projects under the strategic partnership. The approval will benefit the citizens with improved economic and commercial linkages with Saudi Arabia irrespective of their gender, class or income bias.

176. For which of the following field, India and Republic of Chile has signed an agreement on November 27, 2019?

- 1) Startup Co operation
- 2) Renewable Energy
- 3) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)
- 4) Cyber Security
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA)

Explanation:

CCEA approved the signing of the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) and Protocol between the Republic of India and the Republic of Chile for the elimination of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion and avoidance with respect to taxes on income.

177. Where will the 25th Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) held?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Washington D.C., United States
- 4) Madrid, Spain
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Madrid, Spain

Explanation:

CCEA has approved the negotiating stand of India at the 25th Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) scheduled to be held in Madrid, Spain (Under the presidency of Chile). The convention will take place from December 2-13, 2019. The Indian delegation will be led by Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) Shri Prakash Javadekar.

178. Under which scheme, construction of 331,000 new houses were approved taking the total count to 9.6 million houses?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (Urban)(PMSBY-U)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Urban)(PMAY-U)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (Urban) (PM-SYM-U)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Yojana (Urban)(PMKY-U)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Urban) (PMAY-U)

Explanation:

The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs(MoHUA) has approved construction of nearly 331,000 more houses, taking the total number of houses being funded under Pradhan Mantri Aawas Yojana (Urban)I.e., PMAY(U) to 9.6 million. The approval was done during the 49th Meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee (CSMC) under PMAY(U).

179. Who will chair the 13-member expert committee constituted by Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports to review the draft of the National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017?

- 1) Mukundakam Sharma
- 2) Markandey Katju
- 3) Yogeshwar Dayal
- 4) Arijit Pasayat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mukundakam Sharma

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, The Ministry for Youth Affairs and Sports has decided to establish a 13-member expert committee chaired by Retired SC (Supreme Court) Justice Mukundakam Sharma to review the draft of the National Code for Good Governance in Sports, 2017.

180. Which organization has partnered with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) & launched the Accelerator Lab to tackle pollution in New Delhi, India?

- 1) World Bank (WB)
- 2) United Nation (UN)
- 3) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- 4) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019 the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched Accelerator Lab in India to work on tackling pollution. The laboratory will be housed in the UNDP India office in New Delhi and has partnered with Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) of the Indian govt.

181. Who inaugurated the 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019) in New Delhi?

- 1) Nitin Gadkari
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Piyush Goyal
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nitin Gadkari

Explanation:

The 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019) was held from November 14-27, 2019. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Shri Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi. The fair was organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO).

182. What was the theme of the 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019)?

- 1) Theme – “Digital India”
- 2) Theme – “Rural Enterprises in India”
- 3) Theme – “Startup India Standup India”

4) Theme – “Ease of Doing Business”

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “Ease of Doing Business”**

Explanation:

The 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019) was held from November 14-27, 2019. It was inaugurated by the Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways and Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Shri Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi. The fair was organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO). The theme for the year 2019 is “Ease of Doing Business”.

183. Name the partner country of the 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019)?

1) United States

2) Afghanistan

3) Russia

4) Israel

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Afghanistan**

Explanation:

The partner country for the 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019) was Afghanistan. The focus country was Republic of Korea.

184. Which of the following states were the focus state of the 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019)?

1) Delhi and Maharashtra

2) Gujarat and Jharkhand

3) Bihar and Jharkhand

4) West Bengal and Assam

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bihar and Jharkhand**

Explanation:

The focus states of the 39th edition of the India International Trade Fair 2019 (IITF-2019) were Bihar and Jharkhand.

185. Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the SARAS IITF Mela 2019, Expand SARAS?

1) SARAS – Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society

2) SARAS – Sale of Artisans of Rural Association Society

3) SARAS – Sale of Articles of Rural Articles Society

4) SARAS – Sale of Artisans of Rural Articles Society

5) None of these

Answer – **1) SARAS – Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society**

Explanation:

The Union Minister for Rural Development (MoRD), Panchayati Raj and Agriculture Shri Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated the SARAS IITF Mela 2019 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The Minister of State for Rural Development Shri Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti also participated as special guest at the event. SARAS (Sale of Articles of Rural Artisans Society) mela would empower women from the Self Help Group (SHG) to earn independently and provide a better social status.

186. Which Indian city is first to host the 10th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Parliament (#CYP10)?

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

Answer – 4) New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

The 10th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Parliament (#CYP10) was held in New Delhi, for the first time in India, from November 25-27, 2019. It was hosted by Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and the Delhi Legislative Assembly. Aim: The objective of the #CYP10 was to enhance the youth and introduce them to a professional sphere to assume a position in public office.

187. What was the theme of the Republic Summit 2019 that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – “Partners in progress”
- 2) Theme – “India’s Moment Nation First”
- 3) Theme – “Surging India”
- 4) Theme – “Shared Values, Common Destiny”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Theme – “India’s Moment Nation First”

Explanation:

The two days event of Republic Summit 2019 India’s moment – Nation First was held on November 26th and 27th at Taj Palace, New Delhi. The theme of the summit was “India’s Moment Nation First”.

188. Who chaired the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), that approved the procurement of weapons and equipment worth Rs. 22,800crore?

- 1) Venkaiah Naidu
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Ram Nath Kovind
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rajnath Singh

Explanation:

On 28th November 2019, Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the procurement of weapons and equipment worth Rs. 22,800crore. List of procurements approved by DAC:

- i. Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) India aircraft
- ii. Long Range Maritime Reconnaissance (LRMR) Anti-Submarine Warfare P8I aircraft
- iii. Twin Engine Heavy Helicopters (TEHH)
- iv. Thermal imaging night sights for assault rifles

189. Where was the 1st International Conference on “Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience-2019” held?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi

- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

On 28th November, 2019 Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy inaugurated 1st International Conference on “Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience-2019” in New Delhi.

190. Which organization organized the first of its kind conference on “Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience-2019”?

- 1) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
- 2) National Institute of Rural Development (NIRD)
- 3) National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- 4) National Institute of Disaster management (NIDM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) National Institute of Disaster management (NIDM)**

Explanation:

On 28th November, 2019 Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G.Kishan Reddy inaugurated 1st International Conference on “Landslides Risk Reduction and Resilience-2019” in New Delhi. The first of its kind conference was organized by National Institute of Disaster management (NIDM). The Objective of the conference was to bring all stakeholders together to discuss/ useful knowledge, experiences, information and innovations for landslides risk reduction and resilience at national and international levels.

191. Which two countries will participate in the Joint military exercise named ‘SURYA KIRAN – XIV’?

- 1) India and Sri Lanka
- 2) India and Bangladesh
- 3) India and Nepal
- 4) India and Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India and Nepal**

Explanation:

‘SURYA KIRAN – XIV’ the Joint military exercise between India and Nepal will be held in Salijhandi, Rupendehi district of Nepal from 03 to 16 December 2019. Objective: The Objective of the exercise is to increase interoperability in jungle warfare, counter terrorist operations in mountainous terrain, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, medical and environmental conservation.

192. Where was the 47th All India Police Science Congress held?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**

Explanation:

A 2day event of 47th All India Police Science Congress was held at the DGP (Director General of Police) headquarters in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP) between 28th and 29th November 2019. The event was organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D). The opening ceremony was inaugurated by Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry and the closing ceremony was inaugurated by Amit Shah, Union Home Minister.

193. Under which section of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) was banned for 5 years?

- 1) Section 3
- 2) Section 4
- 3) Section 5
- 4) Section 6
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Section 3**

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has extended the ban against United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) after exercising the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. With this, the Assam-based ultra outfit, ULFA along with all its factions, wings and front organizations declared as an unlawful association.

194. Which city hosted the NuGen Mobility Summit 2019?

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

Answer – **3) Manesar, Haryana**

Explanation:

A 3day event of NuGen Mobility Summit was held in Manesar, Haryana from 27th to 29th November 2019. The event was organised by the International Centre for Automobile Technology (ICAT) in associate with SAENIS (Northern India Section), SAE INDIA, SAE International, NATRiP (National Automotive Testing and R&D Infrastructure Project), DIMTS (Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System), DHI (Department of Heavy Industries), MoRTH, SIAM (Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers) and ACMA (Automotive Component Manufacturers Association of India) and inaugurated by Chief Guest, Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister of Road Transport and Shipping.

195. By which year, Government has decided to make Hallmarking of Gold jewellery and Artifacts and registration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mandatory?

- 41) 2024
- 42) 2022
- 43) 2023
- 44) 2021
- 45) None of these

Answer – **4) 2021**

Explanation:

On 29th November 2019, Union Consumer Affairs Minister Ram Vilas Paswan stated that the Government has decided to make Hallmarking of Gold jewellery and Artifacts and registration with the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) mandatory from January 15, 2021 and the notification will be issued by January 15, 2020 by the Department of Consumer Affairs.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. Which city is set to host the 2019 United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (also known as Conference of the Parties (COP) 25 climate summit 2019) after Chile's withdrawal?

- 1) Edinburgh, Scotland
- 2) London, United Kingdom
- 3) Madrid, Spain
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Madrid, Spain**

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, The Spanish government confirmed that it has offered to host the 2019 United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference (also known as Conference of the Parties (COP) 25 climate summit 2019) in Madrid on the original scheduled dates of December 2-13, 2019. Previously this conference was to be held in Chile but in view of the anti-government protest in Santiago, there will no longer be a conference held in Chile.

2. Which organization has released a report titled “Adolescents, Diets and Nutrition: Growing Well in a Changing World 2019”?

- 1) UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
- 2) UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- 3) World Bank
- 4) International Monetary Fund(IMF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)**

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019, As per the report “Adolescents, Diets and Nutrition: Growing Well in a Changing World 2019” released by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund, originally known as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) more than 80 % of adolescents in India suffer from “hidden hunger” (a form of undernutrition), and less than 10 % of boys and girls eat fruits and eggs daily.

3. Name the Organization, which released a report titled “Intensified Attacks, New Defences; Developments in the Fight to Protect Journalists and End Impunity”?

- 1) UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
- 2) UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- 3) World Bank

- 4) International Monetary Fund(IMF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)**

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019, According to the new UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) report 2019 (covers the period 2014-2018), “Intensified Attacks, New Defences; Developments in the Fight to Protect Journalists and End Impunity”, almost 90 % of those responsible for the killing of 1,109 journalists around the world between 2006 and 2018 have not been convicted.

4. Which was the deadliest part of the world for journalists where 30 % of global killings- 149 people killed between 2014-18 as per the UNESCO report titled “Intensified Attacks, New Defences; Developments in the Fight to Protect Journalists and End Impunity”?

- 1) Asian Nation
- 2) Latin America
- 3) Caribbean region
- 4) Arab States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Arab States**

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019, According to the new UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) report 2019 (covers the period 2014-2018), “Intensified Attacks, New Defences; Developments in the Fight to Protect Journalists and End Impunity”. Arab States constituted the deadliest part of the world for journalists (30 % of global killings- 149 people killed between 2014-18), followed by Latin America and the Caribbean region (26 %, 127 people killed) and the Asia and Pacific States (24 %, 120 people killed).

5. Name the first ever joint military exercise of India-Uzbekistan that began recently.

- 1) Hand in Hand
- 2) Dustlik
- 3) Ekuverin
- 4) Yudh Abhyas
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dustlik**

Explanation:

The first-ever joint military exercise of India-Uzbekistan named “Dustlik-2019” from November 4-13, 2019. The curtain raiser of the military drill was presided by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov.

6. Where was the first ever joint military exercise of India-Uzbekistan named “Dustlik-2019” held?

- 1) Dushanbe, Uzbekistan
- 2) Kochi, India
- 3) Chirchiq, Uzbekistan
- 4) Visakhapatnam, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Chirchiq, Uzbekistan

Explanation:

The first-ever joint military exercise of India-Uzbekistan named “Dustlik-2019” from November 4-13, 2019, began at Chirchiq Training Area near Tashkent, Uzbekistan. The curtain raiser of the military drill was presided by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistan counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov.

7. Where was 18th meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) held?

- 1) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Explanation:

18th meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO held in Tashkent in Uzbekistan.

8. Name the Indian delegate, who addressed the 18th meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rajnath Singh

Explanation:

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the 18th meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of SCO at Tashkent in Uzbekistan as special envoy (messenger or representative) of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi. During his address, Shri Rajnath Singh invited all the SCO members to strengthen the existing laws and mechanisms to combat terrorism.

9. Which of the following field was signed as an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Uzbekistan?

- 1) Military Manufacturing
- 2) Military Medicine
- 3) Military Training
- 4) Military Infrastructure
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Military Medicine

Explanation:

Rajnath Singh and his Uzbekistani counterpart Major General Bakhodir Nizamovich Kurbanov a total of 3 Memoranda of Understanding (MoU): 1 MoU in the field of military medicine and 2 Institution-to-Institution MoUs on military education. These 2 MoUs were part of the MoU on Military Education signed between the two countries in October 2018.

10. Name the country which offered a concessional Line of Credit(LoC) for procurement of goods and services by Uzbekistan from India?

- 1) \$20 million
- 2) \$30 million
- 3) \$40 million
- 4) \$50 million
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) \$40 million

Explanation:

India has offered a concessional Line of Credit(LoC) of \$40 million for procurement of goods and services by Uzbekistan from India.

11. Which country will host the 19th meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in the year 2020?

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

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

The 19th meeting will be hosted by India in 2020. Various initiatives by the Indian govt. to ease economic system of the partner countries were discussed. These include relaxing Foreign Direct Investment(FDI) reforms, allowing 100% foreign investment in coal mining and manufacturing sectors, approving 26% overseas investment in digital media etc. SCO members were invited for a joint venture in India in improving the 'ease of doing business'.

12. Which country has formally submitted a declaration to withdraw from the historic Paris Agreement, saying the deal puts an “unfair economic burden” to the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) India
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States(US)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) United States(US)

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, United States(US) secretary of state, Michael Richard Pompeo has formally submitted to the United Nations (UN) a declaration to withdraw from the historic Paris Agreement, saying the deal puts an “unfair economic burden” on Americans. The process of separation from this agreement will come into effect one year after the notification i.e on November 4, 2020.

13. What is the theme of the 50th edition of the World Economic Forum(WEF) that is to be held in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland in the year 2020?

- 1) Theme – 'Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World'
- 2) Theme – 'Globalization 4.0: Shaping a Global Architecture in the Age of the Fourth Industrial Revolution'

- 3) Theme – ‘Creating a Shared Future in a Fractured World’
- 4) Theme – ‘The Fourth Industrial Revolution’
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme - ‘Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World’**

Explanation:

The 50th edition of the World Economic Forum(WEF) is to be held in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, from 21-24 January 2020. The theme of the forum is fixed as ‘Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World.’ The president of the WEF Børge Brende, has invited Telangana Information and Technology(IT) minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao, to the forum appreciating his work of launching various IT initiatives in the state.

14. Name the Indian delegate, who visited Thailand to address the 35th edition of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Narendra Modi
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Narendra Modi**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister(PM) of India shri Narendra Modi paid a 3-day official visit to Thailand to attend 35th edition of ASEAN summit in Bangkok, Thailand.

15. What was the theme of 35th edition of Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit held in Bangkok, Thailand?

- 1) Theme – “Resilient and innovative Asean”
- 2) Theme – “Advancing Partnership for sustainability”
- 3) Theme – “Resilient and Innovative”
- 4) Theme – “Partnering for Change, Engaging the World”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Advancing Partnership for sustainability”**

Explanation:

The 35th edition of ASEAN summit began in Bangkok, Thailand, where it was inaugurated by Thailand Prime Minister Prayut Chan -o-Cha. The theme of the summit was “Advancing Partnership for sustainability”. The summit was held from October 31-November 4, 2019.

16. Where was the 3rd edition of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) summit for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2) Hanoi, Vietnam
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Bangkok, Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bangkok, Thailand**

17. How many member countries are there in Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership(RCEP), after India opted out from it during the 3rd RCEP Summit that held in Bangkok, Thailand?

- 1) 13
- 2) 14
- 3) 15
- 4) 16
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) 15**

Explanation:

PM Modi participated in the 3rd edition of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership(RCEP) summit in Bangkok. RCEP is a proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with the 10 members of the ASEAN and its 6 members FTA partners Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand. India decided to not sign the RCEP, after this decision there is 5 FTA members. All members of RCEP (except India) have concluded the text-based negotiations for the trade deal making the member countries of RCEP to 15. India expected to sign the agreement by 2020. ASEAN members: The ASEAN members are Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Phillipines, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos.

18. What was the rank of India in the 2nd edition of the report titled Women, Peace, and Security Index for the year 2019?

- 1) 140
- 2) 141
- 3) 135
- 4) 133
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 133**

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019 the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security(GIWPS), America in collaboration with The Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO), Norway, released its 2nd edition of the report titled Women, Peace, and Security Index for the year 2019. India was ranked 133rd out of 167 countries.

19. Where was the 6th parliamentary speakers' summit of G20 countries held?

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

Answer – **1) Tokyo, Japan**

Explanation:

Lok sabha speaker Om Birla composed the Indian Parliament delegation for 6th parliamentary summit of G20 countries, held in Tokyo, Japan from November 3-5, 2019. G20 presiding officer of parliament attended the summit. The summit is unofficially called P20, which was hosted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), headquartered in Geneva and the House of Councilors of National Diet of Japan.

20. Where was the 2nd 'No Money for Terror' 2019 conference held?

- 1) Melbourne, Australia
- 2) Wellington, New Zealand
- 3) Washington, D.C., United States
- 4) Berlin, Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Melbourne, Australia

Explanation:

Second 'No Money for Terror' 2019 conference going on in Melbourne, Australia 7–8, November 2019. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy addressed the conference from Indian side.

21. Name the country, which is set to host the 3rd 'No Money for Terror' conference for the year 2019?

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

Answer – 3) India

Explanation:

India is set to host the 3rd 'No Money for Terror' conference for the year 2020. This was announced by Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Shri G. Kishan Reddy.

22. Where was the 15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme 2019 (SACEP) held?

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

Answer – 4) Dhaka, Bangladesh

Explanation:

15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme 2019 (SACEP) held in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

23. Name the Indian delegate, who participated in the 15th governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme 2019 (SACEP) in Dhaka, Bangladesh?

- 1) Harsh Vardhan
- 2) Prakash Javadekar
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Nitin Jairam Gadkari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Prakash Javadekar

Explanation: On November 7, 2019, Shri Prakash Javadekar, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and climate change & Information and Broadcasting(I&B), has participated in the 15th

governing council meeting (GCM) of the South Asia Cooperative Environment Programme 2019 (SACEP) in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

24. Which country has joined with India to produce the film based on its founding father & Political leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman also named as 'Bangabandhu'?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) China
- 3) Myanmar
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bangladesh

Explanation:

India and Bangladesh is set to jointly produce the film based on founding father & Political leader of Bangladesh, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman also named as 'Bangabandhu'. They also discussed to produce another film namely Story of Liberation of Bangladesh.

25. Name the country, which topped in the 'Freedom on the Net' (FoTN) report titled 'The Crisis of Social Media' by Freedom House?

- 1) India
- 2) Vietnam
- 3) Iceland
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Iceland

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, the Freedom House (international internet rights) released its 'Freedom on the Net' (FoTN) report for the year 2019, titled 'The Crisis of Social Media', regarding an overall decline and access in global internet freedom between June 2018 and May 2019. Iceland became a top country for providing the freedom for accessing the Internet services. China, Pakistan and Vietnam emerged as worst performing country by providing freedom in accessing the internet service.

Country	Total score and status	Obstacles to Access	Limits on Content	Violations of user rights
India	55	12	24	19
Iceland	95	25	34	36
China	10	8	2	0
Vietnam	24	12	7	5

26. Where was the 19th Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) held?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Berlin, Germany
- 4) Washington, D.C., United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Moscow, Russia

Explanation:

19th Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) in Moscow, Russia that was held from November 5-7, 2019.

27. Name the Indian delegate, who co-chaired the 19th Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC)?

- 1) Venkaiah Naidu
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Amit Shah
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rajnath Singh**

Explanation:

The Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh co-chaired the 19th Inter-Governmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) in Moscow, Russia that was held from November 5-7, 2019. From the Russian side, it was co-chaired by Russian Defence Minister General Sergey Shoigu. This is the first visit of Rajnath Singh to Russia as a defence minister.

28. Which city is set to host DefExpo 2020 (defence expo 2020) from February 5-8, 2020?

- 1) Berlin, Germany
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Uttar Pradesh, India
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Uttar Pradesh, India**

Explanation:

On Rajnath Singh's invitation the Russian defence minister Sergey accepted to participate in the DefExpo 2020 (defence expo 2020) which is going to be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh from February 5-8, 2020. Russia also assured full support for India's capabilities in the 'Make in India' initiative for defence equipment manufacturing.

29. Name the Indian delegate, who visited Colombo, Sri Lanka to address the Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference (CLM) 2019?

- 1) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 2) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 3) Prakash Javadekar
- 4) Nitin Gadkari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ravi Shankar Prasad**

Explanation:

The four-day Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference (CLM) 2019 was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4-7 November 2019. Ravi Shankar Prasad, Union Minister for Law and Justice represented India at the conference.

30. What was the theme of the four-day Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference (CLM) 2019 that held in Colombo, Sri Lanka?

- 1) 'Justice in Young'
- 2) 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'
- 3) 'Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Jointness'
- 4) 'Strengthening South Asia, Impacting the World'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'

Explanation:

The four-day Biennial Commonwealth Law Ministers' Conference (CLM) 2019 was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 4-7 November 2019. The theme of 2019 CLM Conference is 'Equal Access to Justice and the Rule of Law'. The conference was chaired by Sri Lanka's Minister of Justice and Prison Reforms, Thalatha Atukorala.

31. Where was the 19th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting held?

- 1) Muscat, Oman
- 2) Manama, Bahrain
- 3) Doha, Qatar
- 4) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Explanation:

19th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on November 7 2019.

32. What was the theme of the 19th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- 1) Theme – "Strengthening Maritime Cooperation for a Peaceful"
- 2) Theme – "Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean"
- 3) Theme – "IORA – Uniting the Peoples of Africa, Asia, Australasia and the Middle East through Enhanced Co-operation for Peace, Stability and Sustainable Development"
- 4) Theme – "IORA – Uniting the Peoples of Australasia and the Middle East through Enhanced Co-operation for Peace, Stability and Sustainable Development"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Theme – "Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean"

Explanation:

The theme of 19th Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Council of Ministers (COM) Meeting was "Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean".

33. Which country assumed the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)'s presidency for 2019-2021?

- 1) Malaysia
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 4) Bangladesh

5) None of these

Answer – **3) United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Explanation:

UAE assumed the IORA's presidency for 2019-2021. The Republic of Bangladesh is undertaking the Vice-Chair position of IORA (also for 2019-2021) as a part of the Troika along with the UAE (as arriving Chair) and South Africa (past Chair).

34. "Brown to Green Report 2019" was released by analyzing climate action track records of which of the following International forum?

- 1) North Atlantic Treaty Organization(NATO)
- 2) G20 (group of 20) countries
- 3) BRICS
- 4) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) G20 (group of 20) countries**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019 Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) from the majority of the G20 (group of 20) countries and 14 research organisations have prepared a report titled "Brown to Green Report 2019" which comprises of analysis of the climate action track records of the G20 nations. The report was published by Climate transparency.

35. Which is the only country among the G20 nations, that is close to the 1.5 degree celsius temperature rise pathway?

- 1) France
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Russia
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) India**

Explanation:

Among the G20 nations, India was the only country close to the 1.5 degree celsius temperature rise pathway. It is also to be noted that as per the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the global temperature increase was limited to 1.5°C from 3°C.

36. Which organization has partnered with Save the Children & Every Breath Counts Coalition & released the report titled "Fighting for Breath- A call to action on childhood pneumonia"?

- 1) UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)
- 2) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- 3) United Nation
- 4) World Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, As per the study titled, "Fighting for Breath- A call to action on childhood pneumonia" released by UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund, originally known as the United

Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) and charity groups Save the Children & Every Breath Counts Coalition

37. At what position, India is placed based on Pneumonia deaths as per the report titled, "Fighting for Breath- A call to action on childhood pneumonia"?

- 1) 4th
- 2) 5th
- 3) 2nd
- 4) 6th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 2nd**

Explanation:

Pneumonia is one of the leading killers of children in India, claiming more than 14 children under the age of 5 years every hour in 2018. It killed over 1,27,000 under-five children in 2018 with high risk factors of malnutrition (53%) and pollution (Outdoor air pollution -27% & Indoor air pollution-22%). Five countries responsible for more than half of child pneumonia deaths includes Nigeria (162,000), India (127,000), Pakistan (58,000), the Democratic Republic of Congo (40,000) and Ethiopia (32,000).

38. What is the rank of India as per the report titled 'Trace Bribery Risk Matrix 2019', that measures business bribery risk in 200 countries, territories, and autonomous and semi-autonomous regions?

- 1) 81
- 2) 75
- 3) 78
- 4) 79
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 78**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, According to the report titled 'Trace Bribery Risk Matrix 2019', India has ranked 78th among 200 countries. Bangladesh ranked 178th and became highest bribery risk country among South Asian countries. New Zealand tops in least risk and Somalia became top risk country among 200 countries. New Zealand, Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland are the top five least bribery risky countries in the world. Somalia, South Sudan, North Korea, Yemen and Venezuela are top most bribery risky countries.

39. How much percent of the children under the age of 5 in India were died of malnutrition as per the report titled 'The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change: ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate' for the year 2019?

- 1) Two-Third
- 2) Half
- 3) Three-Fifth
- 4) Three-Fourth
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Two-Third**

Explanation:

As per the report titled 'The Lancet Countdown on Health and Climate Change: ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate' for the year 2019 in India, malnutrition is responsible for 2/3rd of deaths of children under 5 years.

40. Name the Indian delegate, who visited Brazil to attend the 11th annual BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit for the year 2019?

- 1) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Venkaiah Naidu
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi, paid a two-day visit to Brazil from November 13-14, 2019 to attend the 11th annual BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit.

41. What was the theme of the 11th BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) summit for the year 2019 that held in Brasilia, Brazil?

- 1) Theme – "Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions"
- 2) Theme – "Economic growth for an innovative future"
- 3) Theme – Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity"
- 4) Theme – "BRICS in Brazil: Collaboration for Inclusive Growth and Shared Prosperity in the 4th Industrial Revolution"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Theme – "Economic growth for an innovative future"

Explanation:

PM Modi along with heads of the BRICS countries addressed the plenary session of the 11th BRICS summit. The theme of the summit was "Economic growth for an innovative future."

42. Who will be the chief guest of 2020 Republic Day?

- 1) Xi Jinping
- 2) Vladimir Putin
- 3) Jair Messias Bolsonaro
- 4) Sérgio Moro
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jair Messias Bolsonaro

Explanation:

Brazilian president Jair Messias Bolsonaro accepted Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi's invite to attend the 2020 Republic Day as chief guest. Bolsonaro is the 3rd Brazilian President to be invited for Republic Day celebrations, after Fernando Henrique Cardoso in 1996 and Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in 2004.

43. Where was the 9th BRICS trade ministers meeting for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) Brasilia, Brazil
- 3) Washington, D.C., United States

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

Answer – **2) Brasilia, Brazil**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019 the union commerce minister Shri Piyush Goyal attended the 9th BRICS trade ministers meeting which was conducted in Brasilia, Brazil. This was part of his tour to Brazil and the United States(US) from November 9-14, 2019. Trade facilitation, investment promotion and cooperation in customs was the key focus of the trade ministers meet. During the meeting, issues related to cooperation in e-commerce, investment facilitation, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Intellectual Property Right were discussed.

44. Name the first country in the world that launched new Typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV) approved by World Health Organization (WHO)?

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

Answer - **4) Pakistan**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019, Pakistan becomes the first country in the world to launch the World Health Organization (WHO) approved the new Typhoid conjugate vaccine (TCV). Zafar Mirza, a special assistant to the prime minister on health and Azra Fazal Pechuho, provincial minister of health, were present at the function of TCV inauguration held in Karachi, Pakistan.

45. Which organization has released the report titled “World Talent Ranking (WTR) 2019”?

- 1) United Nation(UN)
- 2) International Monetary Fund(IMF)
- 3) International Institute of Management Development (IMD)
- 4) World Bank(WB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) International Institute of Management Development (IMD)**

Explanation:

On November 18, the 2019 International Institute of Management Development’s (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR) report was released.

46. What is the rank of India as per the International Institute of Management Development’s (IMD) report titled “World Talent Ranking (WTR) 2019”?

- 1) 50
- 2) 59
- 3) 69
- 4) 75
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 59**

Explanation:

On November 18, the 2019 International Institute of Management Development's (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR) report was released. In the released report, India was ranked at 59th position in 2019, a slip by 6 places (53rd rank in 2018) on the global annual list of 63 countries, due to factors such as low quality of life and education expenditures.

47. Which country topped in the report titled "World Talent Ranking (WTR) 2019"?

- 1) Switzerland
- 2) Australia
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Switzerland**

Explanation:

On November 18, the 2019 International Institute of Management Development's (IMD) World Talent Ranking (WTR) report was released. The list was topped by Switzerland. Top 10 countries: The top 10 countries that followed Switzerland are Denmark(2nd), Sweden(3rd), Austria(4th), Luxembourg (5th), Norway(6th), Iceland(7th), Finland (8th), Netherlands (9th) and Singapore(10th).

48. Where was the 6th edition of the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 4) Bangkok, Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bangkok, Thailand**

Explanation:

The 6th edition of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) was held in Bangkok, Thailand on November 18, 2019. Defence Minister of India Shri Rajnath Singh along with 17 other defence ministers of the ADMM-Plus countries participated in the meeting.

49. What was the theme of the 6th edition of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Theme – "Sustainable Security"
- 2) Theme – "Strengthening Cooperation, Building Resilience"
- 3) Theme – "Partnering for Change"
- 4) Theme – "Traditions of Peace and Non-violence"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – "Sustainable Security"**

Explanation:

The theme of the 6th edition of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) for the year 2019 is "Sustainable Security".

50. Who addressed the 4th edition of annual India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue 2019 in Singapore?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Rajnath Singh
- 3) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 4) Amit Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rajnath Singh**

Explanation:

The Defence Minister of India, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh paid a 2-day (November 19-20, 2019) official bilateral visit to Singapore to attend 4th edition of annual India-Singapore Defence Ministers' Dialogue 2019. This is Rajnath's 1st visit to Singapore in his capacity as Defence Minister in line with the Modi government's Act East policy to boost cooperation with Singapore across various sectors.

51. What is the rank of India in the report titled "2019 Global Terrorism Index: Measuring the impact of terrorism" which lists countries affected by terrorism in the year 2018?

- 1) 10
- 2) 9
- 3) 5
- 4) 7
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 7**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019 the Sydney (Australia) based Institute for Economics and Peace(IEP) released the 7th edition of its annual report titled "2019 Global Terrorism Index: Measuring the impact of terrorism". As per the Index India was ranked at the 7th place in the list of countries most affected by terrorism in 2018.

52. Which country topped in the report titled "2019 Global Terrorism Index: Measuring the impact of terrorism"?

- 1) Syria
- 2) Afghanistan
- 3) Iraq
- 4) Nigeria
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Afghanistan**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019 the Sydney (Australia) based Institute for Economics and Peace(IEP) released the 7th edition of its annual report titled "2019 Global Terrorism Index: Measuring the impact of terrorism". The country which topped the list was Afghanistan with 7,379 killed due to terror attacks in 2018. Afghanistan's Taliban terrorist group has been ranked first as the deadliest terror groups. The other countries in the list include Iraq (2nd), Nigeria(3rd), Syria (4th), Pakistan(5th) and Somalia(6th).

Rank	Most affected by Terrorism	Most deadliest terrorist group
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7	India	-
1	Afghanistan	Taliban (Afghanistan)
2	Iraq	ISIS (Iraq and Syria)
3	Nigeria	Boko Haram (Nigeria)

53. Name the city, that topped in the first “Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index 2019” commissioned by Basque institutions and compiled by D&L Partners?

- 1) Helsinki (Finland)
- 2) Copenhagen (Denmark)
- 3) Zurich (Switzerland)
- 4) Vienna (Austria)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Zurich (Switzerland)

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, The first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index 2019, commissioned by Basque institutions and compiled by D&L Partners, was released in the Basque Country capital of Bilbao in northern Spain.

Rank	City	Region	Score
1	Zurich (Switzerland)	Europe	78.2
2	Vienna (Austria)	Europe	72.0
3	Copenhagen (Denmark)	Europe	70.5
4	Luxembourg	Europe	70.3
5	Helsinki (Finland)	Europe	70.1

54. Which Indian city topped & ranked 83rd position in the first “Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index 2019”?

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

Answer - 1) Bengaluru

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, The first-ever Prosperity & Inclusion City Seal and Awards (PICSA) Index 2019, commissioned by Basque institutions and compiled by D&L Partners, was released in the Basque Country capital of Bilbao in northern Spain. As per the index Bengaluru topped as India’s highest ranked city at 83rd position. While Delhi ranked 101st and Mumbai 107th in the index among the top 113 countries in the world in terms Prosperity (GDP per capita and empirical quality of life measures), Socia inclusion (Personal safety, access to education, and access to ICT (Internet)) spatial inclusion (Affordability of housing, environmental quality, and access to healthcare) .

Rank	City	Region	Score
83 rd	Bengaluru (India)	Asia	34.7
101 st	Delhi (India)	Asia	22.5
107 th	Mumbai (India)	Asia	18.6

55. Which country has approved to sell 13 MK45 naval guns to India at an estimated cost of \$1 billion?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) United States of America(USA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) United States of America(USA)

Explanation:

On november 21, 2019 the United States of America(USA) has given its approval regarding sale of 13 MK45 naval guns to India at an estimated cost of \$1 billion. The notification in this regard was released by Defence Security Cooperation Agency(DSCA), US.

56. Which organization has released the report titled, “World Energy Outlook 2019” which states that installed solar power in the world will increase by 3,142 GW by 2040?

- 1) International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- 2) International Energy Agency (IEA)
- 3) International Atomic Energy Agency(IAEA)
- 4) Energy Information Administration (EIA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) International Energy Agency (IEA)

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019, As per the World Energy Outlook 2019 released by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the installed capacity of solar energy to increase from 495 GW to 3142 GW by the year 2040. The decision to increase subsidies by China, India's target of 450 GW by 2030, and efforts by the US to strengthen portfolio standards are projected to increase the production of renewable energy.

57. What is the rank of India in the “2019 Nomura’s Food Vulnerability Index” (NFVI)?

- 1) 40
- 2) 42
- 3) 44
- 4) 35
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 44

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019 Japanese company Nomura Global Market Research released a report titled “2019 Nomura’s Food Vulnerability Index” (NFVI). The report was about 50 countries, most vulnerable to food price surge. India ranked 44th in the list out of the total 110 countries taken for analysis.

58. Where was the 2nd India ASEAN InnoTech Summit 2019 held?

- 1) Davao, Philippines
- 2) Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 3) Bangkok, Thailand
- 4) Hanoi, Vietnam
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) **Davao, Philippines**

Explanation:

A 3-day long 2nd India ASEAN InnoTech Summit 2019 held from November 20 – 22 2019, SMX Convention Center, Davao, Philippines.

59. What was the theme of the 2nd India ASEAN InnoTech Summit 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Towards a peaceful, Prosperous and Sustainable ASEAN Countries”
- 2) Theme – “Building consensus for fair and sustainable development of ASEAN Countries”
- 3) Theme – “Organizing and Strengthening ASEAN Countries”
- 4) Theme – “Accelerating towards innovative development”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **Theme – “Accelerating towards innovative development”**

Explanation:

A 3-day long 2nd India ASEAN InnoTech Summit 2019 based on the theme “Accelerating towards innovative development” held from November 20 – 22 2019, SMX Convention Center, Davao, Philippines. It was organized with the aim to build capacity between the regions and explore various areas of collaboration in the field of science, technology, and innovation, global research and development (R&D), promote partnerships between industry-academia-government & will enhance best practices in financing, strategy, and leadership.

60. SNRR account was in news recently, what does ‘S’ stands for _____?

- 1) S - Sovereign
- 2) S - Special
- 3) S - Subsidy
- 4) S - Securities
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) **S - Special**

Explanation:

S stands for Special. The full form of SNRR is Special Non-Resident Rupee Accounts (SNRR).

61. What is the scope of Special Non-Resident Rupee Accounts (SNRR) Account?

- 1) External Commercial Borrowings in INR (Indian Rupee)
- 2) Trade Credits in INR (Indian Rupee)
- 3) Trade (Export/ Import) Invoicing in INR (Indian Rupee)
- 4) All the above
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **All the above**

Explanation:

On November 23, 2019, India’s central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) took steps to expand the scope of Special Non-Resident Rupee Accounts (SNRR) and popularize the domestic currency abroad by way of allowing overseas Indians to open such accounts for rupee denominated external commercial borrowings (ECBs), taking trade credits and trade (Export/ Import) Invoicing in India, and business-related transactions outside the International Financial Service Centre (IFC), all in rupees. In addition to this, the current 7- years time period of SNRR account has also been removed by RBI, in consultation with the central government.

62. What is the rank of India in the World Health Organisation(WHO)'s study on first ever global trends for adolescent insufficient physical activity?

- 1) 3
- 2) 8
- 3) 10
- 4) 13
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 8**

Explanation:

On November 25, 2019, researchers from the World Health Organisation(WHO) led by Regina Guthold from the WHO's Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health and Ageing Department, has produced a study on first ever global trends for adolescent insufficient physical activity. The study is about the level of physical activity in children. India ranked 8th in the world with the lowest level of insufficient physical activity among adolescents. Bangladesh topped the list among 146 countries. The details of this study is published in the journal "The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health".

63. Where was the 8th WATEC (Water Technology and Environment Control) Conference 2019 held with the theme "Water Stewardship and Innovation – driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water"?

- 1) Tel Aviv, Israel
- 2) Moscow, Russia
- 3) Jerusalem, Israel
- 4) Damascus, Syria
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tel Aviv, Israel**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat represented India at the 8th WATEC (Water Technology and Environment Control) Conference 2019 based on the theme "Water Stewardship and Innovation – driving global leadership in the responsible planning management, and protection of water" held at David intercontinental in Tel Aviv, Israel from November 18-21, 2019.

64. Name the University, which topped in the QS World University Rankings:Asia 2020 .

- 1) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Massachusetts
- 2) University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
- 3) National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore
- 4) Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, QS World University Rankings:Asia 2020 was released. It is an annual publication of university rankings by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), ranking the best universities of 2020 in the Asian region. The list was topped by National University of Singapore (NUS), Singapore for the second consecutive year.

65. Which Institute ranked 34th & topped among the Indian Institute in the QS World University Rankings:Asia 2020?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology Indore (IIT-I)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur (IIT-KGP)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B)

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, QS World University Rankings:Asia 2020 was released. It is an annual publication of university rankings by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), ranking the best universities of 2020 in the Asian region. Among the Indian Universities, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B) was ranked as the top performer ranking 34th in the list. 96 Indian universities including 20 brand new entries were ranked in the QS World University Rankings: Asia 2020. IITB was followed by IIT Delhi (IIT-D) in the 43rd rank and IIT Madras (IIT-M) in the 50th rank. India does not have any universities in the top 30 list.

66. Where did Subrahmanyam Jaishankar addressed the G20 (or Group of 20) foreign ministers meeting 2019?

- 1) Geneva, Switzerland
- 2) Nagoya, Japan
- 3) Washington D.C., United States (U.S.)
- 4) Paris, France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nagoya, Japan

Explanation:

External Affairs Minister (EAM) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar has attended the 2-day G20 (or Group of 20) foreign ministers meeting 2019 held in Japanese city of Nagoya from November 22-23, 2019. The two-day event, the last of the eight ministerial G20 meetings chaired by Japan this year (2019), was attended by top diplomats from the Group of Twenty's nations. The meeting was held with the focus on the promotion of free trade, implementation of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Sustainable Development Goals) and how to best assist rapidly growing economies in Africa.

67. Which country topped in the 2019 Global Diplomacy Index launched by the Sydney(Australia) based Lowy Institute?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) United States of America(USA)
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) China

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 the 2019 Global Diplomacy Index was launched by Sydney(Australia) based Lowy Institute. The index was about the statistics, marking how the world's diplomatic networks are expanding and shrinking. The list was topped by China.

Rank	Country
1	China
2	United States of America(USA)
3	France
4	Japan
5	Russia

68. What is the rank of India in the 2019 Global Diplomacy Index as per the Sydney(Australia) based Lowy Institute?

- 1) 17
- 2) 16
- 3) 12
- 4) 14
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 12**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 the 2019 Global Diplomacy Index was launched by Sydney(Australia) based Lowy Institute. The index was about the statistics, marking how the world's diplomatic networks are expanding and shrinking. As per the index, India ranked at 12th position among 63 countries for having diplomatic posts across the world.

69. Where was the 40th UNESCO General Conference for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Washington D.C., United States(US)
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Tokyo, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Paris, France**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 the Union Minister of Human Resource and Development(MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' addressed the 40th UNESCO General Conference in Paris held from November 12-27,2019. The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) general conference discussed the future of multilateralism in the rapidly changing world.

70. Where was the Fifth Dialogue of NITI Aayog and Development Research Centre (DRC) held?

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

Answer – **2) Wuhan, China**

Explanation:

On 28 November 2019, the Fifth Dialogue of NITI Aayog and Development Research Centre (DRC), of the State Council, People's Republic of China, was held in Wuhan, China. The Indian delegation was led by Dr Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog while the Chinese delegation was led by Ma Jiantang,

Party Secretary of DRC. The Sixth Dialogue will be convened in India in the second half of November 2020.

71. Which country was elected to UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Committee for the first time?

- 1) Norway
- 2) China
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Brazil
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Saudi Arabia

Explanation:

Saudi Arabia was elected to UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Committee for the first time during the 22nd General Assembly of the State Parties after winning the membership in the UNESCO Executive Board for 2019-2023. The UNESCO Executive board comprises of 58 member states.

72. How much percent of greenhouse gas emissions should be reduced between 2020 & 2030 in order to achieve the 1.5°C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement by 2030 as per United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)'s report "Emissions Gap Report 2019"?

- 1) 7.6%
- 2) 7.5%
- 3) 7.2%
- 4) 7.1%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 7.6%

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019 the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) report titled "Emissions Gap Report 2019" warns the world to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 7.6% each year between 2020 and 2030 to achieve the 1.5°C temperature goal of the Paris Agreement by 2030. Despite the commitments under the Paris Agreement temperatures are still expected to rise by 3.2°C, bringing even wider-ranging and more destructive climate impacts.

73. Which country topped in the 2nd edition of the report titled Women, Peace, and Security Index for the year 2019?

- 1) Iceland
- 2) Norway
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Finland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Norway

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019 the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security (GIWPS), America in collaboration with The Peace Research Institute of Oslo (PRIO), Norway, released its 2nd edition of the report titled Women, Peace, and Security Index for the year 2019. The list was topped by Norway which was followed by Switzerland and Finland in the second and third places respectively.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. Which portal has signed MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Indian Bank and Canara Bank to provide a paperless, cashless, and transparent payment system on its portal?

- 1) Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
- 2) Government e-CollabDDS (GeC)
- 3) Government e-Dharti (GeD)
- 4) Government e-Pathshala (GeP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Government e-Marketplace (GeM)

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a one stop portal to facilitate online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various government departments, has signed MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Indian Bank and Canara Bank to provide a paperless, cashless, and transparent payment system on its portal.

2. Name the Regional Rural Bank which has collaborated with the Stock Holdings Corporation of India Limited to launch e-stamp counter in Agartala?

- 1) Agartala Marudhara Gramin Bank
- 2) Tripura Gramin Bank
- 3) Agartala Gramin Bank
- 4) Kshetriya Gramin Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Tripura Gramin Bank

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, Tripura Gramin Bank in association with the Stock Holdings Corporation of India Limited (SHCIL) started an e-stamp counter at the bank's Abhyanagar branch in Agartala. The bank is sponsored by United Bank of India (UBI) & is jointly owned by the Government of India, Government of Tripura and UBI

3. For which entities India's central banking institution the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened the liquidity management framework?

- 1) Small Industries (SI)
- 2) Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)
- 3) Micro finance Institutions (MFI)
- 4) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Non-banking financial companies (NBFCs)

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, In order to strengthen the asset-liability management following the liquidity crisis faced by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) in the past year, India's central banking institution the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened the liquidity management framework for these firms, which seeks to bring in a LCR of 100 % for them in a phased manner by December 2024.

4. LCR was in news recently, what does 'C' stands for ____?

- 1) C -Commodity
- 2) C -Consumer
- 3) C -Custody
- 4) C -Coverage
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) C -Coverage

Explanation

C stands for Coverage in LCR. The full form of LCR is Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR).

5. How much percent of Liquidity Coverage Ratio (LCR) should be maintained as high quality liquid assets (HQLA) by non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) whose assets over Rs.10,000crore?

- 1) 50%
- 2) 70%
- 3) 75%
- 4) 60%
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) 50%

Explanation:

As per the new rules of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which is to be strictly enforced from December 1, 2020, **NBFCs** with assets of Rs. **10,000 crore and above** will have to maintain at least **50% of LCR** as high quality liquid assets (HQLA), while those with assets of **₹5000-10,000 crore** will have to maintain **30% LCR** & and build up to 100 % over four years.

6. What does 'L' stands for in ALM?

- 1) L - Leverage
- 2) L - Liquidity
- 3) L - Liability
- 4) L - Labour
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) L - Liability

Explanation:

L stands for Liability in ALM. The full form of ALM is Asset Liability Management.

7. Which bank approved to provide \$451mn loan for Chennai-Kanyakumari industrial corridor power links in Tamil Nadu?

- 1) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- 2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 3) World Bank (WB)
- 4) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, An international development finance institution, Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a \$451 million(mn) (about Rs 3,200 crore) loan to strengthen power connectivity

between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai–Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC) in Tamil Nadu(TN), which covers 23 of the state's 32 districts and 70 % of the state population. The completion of the project has been estimated at the end of 2024.

8. Name the bank, which has signed an agreement with MSTC Limited (formerly known as Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited) for the process of developing an e-Auction platform aimed at selling non-performing assets (NPAs)?

- 1) Union Bank of India
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Allahabad Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Allahabad Bank

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, An Indian state-owned e-commerce company, MSTC Limited (formerly known as Metal Scrap Trade Corporation Limited) has signed an agreement with Allahabad Bank, a nationalised bank for the process of developing an e-Auction platform aimed at selling non-performing assets (NPAs).

9. If the non-payment is up to 200 % of the fixed salary, then how much percent of it should be paid in other than cash mode as per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s new guidelines?

- 1) 25%
- 2) 30%
- 3) 50%
- 4) 70%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 50%

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, India's central banking institution, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released new rules relating to the pay scales of full-time directors, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) and Material Risk Takers and Control Function staff of foreign, private, small finance, payment banks and local area banks. These new guidelines will come into effect from April, 2020. If the non-payment is up to 200 % of the fixed salary, then at least 50 % of it should be paid in other than cash mode. If non-cash pay exceeds 200 %, then 67 % of it should be paid in non-cash ways.

10. Name the Small Finance Bank(SFB), which has launched an instant digital savings account (SA) along with Fixed Deposit (FD) and Privilege Savings Account?

- 1) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- 2) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 3) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- 4) Suryoday Small Finance Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Explanation: On November 6, 2019, Finance service company, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank(SFB) has launched an instant digital savings account (SA) along with Fixed Deposit (FD) and Privilege Savings Account to offer distinctive banking and digital services to its customers.

11. What is the maximum limit of deposit in Instant Digital SA account of newly launched Ujjivan Small Finance Bank?

- 1) Rs 3 lakh
- 2) Rs 1 lakh
- 3) Rs 5 lakh
- 4) Rs 10 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs 1 lakh

Explanation:

Instant Digital SA account of Ujjivan Small Finance Bank(SFB) has the restriction of Rs 1 lakh deposit & has the unlimited free transactions on the bank's own ATM (automated teller machine) and 6 free transactions for other bank ATMs per month.

12. CIC was in news recently, what does 'I' stands for _____?

- 1) Interest
- 2) Inflation
- 3) Insurance
- 4) Investment
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Investment

Explanation:

I stands for Investment in CIC. The full form of CIC is Core Investment Companies

13. Who chaired the committee constituted by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) that recommended to tighten the corporate governance norms in the Core Investment Companies (CICs)?

- 1) Rajiv Gauba
- 2) Tapan Ray
- 3) Ajit Seth
- 4) Pradeep Kumar Sinha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Tapan Ray

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) constituted a committee headed by Tapan Ray. On November 7, 2019 the committee appointed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on the supervisory framework for Core Investment Companies (CICs) has recommended to tighten the corporate governance norms in the CIC. The committee has suggested that entities should have only 2-tier structure/layers and also recommended to strengthen the board structures with at least 50% of independent directors.

14. Which insurance firm has released the app named 'Farmitra' to help the farmers needs and address their worries?

- 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 2) ICICI Lombard General Insurance
- 3) United India Insurance
- 4) New India Assurance
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance

Explanation:

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance has introduced new mobile app called 'Farmitra' for the ease of farmers. This app intends to help the farmers needs and address their worries. It also resolves with relevant information, which they can use in optimizing their farming practices.

15. Name the bank which has signed an MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to provide various payments and various banking services?

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Central Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Central Bank of India**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a one stop portal to facilitate online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various government departments, has signed MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Central Bank of India to provide various payments and various banking services on its portal. As per the MoU, the Central Bank of India will offer a number of services including transfer of funds through GeM Pool Accounts (GPA), advising of electronic Performance Bank Guarantees (e-PBG) and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to users registered on GeM portal.

16. Which insurance firm was barred by IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) from selling new insurance policies?

- 1) New India Assurance
- 2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance Ltd (BAGIL)
- 3) Apollo Munich Health Insurance Ltd (AMHIL)
- 4) Reliance Health Insurance Ltd (RHICL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Reliance Health Insurance Ltd (RHICL)**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019, IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India), an autonomous, statutory body tasked with regulating insurance and re-insurance, has barred Anil Ambani's company Reliance Health Insurance Ltd (RHICL) from selling new insurance policies due to its poor financial condition and only they can provide service to old policies.

17. To which country, Export-Import (Exim) Bank has given a \$30 million (about Rs 210 crore) line of credit (LoC) for financing rehabilitation and up-gradation of Potable Water System?

- 1) Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
- 2) Republic of Suriname
- 3) Republic of Ghana
- 4) Guyana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Republic of Ghana**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019, Export-Import (Exim) Bank, the premier export finance institution of India has given a \$30 million (about Rs 210 crore) line of credit (LoC, a soft loan / loan with low interest rate) to the Government of the Republic of Ghana for financing rehabilitation and up-gradation of Potable Water System in Yendi, Ghana. The Agreement in this regard is effective from October 11, 2019.

18. Which public sector bank has inked an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Muthoot Microfinance Ltd, to jointly lend to the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) borrowers?

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

Answer – **1) Indian Bank**

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, Indian Bank, an Indian state-owned financial services company has inked an memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Muthoot Microfinance Ltd, a leading non-banking finance company (NBFC), to jointly lend to the MSME (micro, small and medium enterprises) borrowers.

19. What is the raised household income limit for borrowers of NBFC –MFIs (Non-Banking Financial Companies- Micro finance Institutions) in rural India?

- 1) Rs 1.25 lakh
- 2) Rs 1.50 lakh
- 3) Rs 1.75 lakh
- 4) Rs 1.55 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs 1.25 lakh**

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, India's central banking institution, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has raised the household income eligibility limit for eligible borrowers from NBFC –MFIs (Non-Banking Financial Companies- Micro finance Institutions) to Rs 1.25 lakh from the existing Rs 1 lakh in rural areas and from Rs 1.6 lakh to Rs 2 lakh in urban /semi-urban areas.

20. Which online transaction fee of savings bank account will be not charged by Banks from January 2020?

- 1) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- 2) National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT)
- 3) Real-time gross settlement (RTGS)
- 4) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) transactions**

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, As per the report titled "Furthering Digital Payments" released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Banks will not be able to charge any fee for online National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT) transactions done by the savings bank account customers from January 2020. With a

view to promote digital transactions on the 3rd anniversary of demonetisation, the Reserve Bank has moved a proposal in this regard.

21. Which entities are mandated by RBI to create a reserve fund and it should transfer at least 20% of its net profit every year to the fund?

- 1) Small Finance Bank(SFB)
- 2) Non-Banking Financial Company (NBFC)
- 3) Micro finance Institution(MFI)
- 4) Housing Finance Companies (HFC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Housing Finance Companies (HFC)

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, India's central bank, the Reserve of India (RBI) has come up with a master direction & decided to withdraw some exemptions from the provisions of Chapter IIIB of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 applicable to Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) in terms of complying with regulations such as provisions and formation of reserve fund. It also decided to make provisions of Chapter IIIB except Section 45-IA of RBI Act, 1934.

22. What is the revised India's Gross Domestic Product(GDP) for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), as per State Bank of India (SBI)'s report titled "EcoWrap"?

- 1) 5.5%
- 2) 5%
- 3) 6%
- 4) 6.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 5%

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, the economic research team from the State Bank of India (SBI) in its report titled "EcoWrap" has revised India's Gross Domestic Product(GDP) to 5% from its earlier estimate of 6.1% for the Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20). This downgrade was due to global slowdown in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

23. Name the Indian Unified Payment Interface (UPI) based App, which was launched in Singapore & become internationally available for the first time?

- 1) Tez
- 2) PhonePe
- 3) Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM)
- 4) Paytm
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM)

Explanation:

soft launch was scheduled of the acceptance of BHIM-UPI QR (Bharat Interface for Money- Unified Payments Interface Quick Response) based payments in Singapore. With this transaction, BHIM usage for the first time enters an international country.

24. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of India for FY20 (fiscal year 20) forecasted by Moody's?

- 1) 6%
- 2) 4.9%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 5.6%
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) 5.6%**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019 American business and financial services company Moody's has revised India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast to 5.6% from its previous estimate of 5.8% for FY20 (fiscal year 20). The 5.6% GDP estimate was much lower than it was in 2018 of 7.4%.

25. Under which act, Competition Commission of India (CCI), has approved the amalgamation of the BNP (Bank of Paris and the Netherlands) Paribas- BNPP Mutual Fund and Bank of Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund?

- 1) Competition Act, 2002
- 2) Competition Act, 2003
- 3) Competition Act, 2004
- 4) Competition Act, 2005
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Competition Act, 2002**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, Competition Commission of India (CCI), a statutory body of the Government of India (GoI), has approved the amalgamation of the BNP (Bank of Paris and the Netherlands) Paribas- BNPP Mutual Fund and Bank of Baroda (BOB) Mutual Fund, under Section 31(1) of the Competition Act, 2002. The strategic alliance would allow both companies to merge (i) BOB Asset Management Company (AMC) into BNPP AMC (ii) BNPP Trustee Company (TC) into BOB TC. After this arrangement, BNPP AMC and BOB TC will be the surviving entities.

26. Which bank has launched a nationwide account mobilization campaign called "CASA (current account savings account) campaign of FY (fiscal year) 2019-2020"?

- 1) Karnataka Bank Ltd
- 2) Indian Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Karnataka Bank Ltd**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019, Karnataka Bank Ltd, an 'A' Class Scheduled Commercial Bank has launched a nationwide account mobilization campaign called "CASA (current account savings account) campaign of FY (fiscal year) 2019-2020". The campaign will remain in force till February 29, 2020.

27. Which bank has approved \$75-million loan to Tata Cleantech Capital Limited (TLLC) to help mobilize private capital into renewable energy, power transmission and water infrastructure?

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

Answer – **3) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral development bank that aims to support the building of infrastructure in the Asia-Pacific region, has approved \$75-million loan to Mumbai based Tata Cleantech Capital Limited (TLLC) to help mobilize private capital into renewable energy, power transmission and water infrastructure.

28. Which state will receive \$400-million loan from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for strengthening electricity distribution in the state?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Assam**

Explanation:

Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) will start disbursing \$400-million loan for strengthening electricity distribution in Assam & an equal amount in two phases for a transmission project in the eastern State.

29. SWIFT was in news recently, what does 'T' stands for ____?

- 1) T - Tax
- 2) T - Telecommunication
- 3) T - Trade
- 4) T - Transmission
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) T - Telecommunication**

Explanation:

T stands for Telecommunication. The full form of SWIFT is Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication.

30. Which of the following countries have partnered together to explore an alternative to the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) payment mechanism in-order to smoothen the trade with countries?

- 1) India, Bangladesh and Russia
- 2) India, China and Bangladesh
- 3) India, Nepal and Bangladesh
- 4) India, China and Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) India, China and Russia**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019 India, China and Russia have partnered together to explore an alternative to the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) payment mechanism in-order to smoothen the trade with countries that face American sanctions.

31. System for Transfer of Financial Messages(SPFS) is a financial messaging system of which country?

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

Answer – **3) Russia**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019 India, China and Russia have partnered together to explore an alternative to the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication) payment mechanism. As part of this exploration, Russia will link its financial messaging system SPFS (System for Transfer of Financial Messages) with Chinese Cross-border Interbank Payment System (CIPS). As India doesn't have its own domestic financial payments system, it is in plan to link the Central Bank of Russia's platform with a service that is under development.

32. Which bank has signed \$ 91 million loan agreement under Karnataka Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management Investment Program (IWRM) to renovate the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems?

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

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

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019, The Government of India (GoI) & the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has signed \$ 91 million loan agreement under Karnataka Integrated and Sustainable Water Resources Management Investment Program (IWRM) to renovate the Vijayanagara Channel irrigation systems in Karnataka. The fund will also be used to prepare the river basin management plan of the Krishna River that would help in using irrigation water effectively and it would also help in sustaining the water security of the state of Karnataka.

33. What is the new name of Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance?

- 1) Sundaram BNP Home Finance
- 2) Home Finance of Sundaram
- 3) Sundaram Home Finance
- 4) Sundaram Finance for Homes
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sundaram Home Finance**

Explanation:

With effect from November 18, 2019 Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance which is the subsidiary of non-banking finance company Sundaram Finance Ltd has been renamed to "Sundaram Home Finance". The change in name was due to the acquisition by Sundaram Finance of BNP(Banque Nationale de Paris) Paribas Personal Finance's stake in Sundaram BNP Paribas Home Finance Ltd.

34. Which payment bank has announced its partnership with ICICI Lombard to offer several sachet based insurance products to its customers?

- 1) Paytm Payments Bank
- 2) Fino payments bank
- 3) Airtel Payments Bank
- 4) India Post Payments Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Fino payments bank**

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 ICICI Lombard has announced its partnership with Fino Payments Bank to offer several sachet based insurance products to its customers. Some of the offerings include Hospicash which provides customers the solution to cover loss of their income. This product will specially benefit migrant workers, when they are hospitalized.

35. What is the minimum asset value of Non-Banking Financial Companies(NBFC), which was now placed under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)?

- 1) Rs.1000 crore
- 2) Rs.1500 crore
- 3) Rs.500 crore
- 4) Rs.2000 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rs.500 crore**

Explanation:

Non-Banking Financial Companies -NBFCs (which include housing finance companies-HFCs) with assets worth at least Rs 500 crore can be taken for debt resolution & liquidation proceedings under the provisions of the IBC, 2016 read with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy (Insolvency and Liquidation Proceedings of Financial Service Providers and Application to Adjudicating Authority) Rules, 2019.

36. Which finance entities board was taken over by Reserve Bank of India on November 20, 2019?

- 1) PNB Housing Finance Limited (PNBHFL)
- 2) LIC Housing Finance Limited (LICHFL)
- 3) Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL)
- 4) Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited (IHFL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL)**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019, In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 45-IE (I) of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has superseded the board of deposit-taking housing finance company- Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL), which is

struggling with difficulties due to administrative concerns and default of several loans. Along with this, RBI has appointed R Subramaniakumar, former managing director (MD) & chief executive of Indian Overseas Bank (IOB), as the administrator of DHFL under Section 45-IE (2) of the Act.

37. For which class, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) notifies Regulations for Insolvency Resolution Process and Bankruptcy Proceedings?

- 1) Personal guarantors to corporate debtors
- 2) Partnership firms and proprietorship firms
- 3) Other individuals
- 4) All of the above
- 5) None of the above

Answer – **1) Personal guarantors to corporate debtors**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019, Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has notified Regulations for Insolvency Resolution and Bankruptcy Proceedings of Personal Guarantors to Corporate Debtors (CDs). This has been done on the sidelines of the notification by Central Government on proceedings of Personal Debtors to Corporate Debtors. These provisions would be effective from December 1.

38. What is the maximum time limit given by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to banks if any listed companies hadn't pay the debt after 30 days?

- 1) 24 hours
- 2) 12 hours
- 3) 18 hours
- 4) 6 hours
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 24 hours**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019, The Regulator for the Securities market in India, SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved strict provision criteria for listed companies on debt default. As per new rules, the listed company will have to inform SEBI within 24 hours after the completion of the 30-day period for any loan default. This rule will come into effect from January 1, 2020. This means that if a listed company is unable to repay the principal or interest of the loan taken from the bank on the due date, it will have to make this information public within the next 24 hours after the completion of 30 days.

39. How many member advisory committee was formed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to assist Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL) administrator?

- 1) 5
- 2) 4
- 3) 3
- 4) 6
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 3**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, In exercise of powers conferred under section 45 IE 5(a) of the RBI Act 1934, India central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set up a 3-member committee consisting of

IDFC First Bank non-executive chairman Rajiv Lall, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance chief executive NS Kannan and the mutual funds body AMFI (Association of Mutual Funds in India) chief executive NS Venkatesh, before formally sending the case of the troubled deposit-taking housing finance company- Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL) for bankruptcy proceedings. This committee will serve as advisor to the DHFL administrator.

40. Under which act, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has disclosed list of 30 major wilful defaulters of India?

- 1) RTI act 2005
- 2) RTI act 2006
- 3) RTI act 2007
- 4) RTI act 2008
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) RTI act 2005**

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has disclosed list of 30 major wilful defaulters of India. The list was disclosed by RBI in response to the Right to Information(RTI) application of the RTI act 2005, filed by the Indian news website 'The Wire' in May 2019. Some of the companies that has been added to the list include Gitanjali Gems, Rotomac Global, Zoom Developers, Deccan Chronicle Holdings, Winsome Diamonds, REI Agro, Siddhi Vinayak Logistics and Kudos Chemie.

41. By which of the following scenario, Public sector banks (PSBs) received Rs 1,996.46 crore as penalty?

- 1) From penalty imposed for willful defaulters
- 2) For not keeping minimum monthly balance
- 3) For not completing KYC norms
- 4) For not complying with Banks norms
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) For not keeping minimum monthly balance**

Explanation:

Public sector banks (PSBs) received Rs 1,996.46 crore as penalty for not keeping minimum monthly balance in the account in 2018-19. In the financial year 2017-18 (or 2017), 18 state-owned banks received Rs 3,368.42 crore as minimum balance penalty. At the same time, in the financial year 2016-17 (or 2016), the public banks recovered Rs 790.22 crore from the account holders. Reason: One of the reasons for the decline in the minimum deposit amount penalty by PSBs is the penalty reduced by SBI(State Bank of India)from October 1, 2017 for non-maintenance of minimum deposit in savings account.

42. Which account will not be penalized by banks for not maintaining minimum monthly balance?

- 1) Individual Retirement Account (IRA)
- 2) Savings Accounts(SA)
- 3) Money Market Deposit Account (MMDA)
- 4) Basic Savings Bank Accounts (BSBD)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Basic Savings Bank Accounts (BSBD)

Explanation:

Banks do not charge any penalty for not having a minimum monthly balance in Basic Savings Bank Accounts (BSBD). These include open accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY). According to RBI, as of March 2019, there were 57.3 crore BSBD accounts in the country, of which 35.27 crore were Jan Dhan accounts.

43. Which firm has entered into a co-origination partnership with the State Bank of India (SBI) in order to provide widened credit outreach and faster disbursal?

- 1) Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Ltd(IL&FS)
- 2) Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd
- 3) U GRO Capital
- 4) Capital First Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) U GRO Capital

Explanation:

On November 25, 2019 capital market company NewQuest's U GRO Capital has entered into a co-origination partnership with the State Bank of India(SBI) in order to provide widened credit outreach and faster disbursal. Through U GRO Capital's platform "GRO-Xstream", in-principle loan approval will be done within 60 minutes. The partnership was signed by Mr. Jayanta Deb Majumdar, General Manager(GM) of SBI and Mr. Shachindra Nath, Executive Chairman of U GRO Capital.

44. Name the firms, which has partnered & launched a micro-insurance plan, 'insurance khata' that aims to boost informal sector & agricultural labourers with seasonal incomes?

- 1) India First Life Insurance & Spice Money
- 2) Max Life Insurance & Spice Money
- 3) Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance & Spice Money
- 4) Exide Life Insurance & Spice Money
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) India First Life Insurance & Spice Money

Explanation:

On November 23, 2019, IndiaFirst Life Insurance, a leading life insurance company in India has partnered with Spice Money, a tech-led financial services provider, for distribution and marketing of 'insurance khata', a micro-insurance plan aims at the informal sector & agricultural labourers with seasonal incomes. Under this partnership, Spice Money will work for IndiaFirst Life & market of 'insurance khata' products to its customers base of over three lakh in semi-urban and rural India.

45. Which payment solutions provider has partnered with "Vistara" to provide co-branded credit card to latter's customers?

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

Answer – 2) State Bank of India(SBI) card

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, SBI (State Bank of India) card, a payment solutions provider in India has partnered with Vistara, an Indian full-service airline, to provide premium, co-branded credit card to its customers with the benefits like free cancellations, lounge access, and extra frequent flyer points.

46. Which bank has approved 2nd tranche of loan \$150 million (about Rs 1,065 crore) for West Bengal to boost capital investment and infrastructure?

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

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

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, Asian Development Bank (ADB), an international development finance institution has approved 2nd tranche of policy based programme loan \$150 million (about Rs 1,065 crore) for West Bengal to boost capital investment and infrastructure in the state.

47. Name the intergovernmental organization, whose currency swap arrangement framework was revised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- 2) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)
- 3) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- 4) BRICS
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, Country's apex bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has revised the SAARC (South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation) currency swap arrangement framework for a period of November 14, 2019 to November 13, 2022. The revision has been made for financial stability and economic cooperation within the SAARC region. As per the new framework, RBI continues to offer a swap arrangement within the overall corpus of USD 2 billion. The draws can be made in US Dollar, Euro or Indian Rupee. There are certain concessions for swap draws in Indian Rupee. The SAARC central banks, who want to avail swap facility, subject to their signing the bilateral swap agreements, RBI will make bilateral swap agreements.

48. Which bank has inked a pact with Ashok Leyland (ALL) for commercial vehicle financing?

- 1) ICICI bank & Indian Bank
- 2) Axis bank & ICICI bank
- 3) Axis bank & HDFC Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank & State Bank of India (SBI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Axis bank & ICICI bank**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, Ashok Leyland (ALL), an Indian automobile company has tied-up with Axis Bank, the fifth-largest bank in India for vehicle loans for a period of two years. On November 25, 2019,

Ashok Leyland has also signed a two year memorandum of understanding (MoU) with ICICI (Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India) Bank for vehicle financing

49. Which bank has signed a \$451 million loan agreement to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC), in Tamil Nadu?

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

Answer – 4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a \$451 million loan agreement to strengthen power connectivity between the southern and northern parts of the Chennai-Kanyakumari Industrial Corridor (CKIC), a part of the East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC), in Tamil Nadu. ADB is acting as the lead partner of the Government of India for developing ECEC.

50. Which bank have excluded from the second schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 with effect from April 1, 2019?

- 1) UCO Bank and Dena Bank
- 2) Bank of Baroda and Dena Bank
- 3) Bank of Baroda and UCO Bank
- 4) Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank

Explanation:

On November 28 2019, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has excluded Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank from the second schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 with effect from April 1, 2019, as they have ceased to carry on banking business. Reason behind exclusion from the act: The above mentioned public sector banks (PSBs) were merged into Bank of Baroda on April 1, 2019 hence, they were ceased to operate as banking companies separately.

51. Name the section, of RBI Act which should be satisfied by the bank in order to be listed as the scheduled bank in India?

- 1) Section 43 (6) (a)
- 2) Section 42 (6) (a)
- 3) Section 46 (6) (a)
- 4) Section 47 (6) (a)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Section 42 (6) (a)

Explanation:

Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank public sector banks (PSBs) were merged into Bank of Baroda on April 1, 2019 hence, they were ceased to operate as banking companies separately. It should be noted that in the 2nd Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934, only those banks are included which satisfy the criteria

mentioned on section 42 (6) (a) of the RBI Act. Those banks included in this schedule are known as scheduled banks in India while banks not under this schedule are called non-scheduled banks.

52. Which became the first financial services firm to be taken to National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT)?

- 1) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 2) Indiabulls Housing Finance
- 3) Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL)
- 4) IDFC First Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL)

Explanation:

On November 30 2019, a corporate insolvency resolution process (IRP) will be initiated by National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), following Reserve Bank of India (RBI) application, against Dewan Housing Finance Corp. Ltd (DHFL) under Section 227 read with clause (zk) of sub-section (2) of Section 239 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 read with Rules 5 and 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Rules, 2019.

53. Name the three regional rural banks (RRB) of Uttar Pradesh that is to be amalgamated into a single regional rural bank on April 1, 2020 & called as “Baroda UP Bank”?

- 1) Baroda Uttar Pradesh Grameen Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank
- 2) Aryavart Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank
- 3) Aryavart Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Prathama UP Gramin Bank
- 4) Prathama UP Gramin Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Baroda Uttar Pradesh Grameen Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, According to a notification issued by the finance ministry, Government of India, 3 Uttar Pradesh (UP) regional rural banks (RRB) – Baroda Uttar Pradesh Grameen Bank, Kashi Gomti Samyut Gramin Bank and Purvanchal Bank will be amalgamated into a single regional rural bank on April 1, 2020 which will be called as “Baroda UP Bank”. Bank of Baroda (BoB) will sponsor new Baroda UP Bank, which will have the headquarter in Gorakhpur.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

1. For which purpose the Siemens has signed Memoranda of Understandings(MoU) with power producer NTPC (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) and The Energy and Resources Institute(TERI)?

- 1) For GeM Pool Accounts (GPA)
- 2) For Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)
- 3) For Earnest Money Deposit
- 4) For decarbonisation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) For decarbonisation

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, German multinational conglomerate company Siemens signed Memoranda of Understandings(MoU) with power producer NTPC (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) and The Energy and Resources Institute(TERI) for decarbonisation.

2. Which country's GDP is expected to be more at 86% in 2020 as per the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- 1) Bahamas
- 2) Trinidad and Tobago
- 3) Suriname
- 4) Guyana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Guyana

Explanation:

On November 4 2019, According to International Monetary Fund (IMF), Guyana's GDP is expected to grow at 86% in 2020 after expanding 4.4% in 2019. This growth expectation had done after Exxon Mobil Corp.'s discovery of oil at Guyana. The Guyana's economy will grow more than three times within five years. Guyana' GDP is to get fourteen times as fast as China's GDP in 2020.

3. What is the GDP growth of India in the year 2020-24 as per Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD's) report titled "Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2020: rethinking education for the digital era"?

- 1) 6.9%
- 2) 6.6%
- 3) 6.4%
- 4) 6.3%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 6.6%

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019 the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD) in its report "Economic Outlook for Southeast Asia, China and India 2020: rethinking education for the digital era" has predicted that India is likely to grow at 6.6% in 2020-24, which is lower than the average of 7.4% of 2013-17.

4. Which states witnessed the highest unemployment levels of more than 20%, as per the data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE)?

- 1) West Bengal & Assam
- 2) Assam & Haryana
- 3) Tripura & Haryana
- 4) Mizoram & Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Tripura & Haryana

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, According to data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), India's unemployment rate in October 2019 increased to 8.5%, the highest level since August 2016, and up from 7.2% in September 2019. Tripura & Haryana states witnessed the highest unemployment levels of more than 20% while Tamil Nadu recorded lowest unemployment with 1.1%.

5. What is the fiscal deficit growth of India for the year 2020 which was forecasted based on the Gross Domestic Product(GDP) by Fitch solutions?

- 1) 3.3%
- 2) 3.5%
- 3) 3.2%
- 4) 3.6%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 3.6%

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019, Fitch solutions has increased India's fiscal deficit forecast to 3.6% of the Gross Domestic Product(GDP) FY2020(Fiscal Year 2020) from its previous estimate of 3.4%. The increase in the estimate was due to weak revenue collections, slowed economic growth and corporate tax rate cut by the govt.

6. Name the financial service company that has downgraded India's economic outlook to "Negative" from "Stable" on November 8, 2019?

- 1) CRISIL
- 2) Moody's Corporation
- 3) Fitch Ratings
- 4) S&P Global
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Moody's Corporation

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019 the American financial service company Moody's has downgraded India's economic outlook to "Negative" from "Stable". This downgrade was due to slow growth in the economy. It also predicted that the slow growth would be prolonged and would also have debt rises. Moody's has also predicted a budget deficit of 3.7% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in the year through March 2020, which is a breach in the govt's target of 3.3%. This was due to corporate tax rate cuts, slow growth etc.

7. Which organization has released a report on Indian startup ecosystem and job generation, titled “Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem: Leading Tech In The 20s”?

- 1) Confederation of Indian Industry(CII)
- 2) Data Security Council of India(DSCI)
- 3) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry(FICCI)
- 4) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 the National Association of Software and Services Companies (Nasscom) released a report on Indian startup ecosystem and job generation at the sidelines of the 16th anniversary edition of NASSCOM Product Conclave 2019. It was prepared with the support of consulting company named ‘Zinnov’. The report titled “Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem: Leading Tech In The 20s”?

8. What is the rank of India in NASSCOM’s report “Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem: Leading Tech In The 20s”?

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4
- 5) None of these

Answer-3) 3

Explanation:

As per the NASSCOM’s report titled “Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem: Leading Tech In The 20s” by 2025, Indian start-up ecosystem is positioned as the 3rd largest in the world. Indian startup ecosystem could create upto 12.5 lakh direct jobs. The job generation ranges from 3.9-4.3 lakh in 2019. Indirect job creation: The number of Indirect job generation would also increase to 39-44 lakh by 2025 from the current (2019) 14-16 lakh jobs.

9. Which country has the largest start-up ecosystem in the world as per the NASSCOM’s report “Indian Tech Start-Up Ecosystem: Leading Tech In The 20s”?

- 1) China
- 2) United States
- 3) India
- 4) Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) China

Explanation:

Indian start-up ecosystem is positioned as the 3rd largest in the world after China and the United States(US) which are in the first and second place respectively. Bangalore(Karnataka), New Delhi and Mumbai(Maharashtra) are home to 55-58% of startups. Delhi has the highest number (6) of startups with Unicorn status (privately held company valued at over \$1 billion).

10. Name the new system created by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) to bring transparency and accountability in indirect tax administration?

- 1) Personal Identification Number (PIN)
- 2) Central Identification Number (CIN)
- 3) Unique Identification Number (UIN)
- 4) Documentation Identification Number (DIN)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Documentation Identification Number (DIN)

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019 the Documentation Identification Number (DIN) system of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) came into existence. This system was created to bring transparency and accountability in indirect tax administration with the use of Information and Technology (IT). The DIN system was created under the direction of union Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman.

11. Where will the Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) set up 100 KLPD (Kiloliters per day) Ligno-Cellulosic 2G Ethanol Plant?

- 1) Panipat, Haryana
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Patna, Bihar
- 4) Ranchi, Jharkhand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Panipat, Haryana

Explanation:

On November 10, 2019, Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Prakash Javadekar has approved the Rs 766 crore worth proposal of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) to set up 100 KLPD (Kiloliters per day) Ligno-Cellulosic 2G Ethanol Plant, a second-generation biomass-based fuel in Baholi, Panipat district of Haryana.

12. What is the revised Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the FY20 (fiscal year 20) forecasted by the Japanese brokerage firm Nomura?

- 1) 5.2%
- 2) 4.9%
- 3) 5.5%
- 4) 6.1%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 4.9%

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019, the Japanese brokerage firm Nomura revised the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) forecast of India to 4.9% from its previous estimate of 5.7% FY20 (fiscal year 20). The downgrade in the forecast was due to slowed economic growth of 5% in the June quarter (1st quarter) of 2019, which is a 6-year low. This is by far, the lowest estimate of Nomura.

13. What percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of India for the year 2019-20 was forecasted by National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER)?

- 1) 4.9%

- 2) 5.5%
 - 3) 6.1%
 - 4) 6.5%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 4.9%**

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER), a New Delhi based non-profit think tank of economics & and the National Institute of Public Finance and Policy, have jointly projected India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth for 2019 (or Fiscal year (FY)-20) at 4.9 % as against 6.8 % in 2018 (or FY -19). It lowers its outlook due to the slowdown in almost all sectors & it is primarily driven by a simultaneous deceleration of all the drivers of aggregate demand.

14. What is the World GDP (Gross domestic product) growth for the year 2020 forecasted by OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) in its Economic Outlook 2019?

- 1) 5.9%
 - 2) 4.9%
 - 3) 3.9%
 - 4) 2.9 %
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) 2.9 %**

Explanation:

According to the latest Economic Outlook 2019 released by OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) on November 21, 2019, World GDP (Gross domestic product) growth is expected to be at 2.9% in 2020 ,its lowest annual rate due to the risk posed by trade stress. This is 0.1 % lower than the earlier estimate released in September,2019.

15. What is the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of India in the second quarter (Q2) of FY -Fiscal Year 2020 as per the ICRA (originally named Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited)?

- 1) 4.7 %
 - 2) 4.5%
 - 3) 3.5%
 - 4) 3.3%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 4.7 %**

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019, An Indian independent credit rating agency, ICRA (originally named Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited) has projected India's GDP(Gross Domestic Product) growth to be 4.7 % in the second quarter (Q2) of FY -Fiscal Year 2020 due to weak industrial production. The rating agency has forecast a further decline in gross value added (GVA) is expected to be 4.5 % for the quarter ending September on a year-on-year basis.

16. Name the first Indian company to cross Rs.9.5 lakh crore & almost nears 10 lakh crore in market capitalization (m-cap)?

- 1) Hindustan Unilever

- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Tata Group
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- 5) none of these

Answer – **4) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)**

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) is the first Indian company to cross Rs.9.5 lakh crore in market capitalization (m-cap). Recently Vodafone India and Bharti Airtel had announced their tariff hike which will be implemented from December 2019. This has increased the share price of RIL in market and is believed to attract more subscribers for Reliance Jio. On 26 Nov 2019, its m-cap touched Rs 9,99,045 crore nearing the Rs 10 lakh crore mark.

17. What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the financial year 20 (FY 20) as per India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) projection?

- 1) 5.6%
- 2) 5.2%
- 3) 6.2%
- 4) 6.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 5.6%**

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 Fitch group's firm India Ratings and Research(Ind-Ra) has downgraded India's Gross Domestic Product(GDP) forecast FY20 (Financial year 20) to 5.6% from the previous estimate of 6.1%. The new projection also suggests that FY20 GDP growth for second quarter(Q2) to likely be at 4.7%. Q2 denotes period from July-September.

18. Which of the following organization along with Department of Science and Technology (DST) has partnered with T-Hub to launch the 1st edition of Fintech Accelerator program?

- 1) Data Security Council of India (DSCI)
- 2) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 3) Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI)
- 4) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 Telangana government initiative for startups, T-Hub has announced the launch of 1st edition of Fintech Accelerator program in partnership with DST (Department of Science and Technology) and NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India). Txnnxt hub, an innovation lab by NPCI at the premises of T-Hub was also launched. Fintech Accelerator program: The Fintech Accelerator program, presented by DST under NIDHI (National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations) acceleration scheme, will be executed by T-Hub and NPCI. This is done to increase opportunities for fintech startups with products and services for the digital payments sector.

19. Which is the first Indian company to cross Rs 10 lakh crore market capitalisation(m-cap) on November 28, 2019?

- 1) ICICI Bank

- 2) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- 3) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL)**

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) crossed Rs 10 lakh crore market capitalization (m-cap) thus creating a record of becoming the first Indian company to achieve this feat. Previously the oil-to-telecom giant, RIL hit Rs 9 lakh crore mark on October 18, 2019 also being the first company in India to do so. Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) is the 2nd most valued with m-cap of Rs 7.81 lakh crore.

20. Which firm has become the first company to list its commercial papers on the stock exchanges?

- 1) Capital First Ltd.
- 2) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL)
- 3) Mahindra and Mahindra Financial Services Limited
- 4) Bajaj Finserv Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL)**

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, Aditya Birla Finance Ltd (ABFL), the NBFC arm of Aditya Birla Capital became the first company to list its commercial papers on the stock exchanges with value date of November 28 and maturity date on February 7, 2020. The move followed the new framework of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) and National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) for listing of commercial papers (CPs) to broaden the investors' participation in such securities.

21. What should be the minimum net worth of Companies, NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Company) & other entities allowed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to list commercial papers?

- 1) Rs. 500 crore
- 2) Rs. 200 crore
- 3) Rs. 100 crore
- 4) Rs. 300 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rs.100 crore**

Explanation:

Companies, NBFCs (Non-Banking Financial Company), other entities with a net worth of at least Rs.100crore and any other security specifically allowed by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) are eligible to list commercial papers.

22. What was the gross domestic product (GDP) of India in second quarter (Q2: July-September) as per the National Statistical Office (NSO)?

- 1) 4.5%
- 2) 5.5%
- 3) 5.2 %
- 4) 5%

5) None of these

Answer – **1) 4.5%**

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019, as per the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's second quarter (Q2: July-September) gross domestic product (GDP) slipped down to 4.5% from 5% in June quarter (Q: April-June). The reason behind this 6-year low downfall is weak consumer demand and private investment, deceleration in manufacturing output, and subdued farm sector activity. It is lowest since January-March of 2012-13 when it was at 4.3 percent.

23. What is the Center's fiscal deficit of India for the FY2020 as per the Moody's estimation?

1) 4.2%

2) 3.9%

3) 3.5%

4) 3.7 %

5) None of these

Answer – **4) 3.7 %**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, Moody's, American credit rating agency, has estimated the Center's fiscal deficit to be 3.7 % of the gross domestic product (GDP) in 2019-20, which will be slightly wider than the 3.4 % posted in FY (fiscal year) 2019. For all the state governments, the fiscal deficit estimated to be around 3%.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1. Who was conferred with the 28th Vyas Samman for the year 2018 in New Delhi for his 12th anthology of poetry collection 'Jitne Log Utne Prem'?

1) Sachchidananda Vatsyayan

2) Kedarnath Singh

3) Leeladhar Jagoori

4) Manglesh Dabral

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Leeladhar Jagoori**

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019 renowned Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagoori was conferred with the 28th Vyas Samman for the year 2018 in New Delhi. The award was conferred to him by well-known author Govind Mishra, for his 12th anthology (collection of poems or other pieces of writing) of poetry collection 'Jitne Log Utne Prem'.

2. Name the Swedish teenage climate activist who has refused to accept Nordic Council's environmental award 2019?

1) Greta Thunberg

2) Vic Barrett

3) Luisa Neubauer

- 4) Kallan Benson
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Greta Thunberg**

Explanation:

On October 30, 2019, Swedish teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg (16) has refused to accept an environmental award 2019, saying that the climate campaign requires that, those in power start following 'science' rather than giving the award. she also refused to accept the prize money of 350,000 Danish kroner (around Rs 36,90,741).

3. Who will be honoured with the first 'Icon of Golden Jubilee Award' during International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019 that is to be held in Goa?

- 1) Shahrukh Khan
- 2) Amitabh Bachchan
- 3) S Rajinikanth
- 4) Kamal Haasan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) S Rajinikanth**

Explanation:

Eminent film personality & South Indian superstar Shri S Rajinikanth will be honoured with the first 'Icon of Golden Jubilee Award', in International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019 that is to be held in Goa from 20th November to 28th November, 2019. Icon of Golden Jubilee Award is a special award constituted by Government of India in the year 2019.

4. Name the French actor, who will be honoured with "Life Time Achievement Award" for a 'foreign artiste' during the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019?

- 1) Isabelle Hupert
- 2) Maika Monroe
- 3) Juliette Binoche
- 4) Catherine Deneuve
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Isabelle Hupert**

Explanation:

French actor Isabelle Anne Madeleine Huppert will be honoured with "Life Time Achievement Award" for a 'foreign artiste' in the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2019.

5. Which Indian city was designated as the member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of "gastronomy" (art of choosing, cooking, and eating good food)?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated Hyderabad as the member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field

of “gastronomy” (art of choosing, cooking, and eating good food). A total of 7 categories were made for recognition under the UCCN which was launched in 2004. They were Crafts and Folk Arts, design, film, gastronomy, music, media arts and literature. This year, a total of 66 cities inclusive of Mumbai and Hyderabad were added.

6. Find the field for which Mumbai was designated as the member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN)?

- 1) Folk Arts
- 2) Media
- 3) Music
- 4) Film
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Film**

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019 the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has designated Mumbai as a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) in the field of “film”. The previous members that were included in the list were Jaipur (Rajasthan) for crafts and folk arts in 2015; Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) for Creative city of music in 2015; Chennai (Tamil Nadu) for creative city of Music in 2017.

7. Who has been selected for the prestigious Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019 during the International Scorrana Sand Nativity festival in Italy?

- 1) Varshada Thombare
- 2) Neha Umak
- 3) Sudarsan Pattnaik
- 4) Sarvam Patel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sudarsan Pattnaik**

Explanation:

International acclaimed Sand Artist Sudarsan Pattnaik who belongs to Odisha has been selected for the prestigious Italian Golden Sand Art Award 2019. He will be felicitated during the International Scorrana Sand Nativity festival in Italy which is to be held from November 13 to 18, 2019.

8. Name the Indian-origin researcher, who won the ‘Early Career Researcher of the Year 2019 (Physical Sciences)’ by the Australian government?

- 1) Neeraj Sharma
- 2) Chitra Mandal
- 3) Salim Yusuf
- 4) Amar Gupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Neeraj Sharma**

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, Indian-origin researcher, Dr Neeraj Sharma (35) from the University of New South Wales (UNSW), Sydney, Australia has won the ‘Early Career Researcher of the Year 2019 (Physical Sciences)’ by the Australian government.

9. Who won the India's richest JCB Prize for Literature 2019 for the debut novel 'The Far Field' at the award ceremony held at Rambagh Palace in Jaipur, Rajasthan?

- 1) Madhuri Vijay
- 2) Anjum Hasan
- 3) Pradip Krishen
- 4) Shahnaz Habib
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Madhuri Vijay

Explanation:

On November 3, 2019, United States (US) based-Indian author Madhuri Vijay (27) has won India's richest JCB (J.C. Bamford Excavators Ltd.) Prize for Literature 2019 for her debut novel 'The Far Field' at the award ceremony held at Rambagh Palace in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Vijay (from Bengaluru, Karnataka), a recipient of Henfield Prize and the Pushcart Prize, also received the Rs 25 lakh as the prize money, a sculpture by Delhi artist duo Thukral & Tagra entitled Mirror Melting.

10. Name the documentary that won 'British Academy of Film and Television Awards' (BAFTA) 2019 in 'Single Documentary' category?

- 1) East Bengal FC (EBFC)
- 2) Salgaocar FC (SFC)
- 3) Bengaluru FC (BFC)
- 4) Real Kashmir FC (RKFC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Real Kashmir FC (RKFC)

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, A documentary on the Real Kashmir Football Club (RKFC), an Indian professional football club based in Srinagar, called "Real Kashmir FC" has been selected for the prestigious 'British Academy of Film and Television Awards' (BAFTA) 2019 award in the 'Single Documentary' category at a ceremony held in DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Glasgow Central, Glasgow, Scotland.

11. Who won the 5th edition of 'Miss Asia Global Title 2019' that held in Kochi, Kerala?

- 1) Sara Damnjanovic
- 2) Nguyen Thi Yen Trang
- 3) Leeseul Kim
- 4) Samiksha Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Sara Damnjanovic

Explanation:

On Nov 5, 2019, The 5th Edition of 'Miss Asia Global Title 2019' was organized at Gokulam Convention Centre in Kochi, Kerala. Sara Damnjanovic from Serbia has been crowned 'Miss Asia Global 2019', felicitated by Assem Yessengeldiyeva, who won Miss Asia Global in 2018.

12. Name the first Indian, who was conferred with the Deming award 'Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion Overseas', in the field of Total Quality Management (TQM) in Tokyo, Japan on November 6, 2019?

- 1) K. N. Radhakrishnan

- 2) N. R. Narayana Murthy
- 3) Venu Srinivasan
- 4) Ajay Piramal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Venu Srinivasan**

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019, Venu Srinivasan, Chairman of TVS Motor Company and Sundaram Clayton was conferred with the Deming award 'Distinguished Service Award for Dissemination and Promotion Overseas', at a ceremony held in Tokyo, Japan. He was the first Indian industrialist to be bestowed this prestigious award for his hard-work in the field of Total Quality Management (TQM). The award was funded by Japanese Union of Scientists and Engineers (JUSE).

13. Who will be conferred with the prestigious "Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award 2019", for his outstanding contribution towards journalism by Press Council of India (PCI)?

- 1) Anu Abraham
- 2) Sanjay Saini
- 3) Shiva Swarup Awasthi
- 4) Gulab Kothari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gulab Kothari**

Explanation:

Gulab Kothari (70), an Indian author, journalist and editor-in-chief of Indian daily newspaper Rajasthan Patrika has been selected by the Press Council of India (PCI) for the prestigious Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award 2019, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism. On November 16, 2019, on the occasion of National Press Day, he will be given this award at Vigyan Bhawan in the national capital, New Delhi.

14. Who was conferred with UAE (United Arab Emirates) govt. backed 2019 Asia Business Leadership Forum (ABLF) Global Asian Award?

- 1) Dilip Shanghvi
- 2) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- 3) Gautam Adani
- 4) Lakshmi Mittal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Kumar Mangalam Birla**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group, Kumar Mangalam Birla was conferred with UAE (United Arab Emirates) govt. backed 2019 ABLF Global Asian Award at an event in Dubai. The award was given for 'powerful individual whose business footprint and commitment to excellence have engaged international interest'.

15. Which Indian mission was recognized as the World's top Public Business Accelerator by UBI Global as per the assessment made in the World Benchmark Study 2019 -2020?

- 1) Mega Pension Mission
- 2) Skill India Mission
- 3) Make in India

4) Kerala Startup Mission(KSUM)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kerala Startup Mission(KSUM)**

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019 Sweden based company UBI Global has recognised the Kerala Startup Mission(KSUM) as the World's top Public Business Accelerator. UBI Awards & Recognition Gala event 2019 released the top lists of business incubators and accelerators as per the assessment made in the World Benchmark Study 2019 -2020. The announcement in this regard was made at the World Incubation Summit for best programmes, hosted by Qatar Development Bank at the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar.

16. Who won the “Gemcon Young Literature Award” for the year 2019 for his manuscript “Nishiddho”?

1) Nidhi Dugar Kundalia

2) Avalok Langer

3) Abhisek Sarkar

4) Meghna Pant

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Abhisek Sarkar**

Explanation:

The 9th edition of the Dhaka Lit-fest, which was a literature festival organised from November 5-7, 2019 was held in Dhaka, Bangladesh. West Bengal based Indian writer Abhisek Sarkar won “Gemcon Young Literature Award” for the year 2019 for his manuscript “Nishiddho”.

17. Who won the first ever instituted George Schaller lifetime award for the year 2019 for his contribution in the field of wildlife Conservation?

1) Ullas Karanth

2) James Nichols

3) S. Theodore Baskaran

4) Meera Kathiravan

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ullas Karanth**

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019 Bangalore (Karnataka) based Indian wildlife biologist Ullas Karanth won the first ever instituted George Schaller lifetime award for the year 2019 for his contribution in the field of wildlife contribution. The award was instituted by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) in New York, United States(US) in honour of Dr. George Schaller, who is considered as one of the greatest wildlife scientists and conservationists globally.

18. Suranga Bawadi was selected as World Monument Watch list for 2020, it is located in which city?

1) Amritsar, Punjab

2) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

3) Kochi, Kerala

4) Vijayapura, Karnataka

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vijayapura, Karnataka

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, Suranga Bawadi of Vijayapura, Karnataka, has been selected as the World Monument Watch List for 2020, by the New York-based non-governmental organisation. Suranga Bawadi was selected under the category of “Ancient Water System of the Deccan Plateau” along with 24 monuments across the world. It is one of the integral parts of the ancient Karez system of supplying water through subterranean tunnels, is now set to get funding for restoration.

19. Where was the 4th BRICS-Young Scientist Forum (YSF), 2019 held?

- 1) Washington D.C., United States(U.S.)
- 2) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Berlin, Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Explanation:

4th BRICS-Young Scientist Forum (YSF), 2019 held from November 6-8,2019 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The theme for 4th BRICS-YSF was “Cybersecurity and Bio economy”.

20. Name the Indian scholar, who won the BRICS-Young Innovator Prize, 2019 for inventing an affordable home-grown milk chilling unit for smaller and minimal rural dairy farmers?

- 1) Laishram Ibohal Meitei
- 2) Susheel Kumar Sharma
- 3) Ravi Prakash
- 4) M.Shobana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ravi Prakash

Explanation:

On November 13 2019, Ravi Prakash, an Indian scholar from Bangalore won \$25,000 (equivalent to Rs. 18 lakh), BRICS-Young Innovator Prize, 2019. He was awarded during the 4th BRICS-Young Scientist Forum (YSF), 2019 held from November 6-8,2019 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He was a part of 21-member delegation sent to Brazil by the Department of Science and Technology for the YSF.

21. Which organization was awarded with the 2019 Golden Leaf Award under ‘Most Impressive Public Service Initiative category for the year 2019’ at the Tab Expo 2019 event in Amsterdam, The Netherlands?

- 1) Spices Board of India
- 2) Tea Board of India
- 3) Coffee Board of India
- 4) Tobacco Board of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tobacco Board of India

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019 the Tobacco Board of India was awarded the 2019 Golden Leaf Award at the Tab Expo 2019 event in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The tobacco board was awarded under ‘Most Impressive Public Service Initiative category for the year 2019’ for initiating various sustainability

(green) initiatives in Flue-Cured Virginia (FCV) tobacco cultivation in India. The award received by Executive Director of Tobacco Board, K. Sunitha.

22. Which state's police department was awarded with 3rd prize in the emergency response category for "Dial 112 service" during Dubai Police international call center event at Dubai, UAE (United Arab Emirates)?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 3) Himachal Pradesh(HP)
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Uttar Pradesh (UP)

Explanation:

On November 14 2019, Dial 112 service of Uttar Pradesh (UP) police was awarded 3rd prize in the emergency response category during Dubai Police international call center event at Dubai, UAE (United Arab Emirates). Above 500 police services from all over the world including 911 of the US (United State) considered for the award. On October 26 2019 Chief Minister (CM) Yogi Adityanath launched 112 police service.

23. Name the Indian professional sprinter, who was included in the TIME 100 Next list?

- 1) Swapna Barman
- 2) Hima Das
- 3) Dutee Chand
- 4) Annu Rani
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dutee Chand

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, TIME, an American weekly news magazine has named Indian professional sprinter Dutee Chand (23) to its first-ever TIME 100 Next, a new expansion of the TIME 100 list of the most influential people in the world. The list has been started by 'Time' magazine which includes 100 rising stars who are ready to make a fortune in business, entertainment, sports, politics, health and science.

24. Which Indian film won 2 awards for 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' at the 7th Asian Film Festival Barcelona (AFFBCN) 2019 held in Barcelona, Spain?

- 1) Manto
- 2) Hamid
- 3) Bhonsle
- 4) Namdev Bhau
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bhonsle

Explanation:

Indian film actor, Manoj Bajpayee (50) starrer film "Bhonsle" has won 2 awards for 'Best Screenplay' and 'Best Director' at the 7th Asian Film Festival Barcelona (AFFBCN) 2019 held in Barcelona, Spain from October 30 -November 10, 2019. The film, based on the struggle of migrants and their battles

with the local politicians, was directed by Devashish Makhija. Manoj was the main character, as a policeman.

25. Which city's green tea and white tea received the Geographical Indication (GI) product tag on November 16, 2019?

- 1) Darjeeling
- 2) Kangra
- 3) Nilgiri
- 4) Munnar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Darjeeling

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019 the green tea and white tea of Darjeeling have been granted with the Geographical Indication (GI) product tag. The announcement in this regard was made by the Darjeeling Tea Association (DTA). Both the green and white tea varieties are registered under Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act 1999, with effect from October 2019.

26. Who was conferred with the India Council for Culture Relations (ICCR) distinguished alumni award in Dhaka, Bangladesh?

- 1) Aditi Mohsin
- 2) Srabani Sen
- 3) Indrani Sen
- 4) Rezwana Choudhury Bannya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rezwana Choudhury Bannya

Explanation:

On November 15 2019, Rezwana Choudhury Bannya was conferred the India Council for Culture Relations (ICCR) distinguished alumni award in Dhaka, Bangladesh. The award was given by High Commissioner of India Riva Ganguly Das at a programme titled 'ICCR Scholar's Evening and Award Presentation Ceremony' organized by the Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre (IGCC).

27. Where was the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Guwahati, Assam
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP)
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP)

Explanation:

12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held from November 15 to 17, 2019 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP).

28. Which Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was conferred with 2 awards 'Last Mile Connectivity' project & Green Metro project-An Initiative for Sustainable and Viable Urban Transport during the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019?

- 1) Kalkaji Mandir Metro Station (KMMS)
- 2) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- 3) Mumbai Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRC)
- 4) Janakpuri West Metro Station (JWMS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)**

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) was conferred with 2 awards at the 12th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2019 held from November 15 to 17, 2019 in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP). DMRC was awarded for its initiatives in promoting the metro as a green and sustainable mode of transport. The awards and its category are as follows,

Award name	Awarded category
'Last Mile Connectivity' project	best non-motorised transport
Green Metro project – An Initiative for Sustainable and Viable Urban Transport	best green initiative in urban transport.

29. Who was conferred with Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2019 prize?

- 1) Steve Irwin
- 2) David Frederick Attenborough
- 3) John Attenborough
- 4) Brian Cox
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) David Frederick Attenborough**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, English broadcaster and natural historian, Sir David Frederick Attenborough (93) was conferred with Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development 2019 prize for his tireless work to preserve and protect biodiversity. His name was selected for the award by an international jury headed by former President Pranab Mukherjee.

30. Which organization was bestowed with 'Golden Peacock Award for Sustainability' 2019 award?

- 1) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC)
- 2) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited(BHEL)
- 3) NHPC Limited
- 4) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited(NTPC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) National Thermal Power Corporation Limited(NTPC)**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019 India's largest power generation company NTPC Ltd (National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) was bestowed with 'Golden Peacock Award for Sustainability' 2019 award for its efforts in providing cleaner and green energy, in-order to minimize environmental impact. The award was conferred during the 19th International Conference on Corporate Governance & Sustainability held in London, United Kingdom(UK).

31. Who was named as the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019'?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) Anushka Sharma
- 3) Sachin Tendulkar
- 4) Deepika Padukone
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

On 20th November 2019, Indian cricket player Virat Kohli named as the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) India's 'Person of the Year for 2019'. The PETA awards are given to people or organisations that take initiative in the welfare of animals and violence against animals. Kohli has sent a letter to the officials appealing for the release of Malti, an elephant which used for rides in Amer Fort who has been reported to be physically abused several times.

32. Who topped the list of fortune's businessperson of the year 2019?

- 1) Margaret Keane
- 2) Brian Niccol
- 3) Elizabeth Gaines
- 4) Satya Nadella
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Satya Nadella**

Explanation:

Satya Nadella the CEO of Microsoft corporation tops the list of fortune's businessperson of the year 2019. Fortune is an American multinational business magazine. Fortune's businessperson of the year 2019 includes 20 business leaders who have excelled in the business world, the list also includes three other business personalities of Indian origin. List of fortune's businessperson of the year 2019:

Rank	Name	Designation & Co.
1	Satya Nadella	CEO, Microsoft (Indian origin)
2	Elizabeth Gaines	CEO, Fortescue Metals Group
3	Brian Niccol	CEO, Chipotle Mexican Grill

33. Who were bestowed with the International Children's Peace Prize 2019 organized by the Dutch Kids Right Organization in The Hague, Netherlands?

- 1) Peggy Duff & Edvin Kanka Ćudić
- 2) Greta Thunberg & Divina Maloum
- 3) David Cortright & Edvin Kanka Ćudić
- 4) Greta Thunberg & David Cortright
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Greta Thunberg & Divina Maloum**

Explanation:

On 21st November 2019, Greta Thunberg, a 16yr old Swedish environmental activist, and 15yr old Cameroonian peace activist Divina Maloum were bestowed with the International Children's Peace Prize 2019 in The Hague, Netherlands. The prizes were distributed by Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, an

Indian children's rights activist and 2014 Nobel Peace Prize winner. The award ceremony was organized by the Dutch Kids Right Organization.

34. Name the first Indian, who won the 'Mr Universe 2019' in 90kg category at the 11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship at the Island city of Jeju, South Korea?

- 1) Amit Chhetri
- 2) Wasim Khan
- 3) Chitahresh Natesan
- 4) Thakur Anoop Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Chitahresh Natesan

Explanation:

On November 20, Chitahresh Natesan 33yr old former hockey player turned bodybuilder also known as the 'Indian Monster' by bodybuilding circles became the first Indian to win 'Mr. Universe (Pro) 2019' in 90kg category at the 11th World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championship at the Island city of Jeju, South Korea. India secured second position in the team championship category at the same event. It was organized by World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Federation (WBPF).

35. Which word was declared as the "Word of the year for 2019" by Oxford Dictionaries?

- 1) "Climate emergency"
- 2) "Climate action"
- 3) "Climate denial"
- 4) "Flight shame"
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) "Climate emergency"

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019, Oxford Dictionaries has declared 'climate emergency' as the word of the year for 2019 because the word was widely used across the globe, it is chosen from all-environmental shortlist which also include "climate action," "climate denial," "eco-anxiety," "extinction" and "flight shame." The word is selected because it shows the increase in usage since 2018. Climate emergency defines as "a situation in which urgent action is required to reduce or halt climate change and also to avoid the possible irreversible environmental loss resulting from it.

36. Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati, who was selected for National Award for Empowerment of Person with Disabilities, 2019 under the category- Outstanding Creative Child (Male)-2019 belong to which state?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

Wheelchair-bound Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati (17 years) from Jaipur was selected for National Award for Empowerment of Person with Disabilities, 2019 under the category- Outstanding Creative Child (Male)-2019. It was declared by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MSJE). The

award will be given at a function in Delhi on December 2, 2019. Youngest patent holder in the World: He became the youngest patent holder and also the youngest differently-abled patent holder in the world.

37. Name the Indian Journalist, who won the International Press Freedom Awards 2019 by the Committee to Protect Journalist (CPJ) in New York?

- 1) Sagarika Ghose
- 2) Rana Ayyub
- 3) Nidhi Razdan
- 4) Neha Dixit
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Neha Dixit

Explanation:

Neha Dixit an Indian Journalist from Delhi was one of the award winners of the International Press Freedom Awards 2019 awarded by the Committee to Protect Journalist (CPJ) in New York. CPJ is a non-profit organization aiming to entitle journalists to work without fear of recrimination. Dixit received the award for her reports on sex trafficking scandals in India by Investigative reporter in Miami Herald, Julie k. Brown. Other honorees in International Press Freedom Awards 2019 include Patrícia Campos Mello, Brazil Lucía Pineda Ubau and Miguel Mora, Nicaragua Maxence Melo Mubyazi, Tanzania.

38. Name the Indian weightlifter, who was conferred with the 27th Ekalabya Award 2019?

- 1) Punam Yadav
- 2) Karnam Malleswari
- 3) Jhilli Dalabehera
- 4) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jhilli Dalabehera

Explanation:

On 25th November 2019, Jhilli Dalabehera, Odisha weightlifter has been awarded the 27th Ekalabya Award 2019, the annual award organized by Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPaCT) managed by IMFA (Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys limited) group. The award comprises a cash prize of Rs.5 lakhs along with a citation.

39. Who was conferred with the India's First 'Quality Ratna' award during 27th Quality Summit held in Bengaluru?

- 1) Suresh Krishna
- 2) Rakesh Bharti Mittal
- 3) Shobana Kamineni
- 4) Chandrajit Banerjee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Suresh Krishna

Explanation:

On 25th November 2019, Suresh Krishna, former president of CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) and chairman of Sundram Fasteners Limited received India's First 'Quality Ratna' award from DV Sadananda Gowda, Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers, Government of India by CII Institute of

Quality in its 27th Quality Summit held in Bangalore. He constituted the TPM (Total Productive Maintenance) club of India in association with the JIPM (Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance) in 1998 and he was its first chairman.

40. Who was awarded with the Honorary Fellowship of the Society 2019 by Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS)?

- 1) Shripad Yesso Naik
- 2) MSR Prasad
- 3) G Satheesh Reddy
- 4) Sudhir Kamath
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) G Satheesh Reddy

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, G Satheesh Reddy, Secretary Department of Defence Research and Development (R&D), and Chairman of DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) has been awarded the Honorary Fellowship of the Society 2019 by Royal Aeronautical Society (RAeS). With this, he became the first Indian recipient of this prestigious award in over 100 years. G Satheesh Reddy is known for his capability to develop indigenous technologies and is famous amongst students as “Junior Kalam” and “Next Generation Missile Man”.

41. Who was conferred with 2019 Karmaveer Chakra Award for his contribution in the education sector by the International Confederation of NGO (iCONGO) in partnership with the United Nations (UN)?

- 1) Anurag Dikshit
- 2) Rahul Adhikari
- 3) Arogyaswami Paulraj
- 4) Rajendra Singh Pawar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rahul Adhikari

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 Gold-Medalist from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT-R) & founder of International Changemaker Olympiad Rahul Adhikari, was conferred with 2019 Karmaveer Chakra Award REX Karmaveer Global Fellowship at the REX CONCLiVE held in Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The award was given for his contribution in the education sector. The award function is held every year on the day the Indian Constitutional Pledge was signed i.e, November 26.

42. Name the Indian billionaire, who became the 9th richest person in the world as per the Forbes, “Real time Billionaires list 2019”?

- 1) Mukesh Ambani
- 2) Lakshmi Mittal
- 3) Kumar Mangalam Birla
- 4) Gautam Adani
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mukesh Ambani

Explanation:

On 28th November 2019, Mukesh Ambani became the 9th richest person in the world according to the Real time Billionaires list 2019 released by Forbes. Ambani reached the 9th position after Reliance Industries Limited reached a Market Capital (m-cap) of Rs.10 lakh crore and net worth of 60.5 billion Dollars. Jeff Bezos owner of Amazon, Bernard Arnault and family, CEO(LVMH) and Bill Gates, co-founder and former head of Microsoft take the top three places with a net worth of 113, 107.9 and 107.4 billion Dollars respectively.

43. Where was the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the year 2019 held?

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

Answer – **4) Goa**

Explanation:

The 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) was held in Goa from November 20-28, 2019. Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan and Kollywood actor Rajinikanth together announced the 50th edition of the IFFI open, in presence of Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting (MoIB) Shri Prakash Javadekar and other officials. The festival opened with the Italian film 'Despite the Fog' directed by Goran Paskaljevic.

44. Which was the focus country of the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI)?

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

Answer – **2) Russia**

Explanation:

Russia was the focus country in the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the year 2019. 8 Russian films were screened during the festival. It is also to be noted that Haryana participated in the IFFI for the first time.

45. Name the Italian film that was conferred with the "International Council for Film Television and Audio-visual Communication (ICFT)- UNESCO Gandhi Medal 2019"?

- 1) The Best of Youth
- 2) Rome, Open City
- 3) Rwanda
- 4) Life Is Beautiful
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rwanda**

Explanation:

IFFI collaborates with the ICFT Paris(France) to present a special ICFT Prize consisting of the UNESCO Gandhi Medal. This medal was issued by UNESCO in 1994 to commemorate the 125th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The ICFT- UNESCO Gandhi Medal 2019 was conferred to Italian film 'Rwanda', directed by Riccardo Salvetti. The award is given to movies that reflect Mahatma Gandhi's ideals of peace, tolerance and non-violence.

46. Name the legendary filmmaker of India, who will be the focus of 51st and 52nd edition of International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the year 2020 & 2021?

- 1) Satyajit Ray
- 2) Hrishikesh Mukherjee
- 3) Raj Kapoor
- 4) Ritwik Ghatak
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Satyajit Ray**

Explanation:

Shri Amit Khare also announced that IFFI 2020 and 2021 which will be the 51st and 52nd edition respectively will be a tribute to legendary filmmaker of India from West Bengal, Satyajit Ray. His centenary celebrations will be observed from 2020.

47. Name the film, that bagged the Best Film award (Golden Peacock award) in the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the year 2019?

- 1) The Truth
- 2) I Lost My Body
- 3) Proxima
- 4) Particles
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Particles**

Explanation:

The french movie 'Particles', directed by Blaise Harrison bagged the award for Best Film in IFFI 2019. The award comes with the Golden Peacock trophy, certificate and a cash prize amount of Rs. 40,00,000, shared equally between the Director and the Producer.

48. Who won the Best Actor (Male) award for his portrayal of Carlos Marighella in the Brazilian movie 'Marighella' in the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the year 2019?

- 1) Caetano Veloso
- 2) Seu Jorge
- 3) Edi Rock
- 4) Zeca Pagodinho
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Seu Jorge**

Explanation:

Seu Jorge won the Best Actor (Male) for his portrayal of Carlos Marighella in the Brazilian movie 'Marighella'. Both Seu & Usha received the Silver Peacock Trophy and a cash Prize of Rs 10,00,000 each.

Name the Indian actor, who was conferred with the 1st ever instituted 'Icon of Golden Jubilee Award for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema in the 50th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) for the year 2019?

- 1) Shahrukh Khan
- 2) Hema Malini
- 3) Rajinikanth
- 4) Amitabh Bachchan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rajinikanth

Explanation:

Rajinikanth was conferred with the 1st ever instituted 'Icon of Golden Jubilee Award for his outstanding contribution to Indian cinema. French actress Ms. Isabelle Anne Madeleine Huppert was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

49. Who won the India's Highest Literary award, "55th Jnanpith Award 2019"?

- 1) Ayyappa Paniker
- 2) Vyloppilli Sreedhara Menon
- 3) Edasseri Govindan Nair
- 4) Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri

Explanation:

On 29th November 2019, Akkitham Achuthan Namboodri, a renowned Malayalam poet has been chosen for the 55th Jnanpith Award 2019 in accordance to the Jnanpith Selection Board. He is also the 6th Malayalam Poet to receive the Jnanpith award. He was born in Kumaranellur, Kerala. The Jnanpith award is the Highest Literary award in India, awarded to an author to acknowledge his/her excellence in Literature

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

1. Name the Chief Justice of Patna High Court, who was transferred to the Madras High Court on 30th October, 2019?

- 1) Sanjay Yadav
- 2) Amreshwar Pratap Sahi
- 3) Ajay Kumar Mittal
- 4) Sanjay Karol
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Amreshwar Pratap Sahi

Explanation:

On October 30, 2019 the union law ministry announced the transfer of 3 high court Chief Justices (CJs). They are as follows: The Patna high court (HC) CJ, Amreshwar Pratap Sahi was transferred to Madras HC, replacing incumbent Justice Vineet Kothari. Vineet was appointed for a temporary term following the resignation of the previous CJ of Madras HC, justice Vijaya Tahilramani in September 2019. Tripura HC Chief Justice Sanjay Karol, has been appointed to Patna HC replacing Justice Sahi.

Meghalaya HC chief Justice Ajay Kumar Mittal has been appointed as CJ to the Madhya Pradesh HC replacing chief justice Sanjay Yadav.

Chief justice name	Transferred to
Amreshwar Pratap Sahi	Madras High Court
Sanjay Karol	Patna High Court
Ajay Kumar Mittal	Madhya Pradesh HC

2. Under which article the Chief Justice of the High Court's are transferred?

- 1) Article 222 of the constitution of India
- 2) Article 322 of the constitution of India
- 3) Article 422 of the constitution of India
- 4) Article 522 of the constitution of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Article 222 of the constitution of India**

Explanation:

On October 30, 2019 the union law ministry announced the transfer of 3 high court Chief Justices(CJs) under article 222 of the constitution of India.

3. To which country, Pavan Kapoor was appointed as the Ambassador of India?

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

Answer – **4) United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

Explanation:

On Oct 29 2019, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has appointed Shri Pavan Kapoor as India's Ambassador to UAE (United Arab Emirates). He was a 1990 batch Indian Foreign Service officer (IFS). He will replace Navdeep Singh Suri. Pavan Kapoor was India's High Commissioner to Mozambique and the Kingdom of Swaziland from January 2014 to February 2016.

4. Name the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dhanlaxmi Bank, who resigned from the post on October 30, 2019?

- 1) K.N. Murali
- 2) Lakshmy Devi
- 3) T. Latha
- 4) K Srinivasan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) T. Latha**

Explanation:

On October 30, 2019, private sector lender Dhanlaxmi Bank, Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) T. Latha has resigned from her post due to personal reasons. The bank's board has accepted the resignation. Ms Latha was appointed as MD and CEO of Dhanlaxmi Bank for three years due to the retirement of former MD and CEO G Sreeram.

5. Who was named as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndusInd Bank?

- 1) Shanker Annaswamy
- 2) Suman Kathpalia
- 3) Rajiv Agarwal
- 4) Romesh Sobti
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Suman Kathpalia**

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019, A private sector lender, IndusInd Bank has appointed its consumer banking head Suman Kathpalia, as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). He will replace Romesh Sobti, who will retire in March 2020.

6. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI)?

- 1) Pawan K. Kharbanda
- 2) Akhil Kumar
- 3) Aditya Mishra
- 4) Govind Mohan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Aditya Mishra**

Explanation:

On Nov 4, 2019, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Damodardas Modi, has approved the appointed of the senior IPS (Indian Police Service) officer Aditya Mishra as the Chairman of Land Ports Authority of India (LPAI) for a period of 5 years. He is a 1989 batch IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh cadre.

7. Name the first Indian and Asian, who was elected as the General Vice President(GVP) of the International Organisation Development Association (IODA) on November 6, 2019?

- 1) Vinaya Shetty
- 2) Michelle de Bruyn
- 3) Peter Kalmar
- 4) Glen Earl Trustee
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Vinaya Shetty**

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019 Dr. Vinaya Shetty from Mumbai, Maharashtra was appointed as the first Indian and Asian to be elected as the General Vice President(GVP) of the International Organisation Development Association (IODA).

8. Which country's supreme council of union has elected, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan as its 4th President on November 7, 2019?

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

Answer – 2) United Arab Emirates(UAE)

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan has been re-elected as 4th President of UAE (United Arab Emirates) by the Supreme Council of the Union for a five-year term. Shaikh Khalifa was first elected President on November 3, 2004 following the death of his father Shaikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan.

9. Who was appointed as the Managing Director of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd?

- 1) Rohan Verma
- 2) Ashok Kumar Barat
- 3) Arun Alagappan
- 4) Bharati Rao
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Arun Alagappan

Explanation:

The Board of Directors of Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd (CIFCL) have accepted the appointment of Arun Alagappan as the Managing Director for a period of 5 years. He has been the Executive Director of this company from August 19, 2017.

10. Who was elected as the Prime Minister of Mauritius on November 8, 2019?

- 1) Paul Béranger
- 2) Nando Bodha
- 3) Pravid Jugnauth
- 4) Navin Ramgoolam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pravid Jugnauth

Explanation:

On November 8 2019, Pravid Jugnauth elected as a Prime Minister with 80 percent of the votes counted by electoral authorities. Pravid Jugnauth is 57 years old leader. The Partial results is generated from the state-run commission estimate Jugnauth's Centre-right Morisian Alliance will win 38 of 62 possible seats in parliament.

11. Devendra Fadnavis resigned as Chief Minister of which state on November 8, 2019?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Assam
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Maharashtra chief minister (CM) Devendra Fadnavis resigned from his duty. The resignation was first handed over to state governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari at Raj Bhawan. The resignation is accepted by the governor. The resignation will take Maharashtra a step nearer to the possibility of President's rule.

12. To which country, Anjani Kumar was appointed as the next ambassador of India on November 7, 2019?

- 1) Republic of Suriname
- 2) Republic of Mali
- 3) Republic of Ghana
- 4) Co-operative Republic of Guyana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Republic of Mali

Explanation:

On November 7 2019, Ministry of external affairs (MEA) announced Anjani Kumar was the next ambassador of India to the Republic of Mali. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) Officer of batch 2003. Before Anjani kumar, Pradeep Kumar Gupta was the ambassador of the Republic of Mali.

13. Which country's President, Evo Morales resigned on November 10, 2019 over a disputed election result?

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Uruguay
- 3) Argentina
- 4) Bolivia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bolivia

Explanation:

On November 10, 2019, Bolivia President Evo Morales announced his resignation among unrest over a disputed election which he had demanded to win. The Organization of American States (OAS) found "serious irregularities" in President election vote on October 20 2019. Morales announced that he will step down for the country's welfare.

14. Name the longest-serving British MP (member of parliament), who announced the retirement from Parliament after 32 years.

- 1) Chris Williamson
- 2) Nigel Keith Anthony Standish Vaz
- 3) Liz Kendall
- 4) Andrew Bridgen
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nigel Keith Anthony Standish Vaz

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, Nigel Keith Anthony Standish Vaz (62), the longest-serving British MP (member of parliament) of Goa-origin, announced his retirement from Parliament after 32 years. He made this announcement following the recommendation of a committee of parliament suspended him for 6 months over cocaine (addictive drug) and prostitute scandal.

15. Arvind Sawant resigned from cabinet on November 11 2019, he holds which of the following ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
- 2) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises
- 3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

- 4) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises**

Explanation:

On November 11 2019, Shiv Sena MP (Member of Parliament) Arvind Sawant resigned as the Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises in Narendra Modi Cabinet. The resignation was accepted by the President Ram Nath Kovind. Arvind Sawant resigned because of the consequences between BJP and Shiv Sena over government formation in Maharashtra.

16. Who has been given an additional charge of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises after Arvind Ganpat Sawant stepped down?

- 1) Rajnath Singh
- 2) Harsh Vardhan
- 3) Ram Vilas Paswan
- 4) Prakash Keshav Javadekar
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Prakash Keshav Javadekar**

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Minister of Information and Broadcasting (I&B), Shri Prakash Keshav Javadekar (constituency- Maharashtra) has been given an additional charge of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises after Shiv Sena MP (member of parliament) Arvind Ganpat Sawant stepped down from the post due to the consequences between BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) & Shiv Sena over government formation in Maharashtra.

17. Jeanine Anez declares herself as interim President of which country?

- 1) Bolivia
- 2) Paraguay
- 3) Costa Rica
- 4) Panama
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bolivia**

Explanation:

On November 12 2019, Opposition Leader in the Senate, Jeanine Anez (52), declared herself as the interim president for South American country, Bolivia, without a legislative quorum, after the resignation of longtime President Evo Morales.

18. Who was appointed as the new Chairman and Managing Director(CMD) of India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC)?

- 1) Vinayak Garg
- 2) Pradip Kumar Das
- 3) Ganji Kamala Vardhana Rao
- 4) Piyush Tiwari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ganji Kamala Vardhana Rao**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019 the India Tourism Development Corporation (ITDC), has appointed 1990 batch Indian Administrative Service(IAS) officer Ganji Kamala Vardhana Rao as its new Chairman and Managing Director(MD). He replaced Ravneet Kaur from the post.

19. Name the first Indian, who has been elected to the honorary Trustee of New York (United States) based The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Met) in the 149-year history of this museum?

- 1) Priyanka Chopra
- 2) Nita Ambani
- 3) Mukesh Ambani
- 4) Aishwarya Rai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nita Ambani**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, Nita Ambani (56), chairperson of the Reliance Foundation & the wife of Reliance Industries' Chairman and Managing Director(MD) Mukesh Ambani, has been elected to the honorary Trustee of New York (United States) based The Metropolitan Museum of Art (Met) due to her commitment to preserve and encourage Indian art and culture. With this, She became the 1st Indian to become a trustee in the 149-year history of this museum.

20. Name the first woman officer from the Navy to be posted as Assistant Naval Attache at the Indian embassy in Moscow, Russia?

- 1) Karabi Gogoi
- 2) Payal Gupta
- 3) B Aishwarya
- 4) S Vijaya Devi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Karabi Gogoi**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, Lt-Commander (equivalent to an Army Major), Karabi Gogoi from Guwahati, Assam has become the first woman officer from the Navy to be posted as Assistant Naval Attache at the Indian embassy in Moscow, Russia.

21. Who was concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Tonga?

- 1) Sibi George
- 2) Sanjay Rana
- 3) Arun Kumar Sahu
- 4) Padmaja
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Padmaja**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, As per the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India (GoI), Ms. Padmaja, a 2000 batch IFS (Indian Foreign Service) has concurrently accredited as the next High Commissioner of India to the Kingdom of Tonga, with residence in Suva. Presently serving as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji, Padmaja replaces Shri Vishvas Vidu Sapkal.

22. Who was appointed as a member of the Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

- 1) Sangita Dhingra
- 2) Bhagwant Singh Bishnoi
- 3) Ashok Kumar Gupta
- 4) Sangeeta Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sangita Dhingra**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, the appointment committee of the Cabinet (ACC) had approved the appointment of Delhi High Court (HC) judge, Justice Sangita Dhingra Sehgal as a member of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). She will serve for five years or until she retires (at the age of 65).

23. Who sworn in as the 5th Chief Justice (CJ) of the Tripura High Court(HC)?

- 1) Saiyed Sagir Ahmed
- 2) Manohar Pershad
- 3) Avula Sambasiva Rao
- 4) Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi**

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, Justice Akil Abdulhamid Kureshi (59), the Bombay High Court judge, was sworn in as the 5th Chief Justice (CJ) of the Tripura High Court(HC). Governor Ramesh Bais administered the oath of office at old Raj Bhavan in Agartala. Kureshi succeeds Justice Sanjay Karol, who was sworn in as Chief Justice of Patna High Court.

24. Who was elected as the 7th executive President of Sri Lanka on November 17 2019?

- 1) Basil Rajapaksa
- 2) Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- 3) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- 4) Sajith Premadasa
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa**

Explanation:

On November 17 2019, Sri Lanka's former Defence Secretary Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa has won the Presidential election by defeating Sajith Premadasa. Gotabaya Rajapaksa is the brother of former President Mahinda Rajapaksa. He replaced President Maithripala Sirisena for a period of 5 years. He served as a Defence Secretary at the end of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) war.

25. Name the Director of Reliance Communication (RCom), who resigned on November 16 2019?

- 1) Tina Ambani
- 2) Nita Ambani
- 3) Mukesh Ambani
- 4) Anil Dhirubhai Ambani
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Anil Dhirubhai Ambani

Explanation:

On November 16 2019, Anil Dhirubhai Ambani has resigned as the Director of Reliance Communication (RCom) because of the consolidated loss stood at Rs. 30,142 crores in the second quarter of 2019-2020.

26. Name the 1st woman Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Indian Army, who was designated on a foreign mission of Seychelles?

- 1) Jyoti Sharma
- 2) Shiela Didi
- 3) Binita Hazarika
- 4) Sujata Vasant Manohar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Jyoti Sharma

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, Lieutenant Colonel Jyoti Sharma has been designated as the 1st woman Judge Advocate General (JAG) of the Indian Army on a foreign mission. She will serve the government of the East African country of Seychelles as a legal expert & would give her opinion about defense and military act.

27. Who was elected as president of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI)?

- 1) Anil Mishra
- 2) S K Mendiratta
- 3) Shantikumar
- 4) Sudhir Mital
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sudhir Mital

Explanation:

On November 5 2019, Former Competition Commission of India chairman Sudhir Mital and Shantikumar Singh were elected as president and general secretary respectively, of the Gymnastics Federation of India (GFI). It was announced by the returning officer SK Mendiratta in the elections held at the Indian Olympic Association headquarters.

28. Who was appointed as the 23rd Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

- 1) Sirimavo Bandaranayake
- 2) Percy Mahinda Rajapaksa
- 3) Ratnasiri Wickremanayake
- 4) D. M. Jayaratne
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Percy Mahinda Rajapaksa

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019, Percy Mahinda Rajapaksa, 74 has been pledged as the 23rd Prime Minister of Sri Lanka by the president of Sri Lanka Gotabaya Rajapaksa for a 5-year term. He succeeded Ranil Wickremesinghe. Mahinda Rajapaksa is the elder brother of President Gotabhaya Rajapaksa. He is the leader of the Sri Lanka People's Front or Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP) party.

29. Who is set to join as the first woman pilot of Indian Navy on December 2, 2019?

- 1) Divya Ajith Kumar
- 2) Shivangi
- 3) Priya Jhingan
- 4) Mitali Madhumita
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shivangi**

Explanation:

Lieutenant Shivangi has named as the First woman pilot of Indian Navy. She will join naval operations on completion of operational training in Kochi on December 2, 2019, two days before the navy day which is going to be celebrated on December 4. She will also get authorization to fly dornier aircrafts on December 2.

30. Who was appointed as the head of high level committee for suggesting initiatives for attracting more investments in the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR)?

- 1) Samir Kumar Biswas
- 2) Alka Tiwari
- 3) Rajat Bhargava
- 4) Mansukh Mandaviya
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rajat Bhargava**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019 the Union Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals has appointed Andhra Pradesh bureaucrat Rajat Bhargava, as the head of high level committee in suggesting initiatives for attracting more investments in the Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR) of the country. It is the 1st time the centre has sought to amend PCPIR policy after it was introduced. Report submission: The report is expected to be submitted in a fortnight after consultations with principal secretaries of Tamil Nadu, Odisha and Gujarat.

31. Who sworn in as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra for a 5-year term on 23rd November 2019?

- 1) Vilasrao Deshmukh
- 2) Ashok Chavan
- 3) Devendra Gangadharrao Fadnavis
- 4) Prithviraj Chavan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Devendra Gangadharrao Fadnavis**

Explanation:

On 23rd November 2019, Devendra Gangadharrao Fadnavis, 49 has been pledged as the 18th Chief Minister of Maharashtra and Ajit Anantrao Pawar, 60 has been pledged as the 9th Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra by the Governor of Maharashtra Bhagat Singh Koshiyari for a 5-year term. Devendra Fadnavis succeeded Prithviraj Chavan and Ajit Pawar succeeded Chhagan Bhujbal.

32. Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Kerala Bank?

- 1) B. Ashok

- 2) Rajamanikyam
- 3) P.S Rajan
- 4) Kausigan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) P.S Rajan**

Explanation:

General Manager of Union Bank of India P.S Rajan was appointed as the CEO of Kerala Bank by the Government of India in Thiruvananthapuram. The Cabinet members also appointed the Managing Director of KWA (Kerala Water Authority) Mr. Kausigan as the Land Board Secretary with the additional charge of Joint Commissioner, Water Resources Secretary B. Ashok has been given additional charge of MD in KWA (Kerala Water Authority) and the Project Director of KSTP (Kerala State Transport Project) Rajamanikyam will hold additional charge of MD in KSIDC (Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation).

33. Who was appointed as the director of Technical Cooperation and Silk Road Development in United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)?

- 1) Sanjiv Ranjan
- 2) Suman Billa
- 3) Ashok Das
- 4) Dinesh Bhatia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Suman Billa**

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Government of India (GoI) has approved the appointment of Suman Billa (a 1996 batch IAS-Indian Administrative Service officer from the Kerala cadre) as director of Technical Cooperation and Silk Road Development at D1 level in United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) at its headquarters in Madrid, Spain for a period of 2 years, initially.

34. Which state's Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis resigned on November 26, 2019?

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

Answer – **1) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Devendra Fadnavis (Bharatiya Janata Party(BJP)) announced his resignation after serving only 80 hours as Chief Minister & created a new record of shortest tenured Chief Minister in Maharashtra. His (Fadnavis) resignation was announced after Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Ajit Pawar (Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)) resigned citing personal reasons.

35. Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TATA Communications for five years term on 26th November, 2019?

- 1) Amur S Lakshminarayanan

- 2) Srinath Narasimhan
- 3) Renuka Ramnath
- 4) Uday B. Desai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Amur S Lakshminarayanan**

Explanation:

On 26th November 2019, Board of Directors (BOD) from TATA Communication has appointed Amur S Lakshminarayanan as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of TATA Communications for five years term. He replaced Vinod Kumar who resigned from this post in July 2019. He was the former President and CEO of TATA Consultancy Services (TCS), Japan. He was also a former student of Birla Institute of Technology and Science (BITS), Pilani and London Business School (LBS) and he has also worked in the US, Hong Kong, Australia, the UK, Japan and India.

36. Who sworn in as the 19th Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra on 28th November 2019?

- 1) Uddhav Bal Thackeray
- 2) Prithviraj Chavan
- 3) Ashok Chavan
- 4) Vilasrao Deshmukh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Uddhav Bal Thackeray**

Explanation:

On 28th November 2019, Uddhav Thackeray sworn in as the 19th Chief Minister (CM) of Maharashtra by Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari preceding Devendra Gangadharrao Fadnavis along with six other cabinet members at the Shivaji park Mumbai.

37. Name the former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), who has been appointed as the first chairman of micro-finance panel?

- 1) Amitabh Kant
- 2) R Gandhi
- 3) Chandra Shekhar Ghosh
- 4) Harun Rashid Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Harun Rashid Khan**

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019, Former Deputy Governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Harun Rashid Khan has been appointed as the first chairman of the steering committee of the Code for Responsible Lending (CRL) in micro-credit. Members of the steering committee include Harsh Shrivastava of MFIN (Microfinance Institutions Network), P Satish of Sa-Dhan, Srinivas Bonam of IndusInd Bank and Sonia Krishnankutty of L&T Finance among others.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1. Which organization has acquired the Indian e-commerce platform ShopClues?

- 1) Qoo10
- 2) Taobao
- 3) ZALORA
- 4) Shopee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Qoo10

Explanation:

On October 31, 2019 Indian e-commerce platform ShopClues owned by Clues Network Pvt. Ltd was acquired by Singapore based e-commerce platform Qoo10 private Ltd. Shopclues which once attained unicorn status (private company valued over \$ 1billion) in 2015 with a value of \$1.1 billion, is expected to have been bought at acquisition cost of \$70-100 million.

2. Which company has acquired New York based Born Group Pte. Ltd (formerly known as Group FMG) for \$95 million?

- 1) Tech Mahindra Ltd
- 2) HCL Technologies
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Tech Mahindra Ltd

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, Tech Mahindra Ltd (Tech M), an Indian multinational subsidiary of the Mahindra Group, providing information technology (IT) services has acquired New York (United States) headquartered media outsourcing firm Born Group Pvt. Ltd (formerly known as Group FMG) for \$95 million. Tech M will buy BORN's India unit, while Tech Mahindra Pte, the IT firm's Singapore arm, will take over other entities.

3. Which firm has entered into an agreement with IDBI bank (Industrial Development Bank of India) for acquiring its Mutual Fund (MF) business for Rs 215 crore?

- 1) IFCI Financial Services Ltd.
- 2) Muthoot Finance (MFIN)
- 3) Axis Capital Limited
- 4) Aditya Birla Financial Services Private Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Muthoot Finance (MFIN)

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019 Kerala-based gold loan non-banking financial company Muthoot Finance (MFIN) has entered into an agreement with IDBI bank (Industrial Development Bank of India) in acquiring its Mutual Fund (MF) business for Rs 215 crore. With this acquirement Muthoot Finance' foray gets into Rs 26-trillion MF space. Other acquirements: The MFIN will also acquire a 100% stake

in both IDBI Asset Management Company(AMC) and IDBI MF trustee company by the end of February 2020.

4. Which firm has decided to acquire 100 % stake in Madura Micro Finance Limited (MMFL) for Rs. 876 crore?

- 1) Indostar Capital Finance
- 2) SHARE Microfin Limited
- 3) Credit Access Grameen Limited (CAGL)
- 4) Aavas Financiers
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Credit Access Grameen Limited (CAGL)

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, As part of the two-step transaction, CreditAccess Grameen Limited –CAGL (formerly known as Grameen Koota Financial Services Pvt. Ltd) has decided to acquire 100 % stake in Madura Micro Finance Limited (MMFL), a leading NBFC-MFI (Non Banking Financial Company-Micro Finance Institution) for Rs 876 crore. In this plan, CAGL will acquire up to 76.2% stake for Rs 666.4 crore in MMFL from its current shareholders for all-cash deal in 1st stage & in the second stage, MMFL will be merged into CAGL through a scheme of arrangement, in which Madura's remaining shareholders will get shares of CAGL.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1. Name the Institute which has collaborated with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to set up a space technology cell (STC)?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bengaluru
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will set up a space technology cell (STC) to contribute to the space technology research areas such as AI (Artificial Intelligence), nanotechnology, functional textiles, smart manufacturing at its campus. The institute will also act as the academic partner of ISRO.

2. Who launched the UAN Registration, E-Inspection and DIGI Locker app recently?

- 1) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 2) Santosh Kumar Gangwar
- 3) Kalraj Mishra
- 4) Thawar Chand Gehlot
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Santosh Kumar Gangwar

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019 the Minister of State (MoS-independent charge) for Labour and Employment, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar launched 3 apps during the 67th foundation day of Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) in New Delhi. The 3 apps are UAN Registration, E-Inspection and DIGI Locker.

3. Name the organization which developed the UAN Registration, E-Inspection and DIGI Locker app?

- 1) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 2) NITI Aayog
- 3) National Development Council
- 4) Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)**

Explanation:

On November 2, 2019 the Minister of State (MoS-independent charge) for Labour and Employment, Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar launched 3 apps during the 67th foundation day of Employees' Provident Fund Organization (EPFO) in New Delhi. The 3 apps are UAN Registration, E-Inspection and DIGI Locker. These apps were developed by EPFO for enhancing ease of doing business and also to promote transparency in EPFO. A booklet commemorating the journey of EPFO from 1952 to 2019 was also released.

4. Name the spyware that attacks WhatsApp to spy journalists & others, especially Indians?

- 1) Hot as Hell
- 2) Pegasus
- 3) BlazeFind
- 4) Transponder
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Pegasus**

Explanation:

Facebook owned messenger app, WhatsApp recently confirmed that Israeli based NSO group, used a spyware called 'Pegasus' in WhatsApp to spy on govt. officials, journalists and activists globally, mainly Indians. The announcement was made after whatsapp sued NSO group and Q Cyber Technologies, in American court for illegal snooping (illegal private information gathering), which was earlier suspected to have made a cyber-attack in the app.

5. Name the 101st warship and second in the series of the fast patrol vessel (FVP) which was delivered by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) to the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) recently?

- 1) Jalashwa
- 2) Kamorta
- 3) Annie Besant
- 4) Arihant
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Annie Besant**

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019 the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has delivered its second in the series of the fast patrol vessel(FVP) named "Annie Besant" to the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). It is also the 101st warship presented to the ICG.

6. Which institute researchers have developed the India's first indigenous standing wheelchair named "Arise"?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur(IITK)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology-Bombay(IITB)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology-Kanpur(IITK)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology-Madras(IITM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Indian Institute of Technology-Madras(IITM)**

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019 researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology-Madras(IITM) has developed India's first indigenously developed standing wheelchair named "Arise". The wheelchair which was developed at TTK Center for Rehabilitation Research and Device Development (R2D2) of IITM was headed by Prof.Sujatha Srinivasan.It was launched by Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot.

7. Name the first ever satellite of Northeast African country Sudan, which was launched by China?

- 1) Sudan Remote Sensing Satellite, SRSS-1
- 2) Sudan Communications Sensing Satellite, SCSS-1
- 3) Sudan Experimental Sensing Satellite, SESS-1
- 4) Sudan Astronomy Sensing Satellite, SASS-1
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sudan Remote Sensing Satellite, SRSS-1**

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019 China has launched the first ever satellite of Northeast African country Sudan, named the Sudan Remote Sensing Satellite, SRSS-1. The satellite was launched in a Long March-4B rocket from Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in North China's Shanxi Province.

8. Which country has approved the world's 1st carbohydrate-based drug GV-971 to cure Alzheimer's disease?

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

Answer – **3) China**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, China's National Medical Products Administration has officially approved an indigenously developed Alzheimer's drug called GV-971 (sodium oligo-mannurate). The Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (SIMM) under the Chinese Academy of Sciences has developed the drug

after 22 years of research jointly with Ocean University of China and Green Valley Pharmaceutical Co Ltd.

9. Which country's researchers have recently discovered a new subtype of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) named HIV-1 Group M, subtype L?

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

Answer – 4) United States

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 team of scientists from Abbott Laboratories, an American medical devices and health care company along with University of Missouri, Kansas City(America), have recently discovered a new subtype of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) named HIV-1 Group M, subtype L. The findings of this HIV virus is published in the Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes(JAIDS). This was the first time a new subtype of "Group M" virus was discovered after new strains classifying guidelines were established in 2000.

10. Indian Railways has launched slew of applications to strengthen IT enablement of railways, which is not among them?

- 1) CRS Sanction Management System
- 2) Rail-road crossing GAD approval system
- 3) TMS for construction
- 4) CRS crossing GAD approval system
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) CRS crossing GAD approval system

Explanation:

On November 8 2019, Indian Railways launched three applications namely "CRS Sanction Management System", "Rail-road crossing GAD approval system" and "TMS for construction" for India to strengthen IT enablement of railways. It helps to ensure the proper monitoring of projects being undertaken by Indian Railways and boots the Digital India.

11. Name the India's 1st online repository which documents air quality studies undertaken in the past 60 years?

- 1) NatAIR (National Air quality Studies Interactive Repository)
- 2) IndAIR (Indian Air quality Studies Interactive Repository)
- 3) PureAIR (Pure Air quality Studies Interactive Repository)
- 4) DocAIR (Documents of Air quality Studies Interactive Repository)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) IndAIR (Indian Air quality Studies Interactive Repository)

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019 Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)'s , National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI), a research institute created and funded by the Government of India (GoI), has launched India's 1st online repository called IndAIR (Indian Air quality Studies Interactive Repository),which documents air quality studies undertaken in the past 60 years.

12. Which space agency has launched its 1st all electric experimental aircraft named the X-57 “Maxwell”?

- 1) European Space Agency(ESA)
- 2) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency(JAXA)
- 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA)
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA)

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019 Civilian space program and aeronautics space agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has launched its 1st all electric experimental aircraft named the X-57 “Maxwell.” It is NASA’s 1st crewed X-plane (experimental plane) in nearly 2 decades adapted from Italian Tecnam P2006T aircraft. The first delivery of the all-electric experimental aircraft was taken from Empirical Systems Aerospace (ESAero) in California, United States(US). The aircraft is expected to be operational by late 2020.

13. Name the portal launched for E-Governance school automation and management system for Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) by Sanjay Dhotre in New Delhi?

- 1) Shaala Darpan
- 2) Shiksha Vani
- 3) Udyam Sakhi
- 4) Veer Parivar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Shaala Darpan

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019 the Union Minister of State(MoS) for Human Resource and Development(HRD) Shri Sanjay Dhotre launched the Shaala Darpan portal, an E-Governance school automation and management system for Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti (NVS) in New Delhi. The portal was designed for knowledge/information sharing of its employees and its students. It was the first major initiative implemented to enable automation of NVS (India’s largest schooling system) through a single umbrella.

14. Which NASA’s telescope has detected the burst of X-rays from outer space?

- 1) Compton Gamma Ray Observatory Telescope
- 2) Spitzer Space Telescope
- 3) Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) telescope
- 4) Hubble Space Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) telescope

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 American aerospace agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) had detected burst of X-rays from outer space through its Neutron star Interior Composition Explorer (NICER) telescope. The X-ray burst, the brightest ever seen through NICER at the International Space Station (ISS), was caused by thermonuclear flashes on the surface of a pulsar (highly magnetized rotating neutron star). The burst came from an object/pulsar named “J1808”.
Publication: A paper describing the findings was published by The Astrophysical Journal Letters

15. Which aerospace manufacturer has launched the 2nd batch of 60mini 'Starlink' satellites into low-Earth orbit for global internet?

- 1) Airbus
- 2) Boeing
- 3) European Space Agency(ESA)
- 4) Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX)

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, In a bid to provide global internet coverage, Private American aerospace manufacturer, Space Exploration Technologies Corp (SpaceX), has launched the 2nd batch of 60mini 'Starlink' satellites into low-Earth orbit. These satellites are launched from 'Falcon' rocket from Space Launch Complex 40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force, Florida, US (United States).

16. Distant space rock "Ultima Thule" is renamed by National Aeronautics and Space

Administration (NASA) as _____?

- 1) Arrokoth
- 2) Kuiper belt
- 3) 'Oumuamua
- 4) Ryugu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Arrokoth

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has renamed a distant space rock Ultima Thule, to Arrokoth. It is the farthest cosmic body ever visited by a spacecraft. Arrokoth or "sky" is the name of the Native American Powhatan language following a significant backlash over the old name's Nazi connotations. The name portrait the co-operation with Powhatan Tribal elders.

17. Where was the first night-time arrested landing of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Tejas effectively carried out?

- 1) Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF), Kochi
- 2) Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF), Goa
- 3) Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF), Chennai
- 4) Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF), Visakhapatnam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF), Goa

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, As per Defence Research and Development Organization(DRDO), a first night-time arrested landing of Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) Navy was effectively carried out at Shore Based Test Facility (SBTF) Goa. It validates the ease of management and confidence, to arrested landing technologies. LCA Tejas- Light Combat Aircraft is a light multirole jet military aircraft frequently upcoming from the advanced trainers. It has been reformed or designed for engaging in light combat missions, either in light strike or attack missions, reconnaissance or interdiction roles.

18. Researchers from which institute have designed a paper-based sensor to detect the freshness of the milk?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bengaluru
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati researchers have designed a paper-based sensor to detect the freshness of the milk. It is a simple visual detection technique to detect the quality of milk without any special equipment and instruments. Bacteria and microbes in the milk affects the taste, freshness and also results in health issues. The work was recently published in the journal Biosensors and Bioelectronics. The research team was led by Dr Pranjal Chandra, Assistant Professor, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering, IIT Guwahati.

19. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has successfully conducted the 1st night trial of Agni-II missile, Choose the type of Missile Agni-II?

- 1) Long Range surface to air Missile (LRSAM)
- 2) Medium-Range Ballistic missile (MRBM)
- 3) Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM)
- 4) Air-to-Air Missiles(ATAM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Intermediate-Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM)

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019, In a major step towards strengthening the security of borders and army, the DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation), an agency of the Government of India (GoI), charged with the military's research and development, has successfully conducted the 1st night trial of Agni-II, an intermediate-range ballistic missile (IRBM) from Dr. Abdul Kalam Island off Odisha.

20. What is the firepower range of Agni-II missile?

- 1) 2000 km
- 2) 1000 km
- 3) 1500 km
- 4) 500 km
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 2000 km

Explanation:

Agni II: The 20-meter-long, 17-tonnes two-stage ballistic missile, built indigenously, has the capability to carry up to 1000 kg of explosives. Its firepower is up to 2000 km. It is a solid-fuel missile and was developed by Advanced Systems Laboratory along with other DRDO laboratories & Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad.

21. "Shaheen-I" surface-to-surface ballistic missile was test fired recently, it belongs to which country?

- 1) Russia

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

Answer – **3) Pakistan**

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 Pakistan successfully test fired its surface-to-surface ballistic missile(SSBM) named "Shaheen-I". The ballistic missile is capable of delivering all types of warheads with strike range upto 650 kilometers. The test launch was aimed at testing the operational readiness of the Army Strategic Forces Command (ASFC) of Pakistan.

22. Name the 3rd Coast Guard ship of fast patrol vessels series inducted into Indian Army manufactured by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE)?

- 1) ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) Samrat
- 2) ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) Rajdhvaj
- 3) ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) Amrit Kaur
- 4) ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) Samarth
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) Amrit Kaur**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd (GRSE) has delivered ICGS (Indian Coast Guard Ship) Amrit Kaur to the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) in Kolkata, West Bengal. Its entire design has been developed by GSRE. ICGS Amrit Kaur is named after freedom fighter, is third in a series of five fast patrol vessels being built by GRSE for the Coast Guard. Priorly, GRSE delivered its 101st Warship ICGS Annie Besant, second in the series to the Indian Coast Guard, on November 05, 2019.

23. Prithvi-2 missile, that has been test-fired in Chandipur, Odisha is of which type?

- 1) Surface-to-Air missile
- 2) Air-to-Surface missile
- 3) Surface-to-Surface missile
- 4) Air-to-Air missile
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Surface-to-Surface**

Explanation:

On November 20 2019, indigenously developed nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Prithvi-2 missile has been successfully test-fired in night from complex-3 of Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha. The test was a part of a user trial by an Indian Army. The trial was carried out from a mobile launcher by Strategic Force Command (SFC) of the Army and monitored by scientists of Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), off Odisha coast. This was 2nd night trial of this missile after February 21, 2018.

24. What is the strike range of the Prithvi-2 missile?

- 1) 350 km
- 2) 500 km
- 3) 750 km

- 4) 950 km
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 350 km

Explanation:

On November 20 2019, indigenously developed nuclear-capable surface-to-surface Prithvi-2 missile has been successfully test-fired in night from complex-3 of Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha. This nine-metre tall has a strike range of 350 km. It is capable of carrying 500-1,000 kg of warheads and is powered by liquid propulsion twin engines. It uses an advanced inertial guidance system with manoeuvring trajectory to hit its target.

25. Name the World's 1st robot with human-like spine technology, launched in Modern coach factory (MCF), Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh for transporting documents from one place to another?

- 1) Sona 1.5
- 2) Sona 2.5
- 3) Sona 3.5
- 4) Sona 4.5
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Sona 1.5

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, the Modern coach factory (MCF) in Uttar Pradesh's Raebareli started using 'Sona 1.5' humanoid robots in its factory for transporting documents from one place to another. Sona 1.5 is a full-service robot made in India built by Club first technologies, Jaipur. It is the World's 1st robot with human-like spine technology due to which they are able to balance.

26. Which institute researchers have discovered archaeological evidence of a 3,000-year-old Iron Age settlement at Karim Shahi in Gujarat?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology Madras(IIT-M)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur(IIT-K)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi(IIT-D)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur(IIT-KGP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur(IIT-KGP)

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019 the researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur(IIT-KGP), led by professor Sarkar, have discovered archaeological evidence of a 3,000-year-old Iron Age settlement at Karim Shahi in Gujarat and also a historic to medieval settlement at Vigakot near Thar Desert, also from Gujarat. The research was funded by Infosys foundations and IIT KGP.

27. Name the tech giant, that launched "K-12 Education Transformation Framework" for facilitating digital transformation of schools in India?

- 1) Amazon
- 2) Intel
- 3) International Business Machines(IBM)
- 4) Microsoft
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Microsoft

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019 American multinational technology company Microsoft has launched “K-12 Education Transformation Framework” in India. The framework is about facilitating digital transformation of schools in India. It was launched during the “2nd edition Microsoft Education Days” conducted by Microsoft in Gurgaon, Haryana. The framework comprises of 4 pillars. They are Leadership and policy, modern teaching and learning, intelligent environments and technology blueprint.

28. What is the name of the world’s largest GPU-accelerated cloud-based supercomputer launched by NVIDIA on Microsoft Azure?

- 1) NDv2
- 2) HDv2
- 3) HGX-2
- 4) DGX-2
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) NDv2**

Explanation:

On November 21 2019, NVIDIA announced the World’s Largest GPU-accelerated cloud-based supercomputer named NDv2 on Microsoft Azure. NDv2 is a supercomputer which was built to handle most demanding Artificial intelligence (AI) and its High Performance Computing (HPC) application.

29. Name the “Warm Jupiter” exoplanet, discovered by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)’s Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite(TESS)?

- 1) TOI-637 b
- 2) TOI-617 b
- 3) TOI-697 b
- 4) TOI-677 b
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) TOI-677 b**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)’s researches have recently discovered a new “Warm Jupiter” exoplanet. It has been named as TOI-677 b. It is an alien world exoplanet transiting the main sequence late F-type star on an eccentric orbit by TESS (Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite). It is about 23% bigger and massive than Jupiter.

30. Name the app launched by the Central government to calculates AQI (Air Quality Index) published by Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB)?

- 1) BOLO
- 2) SAMEER
- 3) ROSHNI
- 4) UMANG
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) SAMEER**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, The Central government has launched Sameer application, which calculates AQI (Air Quality Index), published by Central Pollution Control Board(CPCB). AQI is a tool for

reporting air quality on a daily basis. It is a measure of how air pollution affects one's health within a short time period to help people know how the local air quality impacts their health.

31. Which University has signed an MoU with All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) to promote & develop guidelines for integrating Ayurveda principles with modern medicine?

- 1) Western Sydney University, Australia
- 2) Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States
- 3) Harvard University, Massachusetts
- 4) University of Sydney, Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Western Sydney University, Australia

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, New Delhi -based All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), a public Ayurveda medicine and research institution has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Western Sydney University, Australia during the event 'India Australia International Education and Research Workshop' held at Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi.

32. Who launched the Credit-linked Subsidy Services (CLSS) portal named "CLAP" (CLSS Awas Portal) to address the grievance of the beneficiaries in an organised phase or manner?

- 1) Piyush Goyal
- 2) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 3) Suresh Prabhu
- 4) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Hardeep Singh Puri

Explanation:

On November 25, 2019 Shri. Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) for Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) launched the Credit-linked Subsidy Services (CLSS) portal named "CLAP" (CLSS Awas Portal). The link to the portal is <https://pmayuclap.gov.in/>. The aim of the portal was to address the grievance of the beneficiaries in an organised phase or manner. All stakeholders such as MoHUA, Central Nodal Agencies (CNAs), Primary Lending Institutions (PLIs) and Beneficiaries will be integrated in this portal.

33. Researchers from which institute have developed catalytic converters for cars using Rajasthani clay?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology- Delhi (IIT-D)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology- Bengaluru (IIT-B)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology- Jodhpur (IIT-J)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology- Kanpur (IIT-K)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Indian Institute of Technology- Jodhpur (IIT-J)

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, a team from the Indian Institute of Technology- Jodhpur's (IIT-J) chemistry department led by professor Rakesh K Sharma, has developed catalytic converters for cars using Rajasthani clay. Its use will reduce pollution and is also cheaper to produce. The catalytic convertor

was developed by extraction of the Iron-Nickel-Cobalt (Fe-Ni-Co) nanoparticles from the Rajasthani clay which acts as an oxygen reservoir.

34. Where did the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched the CARTOSAT 3 satellite along with 13 other nano satellites?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh(AP)
- 3) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 4) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh(AP)

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO's) successfully launched CARTOSAT 3 satellite along with 13 other nano satellites from the United States(US) into Sun Synchronous Orbit(SSO). It was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre(SDSS) at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh(AP).

35. Which rocket was used by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to launch CARTOSAT 3 satellite along with 13 other nano satellites?

- 1) Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C27 (PSLV-C27)
- 2) Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C13 (PSLV-C13)
- 3) Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C21 (PSLV-C21)
- 4) Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C47 (PSLV-C47)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C47 (PSLV-C47)

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO's) PSLV-C47(Polar Satellite Launching Vehicle C47) rocket has successfully launched CARTOSAT 3 satellite along with 13 other nano satellites from the United States(US) into Sun Synchronous Orbit(SSO). It was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre(SDSS) at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh(AP).

36. From which country Indian Army inducted Anti Tank Guided Missiles Spike (ATGMS) which is also known as "fire and forget" missiles on November 27, 2019?

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

Answer – 3) Israel

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, As a part of "emergency purchase" mechanism, Indian Army has inducted Israel made Anti Tank Guided Missiles Spike ATGMS) along the Line of Control (LoC) in the northern command theatre in Jammu and Kashmir to strengthen security along the border with Pakistan. Israel has delivered 210 missiles along with 12 launcher to Army under a Rs 280 crore deal.

37. Where did Indian Army test fired “Spike LR (long-range) anti-tank missiles” also known as “fire-and-forget anti-tank missile” acquired from Israel on November 27, 2019?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 4) Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Madhya Pradesh (MP)

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 the Indian Army (IA) has successfully test fired two newly-acquired Spike LR (long-range) anti-tank missiles at the Infantry School at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh (MP). The test fire was witnessed by all high officials from the including Chief of Army Staff (COAS), General Bipin Rawat. India became the 33rd country to have the Spike missile as part of its inventory.

38. What is the strike range of “Spike LR (long-range) anti-tank missiles” also known as “fire-and-forget anti-tank missile”?

- 1) 10 Km
- 2) 4 Km
- 3) 6 Km
- 4) 8 Km
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 4 Km

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 the Indian Army (IA) has successfully test fired two newly-acquired Spike LR (long-range) anti-tank missiles at the Infantry School at Mhow, Madhya Pradesh (MP). It is an Israeli fire-and-forget anti-tank guided 4th generation missile with target range of upto 4 kilometres. The missile has the ability to fire, observe and update, providing substantial flexibility to the firer to pinpoint the impact point. It also has the ability to switch to a different target mid-flight.

39. What was the strike range of Brahmos supersonic cruise missile that test fired in the Arabian sea by Indian Navy?

- 1) 400 km
- 2) 290 km
- 3) 150 km
- 4) 250 km
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 290 km

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, the Indian Navy(IN) successfully test-fired the 290-km strike range Brahmos supersonic cruise missile in the Arabian sea. It was launched from Navy’s stealth destroyer INS (Indian Naval Ship) Kochi.

40. Where did the Indian Navy commissioned 6th Dornier aircraft squadron on November 29, 2019?

- 1) Kochi, Kerala
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

- 3) Porbandar, Gujarat
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Porbandar, Gujarat**

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019, the Indian Navy (IN) has commissioned its sixth Dornier aircraft squadron in Porbandar, Gujarat, to enhance coastal security near the sea border with Pakistan. Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS) Vice Admiral MS Pawar was the chief guest on this occasion. He also commissioned the Indian Naval Air Squadron (INAS) 314, called Raptors (Bird of Prey family), which will operate with four newly-inducted, next-generation Dornier aircraft.

ENVIRONMENT

1. Where was the new frog species (26th Species) called Polypedates bengalensis found?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) West Bengal**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, Six herpetologists from Assam, West Bengal and Malaysia have discovered a new frog species called Polypedates bengalensis (also known as the Brown Blotched Bengal Tree Frog) in 2 places in West Bengal – Badu, North 24 Parganas District and Khordanahala, South 24 Parganas District. This is the 26th Species of the Polypedates in South and Southeast Asia. The discovery has been published in Zootaxa, a peer-reviewed scientific mega journal for animal taxonomists.

2. Name the Spider species, which is named after Indian cricketer “Sachin Tendulkar”?

- 1) “Chavarapatersachintendulkar”
- 2) “Goliath sachintendulkar”
- 3) “Indomarengo sachintendulkar”
- 4) “Marengo sachintendulkar”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) “Marengo sachintendulkar”**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019 Dhruv Prajapati, a research scholar from the Gujarat Ecological Education & Research (GEER) Foundation, has discovered two new spider species found in Kerala, TamilNadu and Gujarat. One spider species was named after Indian cricketer Sachin Tendulkar as “Marengo sachintendulkar” while the other was named as “Indomarengo chavarapater” after Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara, who played a key role in creating awareness on education in the state of Kerala. Publication: The findings of this discovery has been published in Russian journal “Arthropoda Selecta”.

3. Which Indian states were hit by the Cyclone Bulbul, whose storm speed ranges from 120 to 135 kmph?

- 1) Odisha & Gujarat
- 2) West Bengal & Odisha
- 3) Gujarat & Assam
- 4) West Bengal & Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) West Bengal & Odisha

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019, Cyclone Bulbul, which rose in the Bay of Bengal, hit the coast in Sagar Islands of West Bengal, Bhadrak in Odisha and Khepupara in Bangladesh. The center of the storm was northwest of the Bay of Bengal, 95 km east-northeast of Paradeep with winds speeds crossing over 100 kmph. The cyclone was tracked by the Doppler Weather Radars in West Bengal. The speed of the storm was 120 to 135 kmph when it hit the coast of Odisha and West Bengal. However, the storm weakened as it passed through West Bengal. It has been categorized from 'very serious' to 'serious'.

4. Name the India's first Signal Fish that found in Lakshadweep sea off Kerala coast?

- 1) Sander lucioperca
- 2) Sparus aurata
- 3) Pteropsaron indicum
- 4) Betta splendens
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pteropsaron indicum

Explanation:

On November 13 2019, The new signal fish was found in Lakshadweep sea off Kerala coast, which is the home for unusual species like fish with a unique color. The name of the species is "Pteropsaron indicum", was collected by trawlers at a depth of 70 meters during a marine biodiversity survey. Scientists from the University of Kerala and the Ocean Science Foundation, United State of America (USA) have described the discovery of the new species of signal fish, as first one of the genus recorded in Indian waters. The finding has been published in the latest issue of the Journal of the Ocean Science Foundation.

5. Name the reason behind the mass mortality of 18,000 migratory birds at Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan?

- 1) Avian bornavirus
- 2) Avian adenovirus
- 3) Avian botulism
- 4) Avian influenza
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Avian botulism

Explanation:

On November 21, 2019, The Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI), Bareilly, Uttar Pradesh confirmed Avian botulism is the reason behind the mass mortality of 18,000 migratory birds from Northern Asia, at Sambhar Lake in Rajasthan. Botulism is a natural toxin produced by bacterial strain which affects the nervous system of birds, leading to paralysis in their legs and wings, Avian botulism is also known as Clostridium botulin which is commonly found in the soil, river, and seawater.

6. Dallol Geothermal Field, is completely not suitable for living. It is located in which country?

- 1) Sudan
- 2) Somalia
- 3) Ethiopia
- 4) Nigeria
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ethiopia

Explanation:

On November 23, 2019, A team of researcher from Spanish Foundation for Science and Technology (FECYT) have discovered an aquatic environment on Earth with the complete absence of any forms of life. The purpose of this search is to get advance information about the components that reduce the chances of life. This study, published in the journal 'Nature Ecology and Evolution', showed that life is completely impossible in the hot, brackish, hyper-acidic ponds of the Dallol Geothermal Field in Ethiopia. There were no microbes of any kind present in these ponds.

7. Where was the new snake species named “Trachischium apteii” found?

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

Answer – 2) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

A new species of snake named Trachischium apteii was found in the Tally Valley Wildlife Sanctuary, Arunachal Pradesh and was published in Comptes Rendus Biologies journal. Trachischium apteii commonly called 'Slender Snakes' is a non-venomous burrowing snake well known for its heat-sensing system.

SPORTS

1. Which country's women team won the Emerging asia cup 2019 title in Colombo, Sri Lanka?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

On October 29, 2019, Indian Women's Cricket Team has defeated hosts Sri Lanka by 14 runs in the final on the basis of Duckworth-Lewis (DLS) method and won the Emerging Asia Cup 2019 title at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka. The tournament, organized by Asian Cricket Council (ACC), was held from 22- 29, October, 2019 with the participation of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh.

2. Where was the 9th edition of Rugby World Cup 2019 held?

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

Answer – **3) Japan**

Explanation:

9th edition of Rugby World Cup 2019 held at International Stadium, Yokohama, Japan.

3. Which country won the 9th edition of Rugby World Cup 2019 which is their 3rd victory?

- 1) South Africa
- 2) England
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) South Africa**

Explanation: On November 2, 2019, South Africa defeated England's team by 32-12 scores in the final of the 9th edition of Rugby World Cup 2019 held at International Stadium, Yokohama, Japan. The winners are awarded the Webb Ellis Cup, named after William Webb Ellis, the Rugby School pupil who invented rugby by picking up the ball during a football game.

4. Where was the U23 (under 23) World Wrestling Championship for the year 2019, which was the 3rd edition, held?

- 1) Shanker Annaswamy
- 2) Romesh Sobti
- 3) Budapest, Hungary
- 4) Rajiv Agarwal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Budapest, Hungary**

Explanation:

The U23 (under 23) World Wrestling Championship for the year 2019, organized by United World Wrestling(UWW) was held from October 28- November 3, 2019, in Budapest, Hungary.

5. Who won a silver medal in the Men's freestyle event under 61kg category in U23 (under 23) World Wrestling Championship for the year 2019?

- 1) Ravinder
- 2) Dara Singh
- 3) Prem Nath
- 4) Milton Reid
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ravinder**

Explanation:

Indian wrestler Ravinder obtained a silver medal in the final of Men's freestyle event. He was defeated by Kyrgyzstan's Ulukbek Zholdoshibekov in the 61kg category. It was considered as India's first medal in the 2019 edition of the U23 wrestling championship.

6. Pooja Gehlot is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Wrestling
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Wrestling**

Explanation:

Pooja Gehlot is associated with wrestling. In the 53 kg women's wrestling category, Pooja Gehlot won silver medal. She was defeated by Japan's Haruna Okuno in the final event of the 3rd edition of the U23 (under 23) World Wrestling Championship for the year 2019.

7. Which city is set to host the U23 World Wrestling Championship for the year 2020?

- 1) Dublin, Ireland
- 2) Tampere, Finland
- 3) Oslo, Norway
- 4) Reykjavík, Iceland
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tampere, Finland**

Explanation:

The next U23 World Wrestling Championship for the year 2020 will be held in Tampere, Finland.

8. Which country is set to host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup 2020?

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

Answer – **4) India**

Explanation:

On November 3, 2019 the official emblem of FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for the year 2020 which is to be conducted in India was unveiled. The emblem was unveiled by Fédération Internationale de Football Association(FIFA) and Local Organising Committee(LOC) at the launch event in gateway of India, Mumbai, Maharashtra. About design: A bright blue waves rise from the base and reach up along the form of the trophy towards a crown forming the shape of Paisley or Boteh motif commonly used in Kashmiri Pashmina shawl and carpets. The droplet of the design framing a ball made from a marigold flower depicts a symbol of growth and development. The color and style is inspired from Bandhani textiles, an Indian tie-dye technique dating back thousands of years. The stem of the marigold's symbol is derived from traditional Warli paintings with Bandhani patterns.

9. Who topped the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) rankings 2019 that released on November 4, 2019?

- 1) Rafael Nadal
- 2) Dominic Thiem
- 3) Novak Djokovic
- 4) Roger Federer

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rafael Nadal**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, As per the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) rankings 2019, Spanish professional tennis player, Rafael Nadal Parera (33) has become the number one player in the world again with 9585 points after exactly one year by replacing Novak Djokovic who has slipped to number two (8945 points). This is the 8th time Nadal has reached the top.

10. Which country's Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton won the 6th F1 World Championship title & became the second most successful driver in the F1 history ?

1) Austria

2) Finland

3) Britain

4) Germany

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Britain**

Explanation:

On November 3, 2019 Mercedes's Lewis Carl Davidson Hamilton (Britain), won the 6th F1 World Championship title, after finishing second in United States Grand Prix (US-GP) 2019. He also became the second most successful driver in the F1 history after former racing driver Michael Schumacher of Germany. The winner of the US grand prix was Mercedes's Valtteri Bottas (Finland), while the third place was secured by Max Verstappen.

11. Which country's women cricketer, Amy Johanna Kenealy announced retirement recently?

1) Australia

2) Bangladesh

3) New Zealand

4) Ireland

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ireland**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, Ireland Cricketer & women's 12th highest all-time wicket-taker, Amy Johanna Kenealy (31) has announced her retirement from international cricket. Kenealy had played 72 matches for Ireland since she made her debut against West Indies at her club Rathmines in 2008.

12. Two time Olympic champion, Nicola Adams announced retirement recently she is associated with which sport?

1) Boxing

2) Weight Lifting

3) Wrestling

4) Power Lifting

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Boxing**

Explanation:

On November 6, 2019 Double Olympic boxing champion Nicola Adams (37 years) announced her retirement from the sport on medical advice due to the vulnerability of losing eyesight. Adams was the

1st female boxer who won an Olympic gold medal at the London Olympics in 2012 in the United Kingdom(UK), and also the first female boxer to become a double Olympic champion after winning a second gold medal at the Rio Olympics 2016, in Brazil.

13. Where was the 35th edition of National Junior Athletics Championships 2019 held?

- 1) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 2) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation:

The 35th edition of National Junior Athletics Championships 2019 held from 2-6 November ,2019 in Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur, Andhra Pradesh (AP).

14. G Maheshwari was in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

- 1) Long Jump
- 2) Shot Put
- 3) 3000m steeplechase
- 4) 100meter race
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 3000m steeplechase**

Explanation:

G Maheshwari belong to 3000m steeplechase. G Maheshwari of Telangana set a national record by winning the Girls Under-20 3000m steeplechase title on the final day of the 35th National Junior Athletics Championship 2019. She clocked 10 minutes 34.10 seconds and was 12.71 seconds ahead of her previous best in the tournament.

15. Which country is set to host the International Hockey Federation (FIH)'s Men's Hockey World Cup for the year 2023 & creates a record for hosting four times?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Germany
- 3) China
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) India**

Explanation:

India has been named as the host country for 2023 FIH Men's World Cup, which was scheduled to be held from January 13 to 29 2023. The decision was finalized by the Executive Board of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) in the last annual meeting which held in Lausanne, Switzerland on November 8 2019. India also become the first country to host the men's hockey World Cup four times.

16. Name the countries, which will co host the 2022 FIH Hockey Women's World Cup?

- 1) Spain and Bangladesh
- 2) India and Sri Lanka

- 3) Spain and the Netherlands
- 4) India and Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Spain and the Netherlands**

Explanation:

Spain and the Netherlands have been confirmed as the co-hosts for the 2022 FIH Hockey Women's World Cup which is going to be held from July 1-17, 2022. The venue for the tournaments of both events have not decided yet.

17. Name the second fastest Indian to score 2000 runs in the 50 over cricket format after cricketer Shikhar Dhawan?

- 1) Smriti Mandhana
- 2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 3) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Smriti Mandhana**

Explanation:

Indian cricketer Smriti Mandhana became the second fastest Indian to have scored 2000 runs in the 50 over cricket format after cricketer Shikhar Dhawan. She achieved the feat in 51 innings. Shikhar Dhawan is the only Indian player to reach the milestone faster than Mandhana in just 48 innings.

18. Who was appointed as the Indian head coach of the Women's U-17 (under 17) football team by Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)?

- 1) Tony Gustavsson
- 2) Asisat Oshoala
- 3) Thomas Dennerby
- 4) Peter Gerhardsson
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Thomas Dennerby**

Explanation:

On November 9, 2019 the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has announced the appointment of Thomas Dennerby (Sweden) as the Indian head coach of the Women's U-17 football team. The FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) U-17 (under 17) women's football World Cup 2020 will be hosted by India. The official emblem of the world cup was launched recently at the gateway of India in Mumbai, Maharashtra on November 2, 2019.

19. Name the Indian cricketer, who broke the record of Mahendra Singh Dhoni for most sixes by an Indian captain in T20I cricket during India vs Bangladesh Series?

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Jasprit Bumrah
- 3) Shikhar Dhawan
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rohit Sharma**

Explanation:

Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma broke the record of Mahendra Singh Dhoni for most sixes by an Indian captain in T20I cricket. He went past Dhoni with 37 sixes in 17 innings, while Dhoni holds the record of 34 sixes in 62 innings. Virat Kohli stands third in the list with 26 sixes in 26 innings. Becomes 1st indian & 2nd man in history to play 100 T20Is: Rohit also became the first Indian as well as the second male cricketer in history to play 100 T20Is. Pakistani cricketer Shoaib Malik is the only cricketer to have played more than 100 T20I with 111 games.

20. Who became the first Indian cricketer to take hat-trick wicket in the shortest format(T20I)?

- 1) Khaleel Ahmed
- 2) Krunal Pandya
- 3) Navdeep Saini
- 4) Deepak Chahar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Deepak Chahar**

Explanation:

Indian Pacer Deepak Chahar took a sensational six-wicket haul, which included a hat-trick. By this he became the first Indian to take hat-trick in the shortest format. He broke the record of Srilankan skipper Ajantha Mendis for holding best ever figures where Chahar holds 6 for 7 runs in 3.2 overs. Ajantha's record was 6 for 8 against Zimbabwe in 2012.

21. Sumit Nagal was in news recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tennis**

Explanation:

As per the Association of Tennis Professional (ATP) men's singles rankings 2019 released on November 11, 2019, Indian tennis player, Sumit Nagal (22) moved two place up & achieved his career-best 127th spot with 433 points. Spanish professional tennis player, Rafael Nadal Parera (33) has retained his number one title with 9585 points.

22. Who won men's singles title in the Fuzhou China Open 2019?

- 1) Takeshi Kamura
- 2) Chou Tien-chen
- 3) Chou Tien-chen
- 4) Kento Momota
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kento Momota**

Explanation:

The 2019 Fuzhou China Open, organized by Chinese badminton association, was held from November 5-10 2019 at the Haixia Olympic Sports Center in Fuzhou, China.

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Singles	Kento Momota (Japan)	Chou Tien-chen (Chinese Taipei)
Women's Singles	Chen Yu Fei (China)	Nozomi Okuhara (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon & Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo	Keigo Sonoda & Takeshi Kamura (Japan)
Women's Doubles	Sayaka Hirota & Yuki Fukushima (Japan)	Lee So-hee & Shin Seung-chan (South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Huang Dongping & Wang Yilü (China)	Huang Yaqiong & Zheng Siwei (China)

23. Which country's Men's Doubles pair, Marcus Fernaldi Gideon and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo created history by winning fourth straight men's doubles in Fuzhou China Open 2019?

- 1) South Korea
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Japan
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Indonesia

Explanation:

The world number 1 men's doubles pair of Marcus Fernaldi Gideon (Indonesia) and Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia) defeated the India pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty, and created history by winning fourth straight Fuzhou China Open title. It is also the first time by a men's doubles pair to win the same title 4 consecutive times in the history of Superseries and World Tour Events.

24. Which country has become the first South Asian nation to bring match-fixing cases to the category of crime as its parliament passed a bill related to 'Prevention of Offences Related to Sports'?

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) India
- 3) Sri Lanka
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Sri Lanka

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, Sri Lanka has become the first South Asian nation to bring match-fixing cases to the category of crime as its parliament passed a bill related to 'Prevention of Offences Related to Sports'. This new legislation related to match-fixing and corruption will apply to all sports & if a person is found guilty of corruption in the game, he can be punished for up to 10 years and also be required to pay other fines.

25. Who topped in the latest International Cricket Council (ICC) One Day International (ODI) batting ranking?

- 1) Babar Azam
- 2) Virat Kohli

- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) M.S. Dhoni
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019 the International Cricket Council (ICC) released its latest One Day International (ODI) batting and bowling rankings for men. The batting ranking was topped by Indian cricketer Virat Kohli while the bowler ranking was topped by Indian Bowler Jasprit Bumrah. Batting rankings: Virat Kohli was followed by Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma and Babar Azam (Pakistan) in the second and third places respectively. Bowler Rankings: In the bowler rankings Jasprit was followed by Trent Boult (New Zealand) and Mujeeb Ur Rahman (Afghanistan) in the second and third places respectively.

26. Which country is set to host the World Kabaddi Cup 2019?

- 1) Punjab, India
- 2) Wellington, New Zealand
- 3) Canberra, Australia
- 4) Colombo, Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Punjab, India**

Explanation:

India is set to host the World Kabaddi Cup, which is to be held on December 1-9 2019. It was announced by Punjab state's Sports Minister Rana Gurmit Singh Sodhi. The tournament is to dedicate the 550th birth anniversary of Sikh guru, Guru Nanak Dev. Nine teams are expected to take part in the tournament.

27. Who was appointed as the new chief of the Global Football Development by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association)?

- 1) José Mourinho
- 2) Unai Emery
- 3) Alex Ferguson
- 4) Arsene Wenger
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Arsene Wenger**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, Renowned French football team manager Arsene Wenger, who is more familiarly known as Le Professeur of football, was appointed as the new chief of the Global Football Development by FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association). The chief work of Wenger would be monitoring the growth and development of the sport globally.

28. Where was the 14th edition of Asian Shooting Championships, organized by Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC) for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Reykjavík, Iceland
- 2) Doha, Qatar
- 3) Abu Dhabi, UAE
- 4) Oslo, Norway
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Doha, Qatar

Explanation:

The 2019 Asian Shooting Championships, organized by Asian Shooting Confederation (ASC) was the 14th edition held at Lusail Shooting Complex, Doha, Qatar from November 5 – 13, 2019. China secured the top spot in medal tally with 45 medals (20 Gold, 20 Silver, 5 Bronze), while India holds 4th position with 26 Medals (5 gold, 10 Silver, 11 Bronze).

29. Manu Bhaker was in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

- 1) Gymnastics
- 2) Fencing
- 3) Shooting
- 4) Archery
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Shooting

Explanation:

Shooter Manu Bhaker (17) from Haryana has won a gold medal in the 10m air pistol game by finishing first in the final with a score of 244.3. She gave India the 1st gold medal at the Championship. Other winners in the 2019 Asian Shooting Championships.

S.No	Category	Player Name	Event	Medal
1	Men's category	Udhayveer Sidhu Vijayveer Sidhu Gurpreet Singh	25 m standard pistol team	Gold
2		Angad Vir Singh Bajwa	Skeet	Gold
3	Women's category	Manu Bhaker	10 m air pistol	Gold
4		Anjum Moudgil Kajal Saini Tejaswini Sawant	50 m rifle prone team	Gold
5	Mixed	Abhishek Verma Manu Bhaker	10 m air pistol team	Gold

30. David villa announces retirement recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Football
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Football

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, Spanish professional footballer, David Villa Sanchez (37), who scored the most goals for Spain, has announced his retirement. Villa, currently playing for Japan club Vissel Kobe, will finish his 19-year-long career with the conclusion of the 2019 J-League season (7 December, 2019). He was seen playing with Spanish clubs Barcelona, Atletico Madrid and Valencia, while he played 98 matches for the Spain national team.

31. Which country won the 57th edition of BNP Paribas's Fed Cup title 2019 in Perth, Australia?

- 1) Germany
- 2) France
- 3) Australia
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) France

Explanation:

The 2019 Fed Cup by BNP Paribas (French banking financial service company) which was the 57th edition of the most important tournament in women's tennis, was held from February 9- November 10, 2019. France defeated Australia with a 3-2 win in the finals which was held in Perth, Australia. This was the first time France had won the title since 2003 and 3rd title overall.

32. Where was the 9th World Para Athletics Championships for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 2) Moscow, Russia
- 3) Washington D.C. United Statse
- 4) Beijing, China
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Explanation:

The 2019 World Para Athletics Championships, was the 9th edition participated by 118 nations, held in Dubai Club for People with Determination Sports complex in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE) from November 7 – 15, 2019. The tournament was organized by the World Para Athletics subcommittee of the International Paralympic Committee.

33. Who won gold medal & set a world record in the Men's F64 Javelin throw event in the 9th World Para Athletics Championships for the year 2019?

- 1) Nishad Kumar
- 2) Sharad Kumar
- 3) Sumit Antil
- 4) Sandeep Chaudhary
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sandeep Chaudhary

Explanation:

Sandeep Chaudhary won gold medal & set a world record in the Men's F64 Javelin throw event in the 9th World Para Athletics Championships for the year 2019.

34. Sundar Singh Gurjar is associated with which sport?

- 1) 400m Running Race
- 2) High Jump
- 3) Javelin Throw
- 4) Discus Throw
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Javelin Throw

Explanation:

Sundar Singh Gurjar is associated with Javelin Throw. He won gold medal in Men's F46 javelin throw in 2019 World Para Athletics Championships.

The list of Indian winners:

S.No	Player name	Event	Medal
1	Sundar Singh Gurjar	Men's F46 javelin throw	Gold
2	Sandeep Chaudhary	Men's javelin F64 throw	Gold
3	Sumit Antil	F-64 category javelin throw	Silver
4	Sharad Kumar	Men's high jump T63 event	Silver
5	Yogesh Kathuniya	Men's Discus Throw F56	Bronze
6	Ajeet Singh	Men's F46 Javelin throw	Bronze
7	Nishad Kumar	Men's high jump T47	Bronze
8	Mariyappan thangavelu	Men's high jump T63 event	Bronze
9	Lal Vinay Kumar	Men's 400m T44	Bronze

35. Name the first Croatian, who won prestigious 'Golden Foot' award 2019?

- 1) Ivan Rakitić
- 2) Luka Modric
- 3) Lionel Messi
- 4) Toni Kroos
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Luka Modric**

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019, Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric (34) from Croatia became the 17th winner of the Golden Foot award in Monaco. This award is given only to active athletes who must be over 29 years of age for outstanding athletic achievement and is awarded only once to athletes. Luka Modric becomes the first Croatian to win the prestigious 'Golden Foot' award 2019. He is also the second person to win the Golden Foot award a year after winning the Ballon d'Or. Juventus FC's (Football Club) Pavel Nedved from the Czech Republic was the first player to do so.

36. Name the Indian Boxer, who has been elected as the member of the first International Boxing Association's (AIBA) athletes commission?

- 1) Marcela Acuña
- 2) Katie Taylor
- 3) Mary Kom
- 4) Laishram Sarita Devi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Laishram Sarita Devi**

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019, Laishram Sarita Devi (37), an Indian boxer from Manipur has been elected unopposed to the first International Boxing Association's (AIBA) athletes commission, as a member to represent the Asian bloc. She was among the 6 boxers who were selected as members from 5 continents- Asia, Oceania, Africa, Americas and Europe (it has 2 representatives).

37. Where was the Asian Youth Boxing Championship 2019 held?

- 1) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- 2) Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
- 3) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- 4) Dushanbe, Tajikistan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Explanation:

The Asian Youth Boxing Championship, was held from November 8- 18, 2019 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Kazakhstan topped the medal tally followed by India at second place with a total of 12 medals (5 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze).

38. Naorem Chanu is associated with which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Weight Lifting
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Boxing

Explanation:

Naorem Chanu is associated with Boxing. She was in news recently because she won gold in the 51kg category. Other winners:

Men:

Silver: Selay Soy (49kg) and Ankit Narwal (60kg).

Bronze: Satender Singh (91kg) and Aman (91kg).

Women:

Gold medal: Naorem Chanu (51kg), Vinka (64kg) Sanamacha Chanu (75kg), Poonam (54kg) and Sushma (81kg) won Gold.

Bronze medal: Arundhati Choudhury (69kg), Komalpreet Kaur (81kg), Jaismine (57kg).

39. Which sports association has officially changed its name to “World Athletics”?

- 1) Confederation of African Athletics(CAA)
- 2) International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)
- 3) Asian Athletics Association(AAA)
- 4) European Athletic Association(EAA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF)

Explanation:

On November 17, 2019 the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) has officially changed its name to “World Athletics”. The name was changed to make the sport more accessible. It is also to be noted that IAAF was also a changed name of International Amateur Athletic Federation focusing on the sport of track and field athletics. The name was changed to IAAF in 2001.

40. Which country has won the 18th edition of the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) under 17 World Cup trophy held in Brasilia, Brazil?

- 1) Brazil

- 2) Mexico
- 3) Canada
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Brazil**

Explanation:

On November 18, 2019 the Brazilian football team defeated the football team of Mexico in the finals for 2-1, to win the 18th edition of the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) under 17 World Cup trophy held in Brasilia, Brazil. With this win, Brazil's has taken its World Cup titles tally to four.

41. Who was honored with the award of 'Indian Personality of the Year -Sports during the Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 held in Dubai, UAE (United Arabs Emirate) ?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) P.V. Sindhu
- 3) Sunil Chhetri
- 4) Bajrang Punia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bajrang Punia**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, Ace Indian freestyle wrestler, Bajrang Punia (25) & Gaurav Sharma, a world powerlifting champion as well as the Mahant (priest) of the temple at Chandni Chowk, Delhi, were honored at Indo Arab Leaders Summit & Awards 2019 held at Marriott Hotel Al Jaddaf, in Dubai, UAE (United Arabs Emirate). Bajrang was honored with the award of 'Indian Personality of the Year - Sports' while Gaurav was honored with the 'Visionary Leaders of the Year-Sports' Award.

42. Who won the 2019 F1(Formula) Brazilian Grand Prix (formally known as the Formula 1 Heineken Grande Prêmio do Brasil 2019)?

- 1) Kimi Räikkönen
- 2) Max Verstappen
- 3) Pierre Gasly
- 4) Carlos Sainz Vázquez de Castro
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Max Verstappen**

Explanation:

On November 17, 2019, the 2019 F1(Formula) Brazilian Grand Prix (formally known as the Formula 1 Heineken Grande Prêmio do Brasil 2019) was held at Interlagos in São Paulo, Brazil. Red Bull's Max Verstappen from the Netherlands, Max Verstappen topped the Grand Prix. Verstappen was followed by Pierre Gasly (France) and Carlos Sainz Vázquez de Castro (Spain) in the second and third place respectively.

43. Name the youngest Greek tennis player, who won the ATP Finals 2019 title by beating Dominic Thiem?

- 1) Matteo Berrettini
- 2) Roger Federer
- 3) Jo-Wilfried Tsonga

- 4) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Stefanos Tsitsipas**

Explanation:

On November 17, 2019, Greek professional tennis player, Stefanos Tsitsipas (21) has won the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) World Tour Finals trophy (officially 2019 Nitto ATP Finals) by beating world No.5 Dominic Thiem of Austria with 6-7 (6-8) 6-2 7-6 (7-4) scores in O2 Arena, London (United Kingdom) on November 17, 2019. He also earned a prize money of \$2,656,000.

44. Shafali Verma is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cricket**

Explanation:

Shafali Verma is associated with Cricket. 15-year-old Shafali Verma scored her first half-century in the first T20 International against the West Indies women's team in St. Lucia. She thus became the youngest Indian to score an international half-century at the age of 15 years and 286 days and breaks Sachin Tendulkar's 30-year old record (Sachin had scored his maiden fifty aged 16 years and 214 days in 1989). She broke Sachin Tendulkar's 30-year old record. She had won the player of the series against West Indies. After this performance her ranking also increased to 30th position.

45. Which country is set to host first-ever World Athletics Indoor Championships 2022?

- 1) Belgrade, Serbia
- 2) Budapest, Hungary
- 3) Zagreb, Croatia
- 4) Ljubljana, Slovenia
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Belgrade, Serbia**

Explanation:

On November 22, 2019, World Athletics Council declared Belgrade, Serbia to host its first-ever World Athletics Indoor Championships 2022 and Yangzhou, China was confirmed as the host city of the World Athletics Half Marathon Championships 2022. Belgrade as host- Belgrade has hosted many track and field events over the years such as 1962 European Championships, 2013 European Cross Country Championships, 2017 European Indoor Championships, and the 2017 Balkan Championships.

46. Who has been awarded with Male Athlete of the year 2019 by World Athletics Award 2019 held in Monaco, Europe?

- 1) Bernard Lagat
- 2) Eliud Kipchoge
- 3) Kenenisa Bekele
- 4) Kipchoge Keino
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Eliud Kipchoge**

Explanation:

Eliud Kipchoge has been awarded Male Athlete of the year 2019 by World Athletics Award 2019 in Monaco, Europe. Kipchoge won a highly competitive London marathon in April for the fourth time and he also became the first man to run a marathon in less than two hours. He has also won the Male athlete of the year 2018.

47. Dalilah Muhammad was awarded with the Female Athlete of the year 2019 by World Athletics Award 2019 in Monaco, Europe, she belongs to which country?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Nigeria
- 3) Kenya
- 4) United States
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) United States**

Explanation:

Dalilah Muhammad of America was awarded with the Female Athlete of the year 2019 by World Athletics Award 2019 in Monaco, Europe. World Athletics Awards 2019 Winners other categories:

Name of the Winners	Name of the Award
Selemon Barega	Male Rising Star
Yaroslava Mahuchikh	Female Rising Star
Devartu Tulu	Woman of the Year
Brother Colm O' Connell	Coaching Achievement
Felix Sanchez Arrazola	Photograph of the Year
Braima Suncar Dabo	Fair Play Award
Vikki Orvice	President's Award

48. Which country won the sixth Davis Cup title 2019 that held in Madrid, Spain?

- 1) Canada
- 2) Australia
- 3) Spain
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Spain**

Explanation:

Spain won sixth Davis Cup title 2019. The Davis cup finals was conducted from November 18-24, 2019. It was held on indoor hard courts at the Caja Mágica in Madrid, Spain.

49. Who won the men's singles title in the Davis Cup 2019?

- 1) Roger Federer
- 2) Alexander Zverev
- 3) Daniil Medvedev
- 4) Rafael Nadal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rafael Nadal**

Explanation:

On November 24, 2019, Spanish tennis player Rafael Nadal (33 years) led Spain to clinch its sixth Davis Cup title 2019 by defeating Denis Shapovalov of Canada in men's singles. The Davis cup finals was conducted from November 18-24, 2019. It was held on indoor hard courts at the Caja Mágica in Madrid, Spain. In 2019 he extraordinarily won French Open and the United State (US) Open, made the Australian Open final and also reached the Wimbledon semifinals. He previously won Davis Cup in the year 2004, 2009 and 2011.

50. Where was the 2019 International Shooting Sport Federation(ISSF) World Cup held?

- 1) Putian, China
- 2) Munich, Germany
- 3) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 4) Acapulco, Mexico
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Putian, China**

Explanation:

The 2019 ISSF World Cup was held from November 17-23, 2019 in Putian, China. It was the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup in the Olympic shooting events, governed by the International Shooting Sport Federation(ISSF).

51. Who won a gold medal in the women's 10m Air Pistol event & created new junior world record with a total score of 244.7?

- 1) Tejaswini Sawant
- 2) Apurvi Chandel
- 3) Manu Bhaker
- 4) Anjali Bhagwat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Manu Bhaker**

Explanation:

India's Manu Bhaker won a gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol event for women by defeating Zorana Arunović from Serbia. She also created new junior world record with a total score of 244.7.

52. Divyansh Singh Panwar is associated with which sport?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Shooting
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Shooting**

Explanation:

Divyansh Singh Panwar is associated with Shooting. He was in the news recently because he won gold medal in the Men's 10m Air Rifle event that held in Putian, China.

53. Where was the U-15 Asian Wrestling Championships held?

- 1) Moscow, Russia
- 2) Taichun, China

- 3) Washinton D.C., United States
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Taichun, China**

Explanation:

The U-15 Asian Wrestling Championships was held in Taichun, China from November 22-24, 2019. India topped the medal ranking with 28 medals which included 13 gold, 14 silver and 1 bronze medal. Kazakhstan and Japan secured the second and third place respectively.

54. Which country has played the 1st Pink Ball test series against Indian Men's Team in India?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) West Indies
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) Sri Lanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

Bangladesh played the 1st Pink Ball test series against Indian Men's Team in India. India defeated Bangladesh by an innings and 46 runs in their first ever day-night Test match and first match played with a SG pink ball manufactured by the SG (Sanspareils Greenlands) factory of New Delhi. The match was held at Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal. India recorded its 12th home series win in a row. India also became the first team to win 4 tests in a row by an innings margin.

55. Who became the third & fastest batsman to score 70 international centuries in just 439 innings?

- 1) Shikhar Dhawan
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) Ishant Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

Kohli- 3rd batsman to hit 70 international centuries: Virat Kohli became the third batsman after former cricket players Sachin Tendulkar (India) and Ricky Thomas Ponting (Australia) to score 70 international centuries. Kohli has currently hit 27 centuries in test matches and 43 centuries in One Day Internationals (ODI).

56. Name the Indian wicket-keeper, who became the fifth to affect 100 dismissals in the test series?

- 1) Shikhar Dhawan
- 2) Rishabh Pant
- 3) Bhuvneshwar Kumar
- 4) Wriddhiman Saha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Wriddhiman Saha**

Explanation:

India's Wriddhiman Saha became the fifth Indian wicket-keeper to affect 100 dismissals in the longest format of the game. The feat was achieved during the second test match between India and Bangladesh at the Eden Gardens stadium. It is to be noted that former Indian skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni holds the record of most dismissals for an India keeper in the purest format of the game. Dhoni has made 294 dismissals.

57. Which country will host the FIH (International Hockey Federation) Men's Hockey World Cup (WC) matches for the year 2023?

- 1) India (Odisha)
- 2) Indonesia (Jakarta)
- 3) China (Beijing)
- 4) Russia (Moscow)
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) India (Odisha)**

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, FIH (International Hockey Federation) Men's Hockey World Cup (WC) matches for 2023 will be played in Bhubaneswar and Rourkela from 13 -29 January, 2023. This was announced by Odisha Chief Minister (CM) Naveen Patnaik at a grand ceremony at the Kalinga Stadium. Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar shared the hosting event with Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium in Rourkela.

58. Which country topped in the year end FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)/Coca-Cola World Ranking 2019?

- 1) Iceland
- 2) Norway
- 3) Belgium
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Belgium**

Explanation:

Belgium holds its top spot in the FIFA (Fédération Internationale de Football Association)/Coca-Cola World Ranking rankings 2019 after winning all ten games. India takes the 108th place losing four places in accordance with the September 2019 rankings. Japan takes the 28th place replacing Iran and becomes Asia's highest-ranking team, Senegal takes the 20th place becoming Africa's top team and FIFA World Cup host for the year 2019 and 2020, Qatar takes the 55th place after winning the qualifying game for the 2023 Asian Cup.

59. Tim James Murtagh, who announced retirement recently is associated with which sport?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Cricket**

Explanation:

On 29th November 2019, Tim James Murtagh, 38 announced his retirement from International Cricket. Tim Murtagh is an Ireland Bowler and Batsman. He represented England in the 2000 ICC Under-19 Cricket World Cup. He was one of the 11 players to play Ireland's first Cricket Test Match against Pakistan in the year 2018, he was also named the Men's International Player of the Year at the annual Cricket Ireland Awards in the year 2018.

OBITUARY

1. Name the renowned deceased American actor and comedian, who was well known for his films Boomerang, Vampire in Brooklyn and The Ladies Man etc?

- 1) Regina King
- 2) Shawn Wayans
- 3) John Witherspoon
- 4) Anna Maria Horsford
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) John Witherspoon**

Explanation:

On October 30, 2019 renowned American actor and comedian John Witherspoon passed away at the age of 77 at his residence in California, United States(US). His famous films include Boomerang, Vampire in Brooklyn and The Ladies Man etc. Born in January 27, 1942 in Michigan, US, Witherspoon made his film debut in film The Jazz Singer in 1980. He has also appeared in various television shows in the 1970s where he worked initially as a comedian.

2. Which state's former Urban Development Minister & former Minister for Horticulture, Vaijanath Patil passed away recently?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Karnataka**

Explanation:

On Nov 2, 2019, Vaijanath Patil, Former Karnataka Urban Development Minister, former Minister for Horticulture, and president of Hyderabad Karnataka Horata Samithi passed away in Bengaluru, Karnataka. He was born in Aurad taluk of Bidar district, Karantaka.

3. Name the former President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Chairman of Modi Enterprises, who passed away recently?

- 1) Bina Modi
- 2) Charu Modi Bhartia
- 3) Krishnan Kumar Modi (K.K. Modi)

- 4) Samir Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Krishnan Kumar Modi (K.K. Modi)**

Explanation:

On Nov 3, 2019, Former President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and Chairman of Modi Enterprises Krishnan Kumar Modi (K.K. Modi) passed away at the age of 79 in New Delhi. He was also the president of the Confederation of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce and Industry (CACCI) from 2002 to 2006. He hailed from Patiala district, Punjab.

4. Which high court's retired Judge, N.V. Balasubramanian passes away recently?

- 1) Madras High Court
- 2) Allahabad High Court
- 3) Patna High Court
- 4) Delhi High Court
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Madras High Court**

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, The Retired Judge of Madras High Court (HC), N.V. Balasubramanian passes away after he collapsed at the Kapaleeswarar temple in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He served as the Madras High Court judge from 1996 – 2007 & after retirement he served as the Chairman of committees on fixation of fee for self-financing professional colleges and polytechnics after retiring from service.

5. Nazi camps survivor Yvette Lundy passed away at the age of 103, he belonged to which country?

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

Answer – **4) France**

Explanation:

On November 3, 2019, French Resistance legend & Nazi camps survivor Yvette Lundy who helped Jewish prisoners of war to escape prison during the Nazi occupation of France, passed away at the age of 103 due to old age ailments in the northern French town of Epernay, France.

6. Olympic medalist, Jacques Dupont passed away recently, he was associated with which sport?

- 1) Cycling
- 2) Archery
- 3) Rugby
- 4) Weight Lifting
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Cycling**

Explanation:

On November 4 2019, Jacques Dupont, olympic cyclist champion died at the age of 91 on his native village of Lezat sur Leze in France. He is a French cyclist who won a gold medal in Olympic Games

which was held in London on 11 August 1948. At the age of 20, he won the gold medal in Olympic under the category of 1000-meter track trial in London and defeated Belgian Pyre Nihant by a second.

7. Name the deceased American novelist, who won the “National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction” for his novel, “A Lesson Before Dying” in the year 1993?

- 1) John Steinbeck
- 2) William Faulkner
- 3) Ernest James Gaines
- 4) Herman Melville
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ernest James Gaines

Explanation:

On November 5, 2019, The acclaimed, award-winning american novelist, Ernest James Gaines has passed away from natural causes. He was 86. Born on January 15, 1933 in Oscar, Louisiana, US (United States), Gaines won the National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction for his 1993 novel, A Lesson Before Dying. Gaines, awarded a “genius grant” in 1993 by the MacArthur Foundation, was inducted into the French Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (Order of Arts and Letters) as a Chevalier.

8. Author Girija Kir passed away recently, she hailed from which state?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On November 1, 2019 Noted Marathi Author Girija Kir passed away at the age of 86 due to old age ailments. Born in Maharashtra, Girija’s works were mostly associated with children stories and her recent book was “Janmathep”. She had also written her autobiography titled “Mazya Ayushyachi Goshta”.

9. Name the deceased Bengali Writer & Padma Shri awardee, who was well known for her research on the Ramayana?

- 1) Nabaneeta Dev Sen
- 2) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- 3) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 4) Mrinal Pande
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nabaneeta Dev Sen

Explanation:

Nabaneeta Dev Sen, a Bengali Writer passed away at her age of 81 in Kolkata due to cancer. She is a poet, a novelist, a columnist and a writer of short stories and travelogues. Dev Sen was well-known for her research on the Ramayana. She won Sahitya Akademi Award in 1999, Padmashree in 2000.

10. Anjan Mitra passed away recently, he was associated with which football club where he worked as the general secretary for over two decades?

- 1) Real Kashmir
- 2) Chennai City
- 3) Mohun Bagan
- 4) East Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mohun Bagan

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019, Anjan Mitra, who was the general secretary of Iconic football club Mohun Bagan for more than two decades, passed away in Kolkata, West Bengal after suffering from several complications following a bypass surgery in 2014. He was 72.

11. Name the Padma Shri awardee & noted Indian Dhrupad singer, who passed away recently?

- 1) Uday Bhawalkar
- 2) Wasifuddin Dagar
- 3) Ritwik Sanyal
- 4) Ramakant Gundecha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ramakant Gundecha

Explanation:

On November 8, 2019 Noted Indian Dhrupad singer Ramakant Gundecha passed away at the age of 57 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh due to cardiac arrest. He was awarded the Padma Shri for 2012 in the field of Art – Indian Classical Music – Vocal along with his brother Umakant Gundecha.

12. Name the Ramon Magsaysay Awardee & former chief election commissioner (CEC) who passed away recently?

- 1) R. K. Trivedi
- 2) Iyer Seshan
- 3) Kalyan Sundaram
- 4) S. P. Sen Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Iyer Seshan

Explanation:

Former chief election commissioner (CEC), Tirunellai Narayana Iyer Seshan, passed away at the age of 86 due to cardiac arrest in Chennai. In 1996, Seshan received the Ramon Magsaysay Award for his role in cleaning up the electoral process in the country.

13. Former Union secretary Perungulam S Krishnan passes away, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Rajasthan
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kerala

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, PS Krishnan, a 1956 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer served in Andhra Pradesh & former Union Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare, has passed away in New Delhi due to age-related health complications. He was 86. Born in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala in 1933, Krishnan was best known for his work in upliftment of scheduled castes (SC), scheduled tribes (ST) & educationally backward classes. He had served as a first member-secretary of the National SC/ST commission.

14. Deceased Australian Dwight Ritchie nicknamed as “The Fighting Cowboy”, was associated with which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Weight lifting
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Boxing**

Explanation:

On November 9 2019, Dwight Ritchie, an Australian boxer died at the age of 27 in Melbourne, Australia. He was struck with a body shot with Michael Zerafa in a training session, before that he had fallen back to his corner and collapsed. Dwight Ritchie, nickname “The Fighting Cowboy”, held a 19-2 record.

15. Name the deceased renowned mathematician, who challenged Einstein’s theory of relativity?

- 1) Shakuntala Devi
- 2) Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis
- 3) Harivansh Narayan Singh
- 4) Vashishth Narayan Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Vashishth Narayan Singh**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, Renowned mathematician, Vashishth Narayan Singh, passed away at the age of 77 due to Schizophrenia (chronic and severe mental disorder that affects how a person thinks, feels, and behaves) in Patna, Bihar. Narayan Singh was said to have challenged Einstein’s theory of relativity.

16. Name the deceased Social activist, who battled for justice to victims and survivors of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy?

- 1) Vandana Shiva
- 2) Baba Amte
- 3) Abdul Jabbar
- 4) Sunitha Krishnan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Abdul Jabbar**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, Social activist Abdul Jabbar, who battled for justice to victims and survivors of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy, died at the age of 62 due to prolonged illness, in Madhya Pradesh. In

1987, Jabbar was a convener of the Bhopal Gas Peedith Mahila Udyog Sanghathan, which effortlessly work to get the justice for the worst industries tragedy victims and their kin.

17. Which country's Cricketer Tony Mann passes away recently?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) West Indies
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Australia**

Explanation:

On November 15, 2019, Anthony Longford Mann, the leg-spinning all-rounder from Australia, who played four Tests between 1977 and 1978, passed away after a long battle with cancer. He was 74.

18. Name the owner, editor and publisher of Marathi newspaper - 'Navakal', who passed away recently?

- 1) Abhimanyu
- 2) Nikanth Khadilkar
- 3) Puran Chandra Gupta
- 4) Feroze Varun Gandhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nikanth Khadilkar**

Explanation:

On 22nd November 2019, former actor and writer Shaukat Kaifi died at Juhu, Mumbai. Shaukat Kaifi was an Indian theater artist and film actor and her husband was an Urdu poet and film lyricist Kaifi Azmi. Shaukat Kaifi and Kaifi Azmi were key associates in the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA) and Progressive Writers Association (IWA).

19. Shaukat Kaifi passed away recently, she was a _____?

- 1) Director & Singer
- 2) Actor & Producer
- 3) Director & Producer
- 4) Theater Artist & Film Actor
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theater Artist & Film Actor**

Explanation:

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20. Name the 9th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, who passed away recently?

- 1) Kailash Chandra Josh
- 2) Kailash Nath Katju
- 3) Govind Narayan Singh
- 4) Dwarka Prasad Mishra

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kailash Chandra Josh**

Explanation:

On 25th November 2019, Kailash Chandra Josh, the former 9th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh dies at 90 in a Bansal hospital in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. Kailash Chandra Josh was the first Non-Congress and the 9th Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh from 24 June 1977 to 17 January 1978, Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from 2004 to 2014, Member of Parliament (Raj Sabha) from 2000 to 2004 and MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) Madhya Pradesh from 1962 to 1998. He was also a founding member of the BJP in Madhya Pradesh.

21. Which state's Politician, Kshiti Goswami passed away recently?

1) Gujarat

2) Assam

3) West Bengal

4) Kerala

5) None of these

Answer – **3) West Bengal**

Explanation:

On November 24, 2019, Senior Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP) leader and former West Bengal minister Kshiti Goswami passed away at the age of 77, due to old-age-related illness in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He hailed from Kolkata, West Bengal. He served as a State Public Works Department (PWD) Minister for more than two decades since the late eighties till 2011.

22. Name the deceased former Navy Chief Admiral, who led the Indian navy during the Kargil War?

1) Laxminarayan Ramdas

2) Jayant Ganpat Nadkarni

3) Sushil Kumar

4) Sourendra Nath Kohli

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sushil Kumar**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 Former Navy Chief Admiral Sushil Kumar, who led the Indian navy during the Kargil War passed away at the age of 79 in New Delhi. He served as Navy Chief between 1998 and 2001 and also oversaw Kargil conflict in 1999. He authored a book which portrays the decisions taken by late former Prime Minister of India Atal Bihari Vajpayee titled "A Prime Minister to Remember- Memories of a Military Chief".

23. Sudhir Dar passed away recently, he was a _____?

1) Journalist

2) Actor

3) Cartoonist

4) Politician

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Cartoonist**

Explanation:

On 26th November 2019, Sudhir Dar, renowned Cartoonist passes away at 87 due to cardiac arrest in Gurgaon, Haryana. Sudhir Dar was born in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh (UP) in 1932. Sudhir Dar was an award-winning Indian cartoonist, one of the 'second generation' of editorial cartoonists. He had worked in many newspapers over the spanning period of 58 years.

24. Actor and theatre artist, Bala Singh passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Punjab
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019 Veteran Tamil actor and theatre artist Bala Singh passed away at the age of 67 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu due to illness. Bala, an alumnus of National School of Drama (NSD) started his career as a theatre artiste. He rose to fame in actor Nasser's Avatharam (1995), where he played the role of a villain. It was also his debut film.

25. Which country's former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone passed away on 29th November, 2019?

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

Answer – **1) Japan**

Explanation:

On 29th November 2019, Yasuhiro Nakasone former Prime Minister of Japan died at 101 in Tokyo, Japan. Yasuhiro Nakasone is from Takasaki, Japan, well known for his friendship with Ronald Reagan former president of the United States (US) their friendship was widely called the 'Ron and Yasu' friendship.

26. Name the Australian Journalist, writer and critic who passed away recently?

- 1) Christopher Hitchens
- 2) Philip Larkin
- 3) Les Murray
- 4) Clive James
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Clive James**

Explanation:

On 24th November 2019, Clive James, Australian Journalist, writer and critic dies at 80 in Cambridge England. Clive James was born in Kogarah, New South Wales, Australia as Vivian Leopold James and lived in the United States (US). Clive James was diagnosed with Leukaemia and emphysema, and he suffered kidney failure in 2010.

27. Which country's Rock Climber, Brad Gobright passed away on 27th November 2019?

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

Answer – 4) United States of America

Explanation:

On 27th November 2019, Brad Gobright, 31 died in Nuevo Leon, Mexico. He was well known for his Rock climbing skills and gravity defying solo ascents with no ropes. Brad Gobright was born in California, United States (US). Brad Gobright and his fellow Aidan Jacobson, 26 climbed a route in Nuevo Leon known as 'Shining Path' when they fell after their return from the 900 meter climb, Aidan Jacobson landed on a cliff while Brad slipped and fell for another 300 meters and died. Jacobson was injured on various parts of his body and is undergoing treatment.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1. Who edited the new anthology called 'Modern English Poetry', which contains pieces by 70 poets who are in their 40s or less?

- 1) Clive James
- 2) Sudeep Sen
- 3) Les Murray
- 4) Jonas Ellerström
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sudeep Sen

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, Sahitya Akademi, an organisation dedicated to the promotion of literature in the languages of India, has published a new anthology called 'Modern English Poetry' by Younger Indians, which documents the contemporary poetry scene in India and the broader Indian diasporas to mark the 200 years of Indian English poetry. Noted Poet, translator, and editor Sudeep Sen, has edited the anthology, which contains pieces by 70 poets who are in their 40s or less.

2. Who is the author of the book titled "The First Sikh: The Life and Legacy of Guru Nanak" which describes about the majestic and magisterial portrait of the life and legacy of Guru Nanak ?

- 1) Anita Nair
- 2) Durjoy Datta
- 3) Rohinton Mistry
- 4) Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh

Explanation: Sikhism Founder Guru Nanak biography has been released on his 550th birth anniversary. It was announced by the publishing house Penguin on November 5 2019. The book was

written by the professor and author Nikky-Guninder Kaur Singh, the book titled “The First Sikh: The Life and Legacy of Guru Nanak” which describes about the majestic and magisterial portrait” of the life and legacy of Guru Nanak.

3. Who compiled the book titled ‘Guru Nanak Bani’?

- 1) Arundhati Roy
- 2) Jagtarjit Singh
- 3) Manjit Singh
- 4) Bhai Jodh Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bhai Jodh Singh**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 the union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ‘Nishank’ and Minister for Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) Smt. Harsimrat Kaur Badal together launched 3 books on Guru Nanak Dev’s writings, the founder of Sikhism on the occasion of his 550th birthday at Sri Guru Teg Bahadur Khalsa College in New Delhi. 3 books: The 3 books were Guru Nanak Bani, Nanak Bani, and Sakhian Guru Nanak Dev published by the National Book Trust of India. ‘Guru Nanak Bani’ is compiled by Bhai Jodh Singh, the ‘Nanak Bani’ is compiled by Manjit Singh, and the ‘Sakhian Guru Nanak’ is compiled by Jagtarjit Singh.

4. Find the novel authored by Arundhati Roy, which is placed in BBC’s ‘100 novels that shaped our world’ list?

- 1) The God of small things
- 2) A Suitable Boy
- 3) The Moor’s Last Sigh
- 4) Swami and Friends
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) The God of small things**

Explanation:

On November 6 2019, The British Broadcasting Corporation announced a list of ‘100 Novels That Shaped Our World’. A panel of leading writers, curators and critics compiled the list for the network. Some of our notable Indian authors like R.K. Narayan, Arundhati Roy, Salman Rushdie and Vikram Seth are among 100 writers in this list. Arundhati Roy- ‘The God of small things’ features in the identity category. The book is about the modern day classic. Salman Rushdie - ‘The Moor’s Last Sigh’ about Modern India in the ‘Coming of Age’ section. RK Narayan – ‘Swami and Friends’ a story of Young boy and his escapades is placed in the rule breakers class Vikram Seth – ‘A Suitable Boy’ features in the family and friendship category and S. Naipaul – ‘A House for Mr Biswas’ is placed in the class and society section.

5. Who is the author of the book titled “Kashmir” which was released on November 7, 2019?

- 1) Janice Pariat
- 2) Palash Krishna Mehrotra
- 3) Meena Kandasamy
- 4) Chitrlekha Zutshi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Chitrlekha Zutshi**

Explanation:

On November 7, 2019 a new book by renowned historian Chitralkha Zutshi titled "Kashmir" was released. The book is part of Oxford India's short introduction series. The book portrays the history of the region that was made up of interconnected political and religious ideologies, literary traditions, and social classes etc.

6. Who released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present'?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Ranjan Gogoi
- 3) Dipak Misra
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ranjan Gogoi**

Explanation:

On November 10, 2019, Ranjan Gogoi, Chief Justice of India (CJI) released the Assamese version of the book 'Courts of India: Past to Present' in Guwahati, Assam. The book has been distributed by the Publication division. The book includes various chapters which narrate the historical events of the court.

7. Who is the author of the novel entitled "Accidental Magic", that documents the Harry Potter nostalgia and straddles multiple contexts?

- 1) Meena Kandasamy
- 2) Ira Trivedi
- 3) Keshava Guha
- 4) Nidhi Dugar Kundalia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Keshava Guha**

Explanation:

On November 11, 2019, Author Keshava Guha's new novel entitled "Accidental Magic", Published by HarperCollins India, was launched at the Bangalore Literature Festival in Bengaluru, Karnataka. The novel documents the Harry Potter nostalgia and straddles multiple contexts such as the world of fan fiction, university life, with complex themes like solitude, self-discovery, identity, aspirations, and the tussle between love and duty.

8. Who is the author of the novel titled "An Extreme Love of Coffee" launched in Starbucks, Mumbai?

- 1) Harish Bhat
- 2) Jitendra Panwar
- 3) Ernest Samuel Ratnakumar
- 4) Ashoke Kumar Sarkar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Harish Bhat**

Explanation:

On November 13, 2019, Harish Bhat's first novel, "An Extreme Love of Coffee", published by Penguin Random House India with the collaboration of Tata Starbucks launched at Starbucks, Mumbai. Harish

Bhat also wrote the bestselling book named "Tata log", and he is a chairman of Tata Coffee Ltd and also the brand custodian of Tata Sons Private Limited.

9. Who authored the book titled "Savarkar: Echoes from a Forgotten Past, 1883-1924", which describes the life of freedom fighter and philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar?

- 1) Nidhi Dugar Kundalia
- 2) Vikram Sampath
- 3) Avalok Langer
- 4) Meghna Pant
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Vikram Sampath

Explanation:

The Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu released book titled "Savarkar: Echoes from a Forgotten Past, 1883-1924" at an event in New Delhi. The book was written by renowned Bengaluru based Historian and author Vikram Sampath and published by Viking Penguin publishers. The book describes the life of freedom fighter and philosopher Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, popularly known as Veer Savarkar.

10. Who authored the book titled "The Daughter from a Wishing Tree: Unusual Tales about Women in Mythology" that portrays life of enchanting women and their untold stories?

- 1) Ruskin Bond
- 2) Lakshmi Venu
- 3) Sudha Murty
- 4) Nandan Nilekani
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sudha Murty

Explanation:

On November 16, 2019 renowned author and chairman of Infosys foundation Sudha Murty launched her latest book "The Daughter from a Wishing Tree: Unusual Tales about Women in Mythology". The book published by Penguin Random House India, portrays life of enchanting women and their untold stories. This is Murty's 4th book of popular mythology series preceded by The Serpents Revenge: Unusual Tales from the Mahabharata, The Man from the Egg: Unusual Tales about the Trinity, and The Upside-Down King: Unusual Tales about Rama and Krishna.

11. Name the author of the book titled "From Shanties to School", which explores 1991 economic reforms on literacy especially among the migrant laborers of Delhi and their children?

- 1) Nidhi Dugar Kundalia
- 2) Manimala Roy
- 3) Meghna Pant
- 4) Avalok Langer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Manimala Roy

Explanation:

On November 17 2019, book by educationist Manimala Roy, titled "From Shanties to School", which explores 1991 economic reforms on literacy especially among the migrant laborers of Delhi and their

children. It was launched by the senior journalist and former Hari Krishan together with former vice-chancellor of Delhi University Dinesh Singh. The book addresses the slums of Delhi and its outskirts as the area of research.

12. Which organization/Ministry has released a booklet titled “From uttapam to sprouted dal parantha” to deal with problems like underweight, obesity and anemia in children?

- 1) UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund)
- 2) Child protection
- 3) Save the Children
- 4) Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund)

Explanation:

On November 17, 2019, UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund) has released a 28page booklet called “From uttapam to sprouted dal parantha”. It explains that nutritious food prepared at less than 20 rupees will help in dealing with problems like underweight, obesity and anemia in children. The book is based on the findings of the overall National Nutrition Survey 2016-18, according to which 35 % of children under the age of five are stunted (low height for age), 17 % are Wasted (low weight for height) and 33 % are underweight.

13. Who is the author of the Booker-prize shortlisted 1987 Urdu novel “Tazkirah”, which was translated into english by Matt Reeck and titled it as “The Chronicle”?

- 1) Faiz Ahmad Faiz
- 2) Daniyal Mueenuddin
- 3) Mohammed Hanif
- 4) Intizar Husain
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Intizar Husain

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, As per the Publishers Penguin Random House, Booker-prize shortlisted 1987 Urdu novel “Tazkirah” penned by Late Pakistani writer Intizar Husain has been translated into English as “The Chronicle” by American writer Matt Reeck. Tazkirah was initially published by Lahore (Pakistan)-based Sang-e-Meel publications. The book documents Pakistan’s former president Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq rule & chronicles the story of a family and its illustrious homes.

14. Who is the author of the book titled ‘The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind’?

- 1) Raghuram Rajan
- 2) Arvind Subramanian
- 3) Urjit Patel
- 4) Gita Gopinath
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Raghuram Rajan

Explanation:

Renowned author, professor of Finance at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and former 23rd Governor of the RBI (Reserve Bank of India), Raghuram Rajan has written a book named

‘The Third Pillar: How Markets and the State Leave the Community Behind’. The book is a reflection on the present state of the World in the views of the trinity of Markets, State and Community as the three pillars of the Society and how the first two have moved ahead leaving the third behind. The book has been published by Penguin Press.

15. Who is the author of the book titled ‘Finding the Gaps-Transferable Skills to be the best you can be’?

- 1) David Shepherd
- 2) Marais Erasmus
- 3) Kumar Dharmasena
- 4) Simon James Arthur Taufel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Simon James Arthur Taufel**

Explanation:

On 25th November 2019, Simon James Arthur Taufel, retired Australian Cricket Umpire has launched his book ‘Finding the Gaps-Transferable Skills to be the best you can be’ in Pune, Maharashtra published by Pan Macmillan India. He has written this book to share his experience in Umpiring, Coaching, Training and Administration in Cricket.

16. Who is the author of the book titled “Hemant Karkare -A Daughter’s Memoir” that portrays former Anti Terrorism Squad(ATS) chief Hemant Karkare’s life as a father?

- 1) Jui Karkare Navare
- 2) Avalok Navare
- 3) Meghna Navare
- 4) Palash Krishna Navare
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Jui Karkare Navare**

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, marking the 11th anniversary of the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks, a book titled “Hemant Karkare -A Daughter’s Memoir” by Jui Karkare Navare was released in Prerna hall of police club in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The book portrays former Anti Terrorism Squad(ATS) chief Hemant Karkare’s life as a father to Jui Navare. The book has been published by Crossword.

17. Name the author of the book on Rameshwar Nath Kao titled, “RN Kao: Gentleman Spymaster”?

- 1) Ira Trivedi
- 2) Nitin Anant Gokhale
- 3) Nidhi Dugar Gokhale
- 4) Palash Krishna Gokhale
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nitin Anant Gokhale**

Explanation:

A book on the life history of legendary Spymaster and one of the Founding father of India’s external agency RAW (Research and Analysis Wing), Rameshwar Nath Kao, written by Nitin Anant Gokhale will be published soon by Bloomsbury India. The book is based on the anecdotes of RN Kao’s life.

18. Who authored the book for children titled “Kumbh, Garam Pahad and Dilli ki Bulbul (Sindhi edition)”?

- 1) Amitav Ghosh
- 2) Anita Bhatnagar Jain
- 3) Ruskin Bond
- 4) Vikram Seth
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Anita Bhatnagar Jain

Explanation:

On November 27, 2019, Union Minister of Human Resource Development (HRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank has launched 3 books for children namely Kumbh, Garam Pahad and Dilli ki Bulbul (Sindhi edition) in New Delhi. The 3 books, penned by Dr. Anita Bhatnagar Jain (an officer of Indian Administrative Services (1985 batch)), are a collection of stories for children and have documented the environmental issues & topics like socio-cultural unity, cultural heritage along with the message of save environment in a very lucid manner.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. World Vegan Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) November 1
- 2) October 31
- 3) October 30
- 4) October 28
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) November 1

Explanation:

The World Vegan Day is observed annually on November 1st. This day helps vegans to spread the benefits of veganism for humans, and the natural environment. Every year vegans around the world will celebrate and also promotes their vegan lifestyle on this day. It was established by UK celebrity, Louise Wallis in the year 1994.

2. On which date, International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed annually?

- 1) October 30
- 2) October 31
- 3) November 1
- 4) November 2
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) November 2

Explanation:

The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists is observed annually on November 2, under the resolution (A/RES/68/163) by the United Nations (UN). The day was decided to be observed on November 2 during the 68th UN general assembly in 2013 in New York, United

States (US). The day aims to recognize the far-reaching consequences of impunity (exemption from punishment or loss), especially of crimes against journalists. The campaign for 2019 is #KeepTruthAlive.

3. World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) November 2
- 2) November 3
- 3) November 4
- 4) November 5
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) November 5

Explanation:

The World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed annually on 5th November. This year promotes the target of “Sendai Seven Campaign”, which seeks to reduce the disaster damage to critical infrastructure and disruption of basic services. UN had invited all countries to raise awareness about tsunami and to share methods about risk reduction. It also suggested the UN office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) to make the observance of World Tsunami Awareness Day in collaboration with the rest of the United Nations system.

4. On which date, International day for preventing the environment from war and armed conflicts is observed annually?

- 1) November 6
- 2) November 5
- 3) November 4
- 4) November 3
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) November 6

Explanation:

On November 5 2001, UN (United Nation) general assembly decided to celebrate the International day for preventing the environment from war and armed conflicts every year on November 6. At the time of war, it affects the ecosystem such as water supply is poisoned, forest is burnt, animals killed, etc.,

5. National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) November 6
- 2) November 7
- 3) November 5
- 4) November 3
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) November 7

Explanation:

The National Cancer Awareness Day is observed annually in India on November 7, to spread awareness on cancer, its symptoms and treatment. The day was first observed in 2014 as and when announced by the union health minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan. The day coincides with the birth anniversary of scientist Marie Curie (Marie Skłodowska Curie), winner of the 1903 Nobel Prize in Physics.

6. What was the theme of the International Day of Radiology (IDOR) 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘HELP, Emergency Medical Imaging’
- 2) Theme – ‘sports imaging’
- 3) Theme – ‘cardiac imaging’
- 4) Theme – ‘Screening & Beyond, Medical imaging in the detection’
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme - ‘sports imaging’**

Explanation:

The International Day of Radiology (IDOR) is an annual celebration held on every 8th of November. On November 8 1895, Wilhelm Conrad Rontgen discovered the existence of x-rays. It is to highlight the role that imaging professionals play in detection, diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of sports-related injuries. The theme of 2019 is ‘sports imaging’.

7. On which date, National Legal Service day (NLSD) is observed?

- 1) November 8
- 2) November 7
- 3) November 9
- 4) November 6
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) November 9**

Explanation:

National Legal Service day (NLSD) is celebrated every year on November 9. Legal Service Day was started in 1995 by Supreme court. It extent the awareness among the people regarding the Functions and their activities of Legal Services in the Country.

8. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad birth anniversary is celebrated as _____?

- 1) National Sports Day
- 2) National Policy Day
- 3) National Politian Day
- 4) National Education Day
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) National Education Day**

Explanation:

The National Education Day is observed annually on November 11 commemorating the birth anniversary of Maulana Sayyid Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin Ahmed bin Khairuddin Al-Hussaini Azad (familiarily known as Maulana Abul Kalam Azad). The day has been celebrated since 2008 after the announcement in this regard, by the Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry.

9. What was the theme of the World Science Day for Peace and Development 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Open Science, leaving no one behind”
- 2) Theme – “Science for Global Understanding”
- 3) Theme – “Science, a Human Right”
- 4) Theme – “Celebrating Science Centres and Science Museums”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Open Science, leaving no one behind”**

Explanation:

On November 10, 2019, The World Science Day for Peace and Development has observed all over the world to highlight the key role of science in society and the need to engage public in debates on emerging scientific issues. The theme for the year 2019 is "Open Science, leaving no one behind".

10. Who is the first vice president & first education minister of India?

- 1) Mohammad Hidayatullah
- 2) Maulana Sayyid Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin Ahmed bin Khairuddin Al-Hussaini Azad(Maulana Abul Kalam Azad)
- 3) Zakir Husain
- 4) Gopal Swarup Pathak
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Maulana Sayyid Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin Ahmed bin Khairuddin Al-Hussaini Azad (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad)**

Explanation:

The National Education Day is observed annually on November 11 commemorating the birth anniversary of Maulana Sayyid Abul Kalam Ghulam Muhiyuddin Ahmed bin Khairuddin Al-Hussaini Azad (familiarily known as Maulana Abul Kalam Azad), the first education minister of India (1947-1958). The day has been celebrated since 2008 after the announcement in this regard, by the Human Resource Development (HRD) ministry.

11. What was the theme of World Pneumonia Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Stop Pneumonia"
- 2) Theme – "Stop Pneumonia: Invest in Child Health"
- 3) Theme – "Healthy lungs for all"
- 4) Theme – "Protect against, prevent and treat pneumonia"
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Theme – "Healthy lungs for all"**

Explanation:

World Pneumonia Day, marked every year on November 12. The year 2019 marked the 10th anniversary of World Pneumonia Day to fight against pneumonia. The theme for the year 2019 is "Healthy lungs for all". It was first observed in 2009. This day raises awareness about pneumonia, it's causes, treatment, and prevention. India alone accounted for 70% of the global pneumonia burden in the year 2016, the total number of deaths among the under-five population was 1,58,176.

12. On which date, Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed?

- 1) November 12
- 2) November 13
- 3) November 14
- 4) November 11
- 5)None of these

Answer – **1) November 12**

Explanation:

Public Service Broadcasting Day is observed annually on November 12 to celebrate and commemorate the first and last visit of Mahatma Gandhi to the studio of All India Radio(AIR) in Delhi 1947.

13. On which date, World Kindness Day is celebrated annually?

- 1) November 11
- 2) November 12
- 3) November 13
- 4) November 14
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) November 13**

Explanation:

World Kindness Day was celebrated annually on November 13. This day provides an opportunity to act kindly with others as kindness is an important unifying human standard. The World Kindness Movement started World Kindness Day in 1998 as an organization that was formed in Tokyo, 1997.

14. Whose 550th birth anniversary is observed on November 12, 2019?

- 1) Guru Nanak Dev
- 2) Guru Angad
- 3) Guru Gobind Singh
- 4) Guru Arjan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Guru Nanak Dev**

Explanation:

On November 12, 2019 the 550th birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev was observed. The day is also known as Prakash Parv/Guru Nanak Jayanti. He was the first of the 10 Sikh gurus and the founder of Sikhism. His birthday is observed every year on Kartik poornima.

15. What was the theme of the World Diabetes Day (WDD) 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Our right to a healthy future”
- 2) Theme – “Family and Diabetes”
- 3) Theme – “Diabetes Concerns Every Family”
- 4) Theme – “Women and Diabetes - Our Right to a Healthy Future”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Family and Diabetes”**

Explanation:

On November 14, 2019, World Diabetes Day (WDD) with the theme “Family and Diabetes” is observed across the world to make people aware of the treatment, prevention, and symptoms and provides education regarding the disease. This day marks the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting for the discovery of insulin with Charles Best in 1922. The International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) introduced the World Diabetes Day in 1991 with the aim to generate a platform to promote the IDF advocacy efforts throughout the year.

16. Whose birth anniversary on November 14 is celebrated as the Children’s Day (Bal Diwas)?

- 1) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 2) Vallabhbhai Patel
- 3) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru
- 4) Subhas Chandra Bose
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru**

Explanation:

Children's Day (Bal Diwas) is celebrated annually on November 14 to commemorate the birth anniversary of first Prime Minister of India, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru fondly called Chacha Nehru. On this day, everyone recalls him for his contribution towards structuring the nation and love towards kids. After Nehru's death in 1964, a resolution was passed in the parliament to give him a befitting farewell by celebrating his birthday as Children's Day on November 14. Until then Bal Diwas was celebrated on November 20.

17. International Day for Tolerance is celebrated annually on _____?

- 1) November 16
- 2) November 15
- 3) November 14
- 4) November 13
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) November 16

Explanation:

International Day for Tolerance is celebrated annually on November 16 to promote tolerance, respect, appreciation, and cooperation between the world's different cultures. It was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) on November 16, 1995, by the resolution 51/95.

18. Which organization's establishment is commemorated as the National Press Day on November 16?

- 1) National Informatics Centre(NIC)
- 2) Press Information Bureau(PIB)
- 3) Press Trust of India(PTI)
- 4) Press Council of India(PCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Press Council of India(PCI)

Explanation:

National Press Day is celebrated every year on November 16 to commemorate the establishment of the Press Council of India (PCI). It was formed on July 4, 1966, by the Parliament which officially started working on November 16, 1966. The Press Council keeps on checking the quality of report coverage provided by the Indian press. This day was created to raise awareness of the role of free, pluralistic and independent news media in the development of the democratic society. On this occasion, Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Prakash Keshav Javadekar conferred excellence in journalism awards 2019.

19. National Epilepsy Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) November 14
- 2) November 17
- 3) November 15
- 4) November 16
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) November 17

Explanation:

National Epilepsy Day is observed on November 17 every year. The aim of this day is to create awareness about epilepsy, its causes, and treatment. The National Epilepsy Day was established by Dr. Nirmal Surya in the year 2009. According to World Health Organization (WHO) report, around 50 million people in the world are suffering from epilepsy disease and 80%, people are living in emerging countries.

20. ____ edition of National Naturopathy day is celebrated on November 18, 2019?

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

Answer – 4) 2nd

Explanation:

Ayurveda, Yoga, and Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy (AYUSH) ministry celebrated the second National Naturopathy Day on November 18, 2019. This Day aims to promote the drugless medicine to prevent diseases, which is caused by changing the lifestyle. The Ministry of AYUSH was formed on November 9, 2014 to ensure the optimal development and propagation of AYUSH systems of health care. Earlier it was known as the Department of Indian System of Medicine and Homeopathy (ISM&H) which was created in March 1995.

21. What was the theme of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Now is the time to learn from the past”
- 2) Theme – “Medical Care, Investigation, Justice!”
- 3) Theme – “Life is not a car part”
- 4) Theme – “Roads have stories”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – “Life is not a car part”

Explanation:

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is observed every year to pay tribute to millions of people who got injured and dead in road accidents, also became road victims. This day is observed on the third Sunday of November each year in memory of road victims who lost their life, families and love around the world. 2019 Theme: – ‘Life is not a car part’. The theme is based on Pillar 3 of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety – Safer vehicles.

22. World Antibiotic Awareness Week (WAAW) is observed from _____?

- 1) November 15 – 21
- 2) November 16 – 22
- 3) November 17 – 23
- 4) November 18 – 24
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) November 18 – 24

Explanation:

In 2019, it is observed on November 18 – 24, 2019. It aims to make the global awareness of antibiotic resistance and encourage best practicing among the general public, health workers and policy makers

to avoid the further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance. World Health Organization (WHO) has introduced an annual WAAW. 2019 Theme – “Antibiotics: handle with care.”

23. What was the theme of the World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Vital post-crash actions: Medical Care, Investigation”
- 2) Theme – “Roads have Stories”
- 3) Theme – “Life is not a car part”
- 4) Theme – “Remember and Reflect; Remember and Respond”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Life is not a car part”**

Explanation:

The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is observed every year to pay tribute to millions of people who got injured and dead in road accidents, also became road victims. This day is observed on the third Sunday of November each year in memory of road victims who lost their life, families and love around the world. 2019 Theme: – ‘Life is not a car part’. The theme is based on Pillar 3 of the Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety – Safer vehicles.

24. World Children’s Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) November 20
- 2) November 19
- 3) November 18
- 4) November 17
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) November 20**

Explanation:

The World Children’s Day is observed annually on November 20 by the United Nations(UN) under the resolution (A/RES/836(IX)). It was first recommended in 14 December 1954 in the UN General Assembly(UNGA) and was instituted as the Universal Children’s Day (UCD). Since 1990, the date 20 November also marks the day when the Declaration of the Rights of the Child (1959) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989) were adopted.

25. What was the theme of the World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease 2019?

- 1) Theme – “The Many Faces of COPD”
- 2) Theme – “It’s Not Too Late”
- 3) Theme – “All Together to End COPD”
- 4) Theme – “Never Too Early, Never Too Late”
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Theme – “All Together to End COPD”**

Explanation:

The World Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) day is observed annually on the 3rd Wednesday of November. This year the world COPD day was observed on November 20, 2019. The day is observed to raise awareness about the COPD disease and to understand the people’s condition who suffer from COPD. Theme: The theme for the year 2019 is “All Together to End COPD”.

26. World Heritage Week is observed from _____?

- 1) November 18-24

- 2) November 19-25
- 3) November 20-26
- 4) November 17-23
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) November 19-25**

Explanation:

The World Heritage Week is observed from November 19-25, 2019 by The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). The main objective of the celebration is to raise awareness to people on the preservation of the cultural heritage and monuments. There are currently 37 UNESCO World Heritage sites in India of which, 29 are cultural sites, 5 natural sites and the remaining 1 is a mixed site.

27. Whose birth anniversary is celebrated as the National Integration Day (also known as Quami Ekta Divas) on November 19, 2019?

- 1) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- 2) Abdul Kalam
- 3) Rajendra Prasad
- 4) Indira Gandhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Indira Gandhi**

Explanation:

On November 19, 2019, National Integration Day (also known as Quami Ekta Divas) is observed all over India to mark birth anniversary of the first woman Prime Minister (PM) of the India, Indira Gandhi. The day is celebrated to enhance the love and unity among people all across the India. This Day celebrated every year by conducting a variety of programmes and activities like Inter State Youth Exchange Programme (ISYEP), National Integration Camp (NIC), award ceremonies and other functions, etc.

28. Between which date, Ekta Week (National Integration Week) 2019 is observed?

- 1) 19th -25th November
- 2) 18th -24th November
- 3) 17th -23th November
- 4) 16th -22th November
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 19th -25th November**

Explanation:

The Qaumi Ekta Week (National Integration Week) 2019 is observed all over the country from 19th - 25th November 2019 with a view to foster and reinforce the spirit of Communal Harmony, National Integration and pride in vibrant, composite culture and nationhood.

The programmes to be observed during Qaumi Ekta Week:

19 th November	National Integration Day
20 th November	The Welfare of Minorities Day
21 st November	Linguistic Harmony Day
22 nd November	Weaker Sections Day
23 rd November	Cultural Unity Day

24 th November	Women's Day
25 th November	Conservation Day

29. What was the theme of the World Toilet Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Equality and dignity”
- 2) Theme – “When nature calls”
- 3) Theme – “Leaving no one behind”
- 4) Theme – “Toilets and nutrition”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Leaving no one behind”**

Explanation:

The World Toilet Day is observed annually on November 19 by the United Nations (UN) adopted on July 24, 2013 under the resolution (A/RES/67/291). The aim of the day is to tackle global sanitation crisis and to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) 6 which promises access to clean water and sanitation for all by 2030. Theme: The Theme for the year 2019 is “Leaving no one behind”.

30. On which date, Women's Entrepreneurship Day 2019 is observed?

- 1) 18th November
- 2) 19th November
- 3) 16th November
- 4) 17th November
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 19th November**

Explanation:

Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED) is observed annually on November 19 every year to empower and support women in business worldwide. It is organized by the Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization (WEDO). The day was first observed in 2013 by Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient, Wendy Diamond.

31. What was the theme of the International Men's Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Giving Boys The Best Possible Start In Life”
- 2) Theme – “Helping Men and Boys Live longer, Happier and Healthier Lives”
- 3) Theme – “Working Together For Men and Boys”
- 4) Theme – “Making a difference for men and boys”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “Making a difference for men and boys”**

Explanation:

International Men's Day (IMD) is observed annually on November 19 every year to celebrate the achievements and contributions of boys of men towards community, family, marriage, and childcare. The day also highlights the basic humanitarian values. The 2019 theme was “Making a difference for men and boys”. The day was initiated in 1999 by Dr Jerome Teelucksingh, who was lecturer at the University of the West Indies in Trinidad & Tobago. In India men's advocate Uma Challa, introduced this concept in 2007.

32. On which date, World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse is observed?

- 1) November 19
- 2) November 18
- 3) November 17
- 4) November 16
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) November 19**

Explanation:

World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse was observed on November 19, 2019. World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse was launched by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) in 2000. In order to provide respect to the rights of the child and to prevent child abuse in society, this day is celebrated annually in collaboration with the anniversary of the International Day for the rights of the child (20 November).

33. What was the theme of the Africa Industrialization Day (AID) 2019?

- 1) Theme – “African Industrial Development: A Pre-Condition for an Effective and Sustainable Continental Free Trade Area (CFTA)”
- 2) Theme – “Positioning African Industry to supply the AfCFTA Market”
- 3) Theme – “Financing Industrialization in Africa: Challenges and winning strategies”
- 4) Theme – “Promoting Regional Value Chains in Africa: A pathway for accelerating Africa's structural transformation, industrialization and pharmaceutical production”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Positioning African Industry to supply the AfCFTA Market”**

Explanation:

On November 20, 2019, Africa Industrialization Day (AID) is observed with the theme “Positioning African Industry to supply the AfCFTA Market” to raise awareness in the international community on the challenges and opportunities for Africa's industrialization within the framework of the newly created African Continental Free Trade Area. AfCFTA is acronym for African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

34. On which date, World fisheries day is observed?

- 1) 20th November
- 2) 21st November
- 3) 19th November
- 4) 18th November
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 21st November**

Explanation:

The world fisheries day is celebrated every year on the 21st of November. The day is celebrated to intimate people about the importance of water and the lives it supports, the consequence of overfishing, ocean and coastal pollution and the ill treatment of fishermen. This year the FAO (Food and Agricultural Organization), the Holy See (the jurisdiction of the bishop of Rome) and ILO (International Labour Organization) and its partners celebrate the 3rd world fisheries day.

35. World Philosophy day is being observed annually on _____?

- 1) 21st November

- 2) 20th November
- 3) 19th November
- 4) 18th November
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 21st November**

Explanation:

The world philosophy day is being observed on the 21 November 2019. It is celebrated every year on the 3rd Thursday of November. This day is celebrated to persist the value of philosophy in shaping minds and culture of people. This day was officially announced by UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization).

36. When is the World Television Day observed?

- 1) 18th November
- 2) 19th November
- 3) 20th November
- 4) 21st November
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 21st November**

Explanation:

The World Television Day is observed annually on November 21 by the United Nations (UN) under the resolution (A/RES/51/205) to highlight the importance of television in generating communication and globalisation. In December 17 1996 in the UN General Assembly (UNGA), the day was decided to be celebrated, to commemorate the day (Nov 21, 1996) on which the World Television Forum was held.

37. What was the theme of the International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Orange the World: #HearMeToo”
- 2) Theme – “Orange the World – raise funds to end violence against women”
- 3) Theme – “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape”
- 4) Theme – “Prevention”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape”**

Explanation:

The International day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2019 is observed every year on the 25th of November. The theme of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2019 is “Orange the World: Generation Equality Stands Against Rape”. The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the fact that women around the world are subjected to rape, domestic violence and other forms of harassment and how the nature of the fact is being hidden. The day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

38. ____ Raising day of National Cadet Corps (NCC) celebrated on November 24, 2019?

- 1) 66
- 2) 71
- 3) 75
- 4) 69

5) None of these

Answer – 2) 71

Explanation:

On 4th Sunday of November month of every year, NCC (National Cadet Corps) day is celebrated. This year (2019), NCC, the youth wing of Armed Forces has celebrated its 71st Raising Day on November 24, 2019 at the National War Memorial in New Delhi.

The Defence Secretary Dr. Ajay Kumar and DG (Director general) of NCC Lt Gen Rajeev Chopra were attended the celebration to pay tribute to the martyrs who sacrificed in the service of the country.

39. Whose birth anniversary is commemorated as National Milk Day on November 26, 2019?

- 1) Norman Borlaug
- 2) Dhirubhai Ambani
- 3) Jehangir Ratanji Dadabhoy Tata
- 4) Verghese Kurien
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Verghese Kurien

Explanation:

The National Milk Day is observed annually on November 26 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. Verghese Kurien, who is called the father of the White Revolution in India. White revolution denotes the 'billion-litre idea' of Kurien in the dairy production. The day was decided to be celebrated from 2014 onwards by all the dairy majors of the country along with Indian Dairy Association (IDA).

40. When was the Constitution Day (also known as 'Samvidhan Divas') is celebrated?

- 1) November 24
- 2) November 25
- 3) November 26
- 4) November 23
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) November 26

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019, Constitution Day (also known as 'Samvidhan Divas') celebrated all over India to mark the 70th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution by the Constituent Assembly. The purpose of celebrating this day is to make citizen aware of the Constitution & to spread awareness in society.

41. Who drafted Indian Constitution & also known as the father of the Indian constitution?

- 1) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar
- 2) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 3) Subhas Chandra Bose
- 4) Rajendra Prasad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar

Explanation:

The Indian Constitution was drafted by Dr. Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar (father of the Indian constitution), after closely examining all the constitutions around the world. It was brought before the Indian Constituent Assembly on 26 November 1949 & It came into force on 26 January 1950. India's

Constitution is the largest constitution in the world, comprising 448 Articles, 12 Schedules, and 94 Amendments. It took 2 years 11 months and 17 days to prepare.

42. On which date, International day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people is observed?

- 1) 28th November
- 2) 29th November
- 3) 27th November
- 4) 26th November
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 29th November

Explanation:

The International day of Solidarity with the Palestinian people is observed every year on 29th November by the United Nations. The day is observed to remember the struggle of Palestinian people to achieve Independence and Sovereignty. The observance was adopted in the year 1947 and established in 1977 by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) under the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 181 (II) also known as the Partition Resolution.

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1. Bir Aishvan Wildlife sanctuary is located in which state?

Answer – Punjab

2. Where is the headquarter of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) located?

Answer - Bengaluru, Karnataka

3. Who is the Chairman of the Dhanlaxmi Bank?

Answer - Mr. Sanjeev Krishnan

4. Who is the Prime Minister of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

Answer - Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

5. When was Mission Indradhanush launched?

Answer - 25 December 2014

6. Who is the Minister of coal & mines, and parliamentary affairs?

Answer - Prahlad Singh Joshi

7. What is the tagline of Canara Bank?

Answer - Together we Can

8. Clouded Leopard National Park is located in which state?

Answer – Tripura

9. NTPC (formerly National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) is incorporated under which Act?

Answer - **Companies Act 1956**

10. Name the Sponsor bank of Tripura Gramin Bank?

Answer - **United Bank of India (UBI)**

11. Sardar Patel Zoological Park is located in which state?

Answer - **Gujarat**

12. Lakshya Sen is associated with which sport?

Answer - **Badminton**

13. What is the tagline of the IndusInd Bank?

Answer - **We make you feel richer**

14. Where is the headquarter of the United World Wrestling(UWW) located?

Answer - **Lausanne, Switzerland**

15. Who is the Secretary-General of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development(OECD)?

Answer - **José Ángel Gurría**

16. Monika was in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

Answer - **Hockey**

17. In which state, Museum for Keeladi artifacts will be set up?

Answer - **Tamil Nadu**

18. What was the tagline of Allahabad Bank?

Answer - **A tradition of trust**

19. Where is the headquarter of Association of South East Asian Nations(ASEAN) located?

Answer - **Jakarta, Indonesia**

20. Who is the President of World Economic Forum(WEF)?

Answer - **Santanu Chowdhury**

21. Where is the headquarter of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) located?

Answer - **Geneva, Switzerland**

22. Melanie Jones is associated with which sport?

Answer - **Cricket**

23. What is the Capital and Currency of Sudan?

Answer - **Capital- Khartoum & Currency- Sudanese pound**

24. What is the tagline of the Ujjivan Small Finance Bank ?

Answer - **We believe in your belief**

25. Chandoli National Park is located in which state?

Answer - **Maharashtra**

26. First monkey park of Karnataka will be set in which city?

Answer - **Shivamogga, Karnataka**

27. Where is the headquarter of World Boxing Organization (WBO) located?

Answer - **San Juan, Puerto Rico**

28. Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Answer - **Scott Morrison**

29. What is the Capital and Currency of Guinea?

Answer - **Capital- Conakry & Currency- Guinean franc**

30. Who is the Managing Director of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance?

Answer - **Tapan Singhel**

31. Which country is associated with Danakil Depression?

Answer - **Ethiopia**

32. Kalapani territory which was in news is located in which Indian state?

Answer - **Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand**

33. Who is the President of United Arab Emirates(UAE)?

Answer - **Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan**

34. What is the tagline of Central Bank of India?

Answer - **Central to you since 1911, Build A Better Life Around Us**

35. Who is the Managing director of Export-Import (Exim)Bank?

Answer - **David Rasquinha**

36. How many member countries are there in Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation(BIMSTEC)?

Answer - **7**

37. Who is the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) of Indian Navy?

Answer - **Admiral Karambir Singh**

38. Who is the Chair Person of Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC)?

Answer - Pranab Kumar Das

39. How many Deputy Governors are there is Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?

Answer – 4

40. What is the Capital and Currency of Mauritius?

Answer - Capital-Port Louis Currency- Mauritian rupee

41. Who is the Director-General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization(UNESCO)?

Answer – Audrey Azoulay

42. Who is the President of All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

Answer - Praful Patel

43. When was National Aeronautics and Space Administration(NASA) founded?

Answer - 29 July 1958

44. What is the Capital and Currency of Bolivia?

Answer - Capital- Sucre & Currency- Bolivian Boliviano

45. How many member countries are there in Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA)?

Answer – 22 Member Countries

46. What is the tagline of State Bank of India (SBI)?

Answer - The banker to every Indian; With you all the way; Purely banking nothing else; The nation banks on us.

47. India's largest inland saltwater lake, Sambhar Lake is located in which state?

Answer – Rajasthan

48. When was the Reserve of India (RBI) formed?

Answer - 1 April 1935

49. Where is the headquarter of Badminton World Federation (BWF) located?

Answer - Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

50. Who is the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL)?

Answer – Sanjiv Singh

51. Who is the Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of International Cricket Council(ICC)?

Answer - Manu Sawhney

52. What is the Capital and Currency of Bolivia?

Answer – Capital- Sucre & Currency- Bolivian Boliviano

53. How many permanent members are there in Association of Southeast Asian Nations(ASEAN)?

Answer - 10

54. Where is the headquarter of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) located?

Answer – Washington D.C., United States

55. Who is the Chairman of G20 (or Group of Twenty) international forum?

Answer - Shinzo Abe

56. What is the Capital and Currency of Tonga?

Answer - Capital- Nuku'alofa Currency- Tongan pa'anga

57. Who is the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)?

Answer – Karambir Singh

58. Where is the headquarter of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) located?

Answer – Mumbai

59. Who is the Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?

Answer - Achim Steiner

60. Who is the governor of Bihar?

Answer - Phagu Chauhan

61. Vaippar river, which was in news recently is located in which state?

Answer – Tamil Nadu

62. Hayabusa2 spacecraft is associated with which country?

Answer – Japan

63. Wayanad Wildlife Sanctuary (WWS) & Chinnar Wildlife Sanctuary was in news recently, it is situated in which state?

Answer – Kerala

64. Name the world's oldest captive white rhino, which passed away recently in French zoo?

Answer – Sana

65. Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India)?

Answer - Pankaj Kumar

66. **Nagarjunasagar Srisailem Tiger Reserve (NSTR) is located in which state?**

Answer - **Andhra Pradesh**

67. **Satpura Tiger Reserve (STR) is located in which state?**

Answer – **Madhya Pradesh**

68. **Who is the Chairman of Press Council of India (PCI)?**

Answer – **Chandramauli Kumar Prasad**

69. **What is the Capital and Currency of Spain?**

Answer - **Capital- Madrid & Currency- Euro**

70. **What is the tagline of Karnataka Bank?**

Answer - **Your Family Bank, Across India**

71. **Jayakwadi dam is located in which state?**

Answer - **Aurangabad, Maharashtra**

72. **Where will the final match of 2020 Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) European Football Championship scheduled?**

Answer – **Wembley Stadium in London**

73. **Harmeet Desai is associated with which sport?**

Answer – **Table Tennis**

74. **Where is the headquarter of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) located?**

Answer - **Beijing, China**

75. **When was the Election Commission of India (ECI) formed which is celebrated as National Voter's day?**

Answer - **25 January 1950**

76. **Which ministry will usually release the Consumer Expenditure Survey?**

Answer - **Ministry of Statistics, Planning and Project Implementation (MoSPI)**

77. **Mahaveer Harina Vanasthali National Park is located in which state?**

Answer – **Telangana**

78. **Who is the Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?**

Answer - **Henrietta H. Fore**

79. **Where is the headquarter of Sundaram Finance Ltd located?**

Answer - **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

80. **Where is the headquarter of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) located?**

Answer - **Seattle, Washington, United States**

81. Dudhwa National Park is located in which state?

Answer - Uttar Pradesh

82. Chris Lynn is associated with which country?

Answer – Cricket

83. Who is the President of Brazil?

Answer - Jair Bolsonaro

84. How many member countries are there in Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)?

Answer – 10. (They are Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma), and Laos).

85. Who is the Managing Director(MD) and Chairman of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC)?

Answer - Gurmeet Singh

86. Who is the President of United Nations General Assembly?

Answer - Tijjani Muhammad-Bande

87. Where is the head quarter of World Customs Organisation(WCO)?

Answer - Brussels, Belgium

88. Who is the chairman of Securities and Exchange Board of India(SEBI)?

Answer - Ajay Tyagi

89. What is the Capital and Currency of Finland?

Answer – Capital- Helsinki & Currency- Euro

90. Who is the Chairman & Managing director of Dewan Housing Finance Limited (DHFL)?

Answer - Kapil Wadhawan

91. Gudavi Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?

Answer – Karnataka

92. Where is the headquarter of OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development) located?

Answer - Paris, France

93. Kalaburagi Airport is located in which state?

Answer – Karnataka

94. What are all the Quad countries?

Answer - India, United States, Japan and Australia

95. Where is the head quarter of IEA (International Energy Agency) located?

Answer - Paris, France

96. Which autonomous region of Papua New Guinea is set to become the world's newest nation?

Answer – **Bougainville**

97. Expand AEOI, which was in the news recently?

Answer - **Automatic Exchange of Information(AEOI)**

98. Who is the head of the United Nations Population Fund(UNFPA)?

Answer - **Dr. Natalia Kanem**

99. Where is the Secretariat of Association of Southeast Asian Nations(ASEAN) located?

Answer - **Jakarta, Indonesia**

100. Who is the Secretary-General of Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)?

Answer - **Vladimir Norov**

101. Lakshya Sen is associated with which sport?

Answer – **Badminton**

102. Mithila jing kieng jri or living root bridges — aerial bridges was in news recently, it is located in which state?

Answer – **Meghalaya**

103. Name the airport that introduced India's first 'FASTag Parking' for its customers?

Answer - **GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL)**

104. How many district co-operative banks are merged together to form Kerala bank?

Answer – **13**

105. Who is the director general of World Health Organisation(WHO)?

Answer - **Tedros Adhanom**

106. Mahadayi river originates from _____?

Answer - **Western Ghats**

107. What is the Capital and Currency of Uzbekistan?

Answer - **Capital- Tashkent & Currency- Uzbekistani so'm**

108. Who is the Managing Director (MD) & Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiaFirst Life Insurance?

Answer - **Ms.R.M. Vishakha**

109. Who is the Secretary general of United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO)?

Answer - **Zurab Pololikashvili**

110. **Sanjay Gandhi National Park is located in which state?**

Answer – Maharashtra

111. **Panna Tiger Reserve (PTR) was in news recently, it is located in which state?**

Answer - Madhya Pradesh

112. **Corbett Tiger Reserve was in news recently it is located in which state?**

Answer – Uttarakhand

113. **What is the Capital and Currency of Israel?**

Answer - Capital: Jerusalem & Currency: Israeli new shekel

114. **Who is the Director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre(SDSS)?**

Answer - Arumugam Rajarajan

115. **Where is the headquarter of National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI) located?**

Answer - Mumbai, Maharashtra

116. **Atapaka Bird Sanctuary is located in which state?**

Answer – Andhra Pradesh

117. **Biju Patnaik Hockey Stadium is located in which state?**

Answer - Rourkela, Odisha

118. **Who is the chairperson of G20 (Group of 20) for the year 2019?**

Answer - Shinzō Abe

119. **What is the Capital and Currency of Chile?**

Answer - Capital- Santiago & Currency- Chilean peso

120. **When was Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban (PMAY-U) launched?**

Answer – June 2015

121. **Upcoming airport in the north Bihar town of Darbhanga will be named after which Maithili poet?**

Answer – Vidyapati

122. **Name the largest fresh water lake in North east?**

Answer - Loktak Lake

123. **Vijender Singh is associated with which sport?**

Answer – Boxer

124. **Where is the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) located?**

Answer - Zurich, Switzerland

125. Tally Valley Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Answer - Arunachal Pradesh

126. Who is the chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC)?

Answer - Shashank Manohar

127. Who is the Director General of National Statistical Office (NSO)?

Answer - Vijay Kumar

128. Where is the head quarter of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) located?

Answer - Mumbai, Maharashtra

129. What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda?

Answer - India's International Bank

130. Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) works under which ministry?

Answer - Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

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