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INDIAN AFFAIRS

1) Name the Prime Minister of Republic of Guinea, who addressed the 14th CII-EXIM Bank conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership held in New Delhi recently.

- 1) Kabiné Komara
- 2) Jean-Marie Dore
- 3) Ibrahima Kassory Fofana
- 4) Mamady Youla
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ibrahima Kassory Fofana

Explanation:

Prime Minister of Guinea, Dr Ibrahima Kassory Fofana arrived in New Delhi along with his delegation on 16th March 2019 and met Indian President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind and Vice President, Shri Venkaiah Naidu to improve the bilateral ties between India and Guinea. Dr Ibrahima Kassory Fofana addressed the inaugural session of the 14th CII-EXIM Bank conclave on India-Africa Project Partnership held in New Delhi. India is one of the top trading partners of Guinea and India-Guinea bilateral ties were around 900 million US Dollars in 2017-18.

2) Which country's Navy department has signed first reliable communication link with the Indian Navy and Pacific Naval Commands under the COMCASA pact?

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

Answer – 4) US

Explanation:

India and the US have structured the first reliable communication link between the Indian Navy & US Central as well as Pacific Naval Commands under the COMCASA pact at New Delhi, India. i. The Indo-US military-information sharing pact, COMCASA was signed at the 2+2 bilateral summit on 6th September, 2018. ii. By implementing the path-breaking agreement, COMCASA the US has initiated the Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module GPS System in some of C-130 and C-17 transport aircraft. iii. US has given assurance of not disclosing India's data with another country and without prior permission US couldn't access it.

3) COMCASA agreement was recently in news, what is the full form of COMCASA?

- 1) Complementation, Communications and Security Agreement
- 2) Communications, Compatibility and Security Agreement
- 3) Compatibility, Communications and Security Agreement
- 4) Communications, Compressibility and Security Agreement
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Communications, Compatibility and Security Agreement

Explanation:

COMCASA (Communications, Compatibility and Security Agreement). Indo-US military-information sharing pact, COMCASA was signed at the 2+2 bilateral summit on 6th September, 2018. ii. By implementing the path-breaking agreement, COMCASA the US has initiated the Selective Availability Anti-Spoofing Module GPS System in some of C-130 and C-17 transport aircraft. India will gain access to the US Naval intelligence other than just regulating joint operations in the future. It will further aid the

militaries to work in a conducive and 'interoperable' environment, without which previously India had to rely on less secure systems. Pact will Help in building an "interoperable" environment for militaries of both nations.

4) Who is the head of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, which is constituted to review a ban imposed on Jamaat-e-Islami & JKLF?

- 1) Justice Chander Shekhar
- 2) U.K. Sinha
- 3) Amitabh Kant
- 4) Bimal Jalan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Justice Chander Shekhar**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Home Affairs has constituted Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal, to determine the sufficient cause to ban Jamaat-e-Islami, and Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) faction. It will be headed by Justice Chander Shekhar of the Delhi High Court. The tribunal has been formed by Government after exercising its powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 5 of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In last two months, JeI and JKLF were declared as unlawful associations by Centre. These are active in Jammu & Kashmir. The JKLF is led by Yasin Malik while JeI is led by Jalaluddin Umri.

5) Name the third edition of bilateral maritime exercise between Australia and India that held in Visakhapatnam.

- 1) VAJRA PRAHAR
- 2) COBRA GOLD
- 3) AUSINDEX 19
- 4) AUSIND 19
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) AUSINDEX 19**

Explanation:

The Third edition of India-Australia bilateral exercise, AUSINDEX 19 will be held from 2nd April to 16th April 2019 at Vishakhapatnam. The bilateral exercise will deepen defence and strategic relationship between the two countries. The Focus of the exercise will be on anti-Submarine warfare. More than 1000 Australian defence personnel from Navy, Army and Air Force will visit India making this the largest defence force deployment of Australia in India. Australian Navy ships HMAS Success and HMAS Parramatta arrived in Chennai on 28th March and these ships will participate in military exercise with Indian Navy in Vishakhapatnam.

6) Where was the 4th Meeting of India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Kiev, Ukraine
- 3) Mumbai, India
- 4) Lviv, Ukraine
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

On 2nd April, 2019, India and Ukraine have discussed bilateral trade featuring the importance of exports and imports between the 2 countries. The deliberation was part of the 4th Meeting of India-Ukraine Working Group on Trade and Economic Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) held in New Delhi. Both the countries should share the mandatory requirement to be fulfilled at the time of exporting or importing of any product to promote trade. Both the countries have agreed to cooperate in the fields of small and medium

entrepreneurship, Leather, Tobacco, Gems and Jewellery, Tea Sector, Industry, Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and Investment. The 5th meeting of the Working Group on Trade, Economic and Cooperation (IU-WGTEC) will be held in Kyiv, Ukraine.

7) Over which river does the Indian Army constructed longest suspension bridge named 'Maitri'?

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

Answer – 3) Indus River

Explanation:

The Indian Army has achieved a record-breaking feat by constructing 'Maitri', the 260-feet longest suspension bridge over the Indus river in the Leh-Ladakh region in just 40 days. The combat engineers belonging to 'Sahas aur Yogyata' regiment of 'Fire and Fury Corps' of the Indian Army undertook the construction of 'Maitri'. 500 tonnes of bridge equipment and construction material was ferried to build this bridge. The bridge "Maitri" was inaugurated on 1st April, '19 by Naik Phunchok Angdus (Retd.), an 89-year-old war veteran along with war veterans of 1947-1948, 1962, 1971 and 1999 in the presence of Lt. Gen Yogesh Kumar Joshi and General Officer Commanding 'Fire and Fury Corps'. Since the term 'Maitri' symbolises friendship, the bridge has been named 'Maitri bridge' so as to symbolise the excellent civil-military relations between the military personnel and the locals of the Leh-Ladakh region. The bridge will provide connectivity to the remote areas of Ladakh and help residents of the largest villages in Ladakh, namely, Choglamsar, Stok and Chuchot.

8) Who has chaired the High-level discussion on 'Fiscal Relations across levels of Government' organised by 15th Finance Commission in partnership with the World Bank, OECD, and ADB?

- 1) Antony Cyriac
- 2) Ravi Kota
- 3) N.K. Singh
- 4) Arvind Mehta
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) N.K. Singh

Explanation:

On 4th April 2019, a High-level discussion on "Fiscal Relations across levels of Government" was held by 15th Finance Commission under the chairmanship of Shri N. K. Singh in New Delhi. This discussion was organized in partnership with the World Bank, OECD (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development), and ADB (Asian Development Bank). The Chairman discussed the four technical sessions in this meeting: Sub-national debt Transfer design incentives and fiscal equalization. Sub-national budget and Public financial management system Finances of third-tier of Government. In April 2018, the Commission had held separate workshops with the OECD and in July 2018 with the World Bank to discuss the initial thoughts and country experiences on the issues related to fiscal federalism and inter-governmental transfers. But the present discussions were based on the work being done by the World Bank, OECD, and ADB for the Commission and about the findings coming out of the research work and analysis done by their teams.

9) Which think tank, along with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) have released a report titled 'India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities'?

- 1) World Development Forum
- 2) South Asia Analysis Group (SAAG)
- 3) NITI Aayog
- 4) National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)

5) None of these

Answer – **3) NITI Aayog**

Explanation:

Under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (FAME II) scheme, the NITI Aayog and Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) have released a report titled 'India's Electric Mobility Transformation: Progress to Date and Future Opportunities'. The report is based on opportunities for the automobile sector and government. The Indian and global non-profit organisation, Rocky Mountain Institute is focused on making effective use of the resources by making a total expenditure of Rs. 10,000 crore from three years i.e. 2019 to 2022. In February 2019, the FAME II scheme was notified by the Union Cabinet.

10) Find the research institute, that has signed MoU with Indian Navy to tackle joint research and development of advanced technologies in Navy.

- 1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation
- 3) Indian National Science Academy
- 4) National Academy of Sciences
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research**

Explanation:

On 5th April, 2019, Indian Navy and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) have signed Memorandum of understanding to tackle joint research and development of advanced technologies for the Indian Navy. The agreement will facilitate a formal framework for interaction between Indian Navy and CSIR. This will be a collaborative arrangement between labs of Indian Navy and CSIR to facilitate joint R&D activities in diverse fields of Mechanical, Electronics, Communication, Computer Science, etc.

11) Which of the following IIT, has signed a MoU with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment?

- 1) IIT Roorkee
- 2) IIT Delhi
- 3) IIT Kharagpur
- 4) IIT Bhubaneswar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) IIT Delhi**

Explanation:

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT-Delhi to collaborate in the field of standardisation and conformity assessment. The MoU was signed by IIT Delhi Professor V Ramgopal Rao and Director General of BIS Surina Rajan. According to the MoU, BIS will provide financial support for IIT Delhi for projects and IIT will provide infrastructure support for research and development projects of relevance to standardisation. BIS and IIT Delhi have also agreed to set up a Centre of Excellence in the field of standardisation, testing and conformity assessment. The MoU will remain in force for a period of five years and can be extended further.

12) Where was the National Cardiology Conference 2019 held?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, the 3-day National Cardiology Conference 2019 has been started at Sanjay Gandhi

Post Graduate Institute of medical sciences in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu was the chief guest of this conference. The conference was organized by Dept of Cardiology. The conference being held for the first time in Uttar Pradesh to provide an opportunity to showcase newer innovations in Cardiology which can help to deliver cost-effective cardiology care for the patients.

13) Who chaired the biannual Army Commanders' Conference, held in New Delhi?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Bipin Rawat
- 4) Devraj Anbu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bipin Rawat**

Explanation:

On 8th April 2019, the biannual Army Commanders' Conference began in New Delhi for the planning and execution process of the Indian Army. Some issues like the management of the extant security dynamics, mitigation of future security threats were discussed in this conference. Other issues, such as development of infrastructure for improvement of capacity along the Northern borders, review of strategic railway lines, optimization of a limited budget to ensure making up of critical insufficiency in ammunition and welfare of troops also discussed. Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman delivered her opening address at the conference and the Chief of the Army Staff, Bipin Rawat chaired the conference.

14) In which state the music and poetry festival titled 'Jashn-e-Ittihaad' had organized to spread awareness about unity amongst the youth?

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

Answer – **4) New Delhi**

Explanation:

On 6th April 2019, a music and poetry festival titled 'Jashn-e-Ittihaad' was held at the Jamia Milia Islamia central university in New Delhi to spread awareness about unity amongst the youth. The festival was organized by Delhi-based entertainment company Question Associates Pvt Ltd. In this event, people enjoyed the soulful Hindi and Urdu poetry, music and performances that made them feel good as well as spread awareness about unity and integrity. Some great poets like Irshad Kamil and Waseem Bareilvi participated in this festival.

15) In which state does the tribe community named "Konyak" reside?

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

Answer – **2) Nagaland**

Explanation:

On 8th April 2019, in the programme organized at Mon (Nagaland) during the Aoleang Monyu festival (usually held between 1st April to 3rd April every year) around 5000 Konyak Naga women in their traditional attire attempted to set a Guinness World Record for the 'Largest Traditional Konyak Dance'. The festival is celebrated for the arrival of Spring and for a good upcoming harvest.

16) What was the theme of the Aoleang Monyu festival aka Mini Hornbill festival celebrated in Nagaland ?

- 1) Theme - 'Empowering women for cultural heritage'
- 2) Theme - 'Life Below Water: For people and planet'
- 3) Theme - 'Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere'
- 4) Theme - 'Bridging health and social care'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme - 'Empowering women for cultural heritage'

Explanation:

The theme of the Aoleang Monyu festival aka Mini Hornbill festival was 'Empowering women for cultural heritage.' Konyak Union in coordination with other organisations of the tribe, namely, Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong (KNSK) and Konyak Students' Union (KSU) organized the event. The objective of the event was to preserve the cultural heritage of the region and the people and to promote tourism.

17) According to the Published National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019 and Atal Ranking of Institutions for Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019 ranking for higher educational institutes in India, Which institution had been spotted top in the overall category?

- 1) Miranda House, Delhi
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- 3) Indian Institute of Science Bengaluru
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indian Institute of Technology Madras

Explanation:-

On 8th April 2019, President Ramnath Kovind Published National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) 2019 and Atal Ranking of Institutions for Innovation Achievements (ARIIA) 2019 ranking for higher educational institutes in India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Indian Institute of Technology Madras was the winner in overall category and for other winners list Click here :- <https://www.affairscloud.com/current-affairs-april-9-2019/>.

18) Whom did the National Green Tribunal (NGT) appoint head of the committee which helps to examine the alleged erosion of Yamuna floodplain due to movement of heavy vehicles in Sonipat district in Haryana?

- 1) Amithabh Chaudhri
- 2) Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
- 3) Dr.R.B.Barhman
- 4) Dr.V.Kamakoti
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel

Explanation:-

On 8th April 2019, National Green Tribunal established a committee to examine the alleged erosion of Yamuna floodplain due to movement of heavy vehicles in Sonipat district in Haryana. NGT Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel constituted a three person body, comprised of director of the Mines and Geology Department, member secretary of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board and principal secretary of the Haryana Irrigation.

19) India and Singapore had participated in which joint military exercise, that was held in Jhansi's Babina Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh?

- 1) Lamitye VIII –2019
- 2) Surya Kiran XIII –2019
- 3) Bold Kurukshetra –2019
- 4) Shakti IV –2019
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Bold Kurukshetra-2019

Explanation:

On 8th April 2019, a three-day joint military exercise between India and Singapore named 'Bold Kurukshetra-2019' started in Jhansi's Babina Cantonment, Uttar Pradesh to strengthen cooperation against terrorism, develop defence technology and boost maritime security. Colonel SP Singh led the Indian counterpart, and Lieutenant Colonel Tong Chong Kiat led the Singapore counterpart. Brigadier Ranjan Keron reviewed the march past of both the contingents. Background of this exercise: An official agreement signed between India and Singapore in November 2017 to strengthen defence ties between their respective armed forces and for this agreement, personnel from the Singapore Armed Forces will receive training along with the Indian Armed Forces.

20) Who has filed and withdraw the petition challenging the appointment of Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Navy Chief mentioning seniority?

- 1) Vice Admiral Sureesh Mehta
- 2) Vice Admiral Bimal Verma
- 3) Vice Admiral Robin K Dhowan
- 4) Vice Admiral Nirmal Kumar Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Vice Admiral Bimal Verma

Explanation:

Vice Admiral Bimal Verma has dropped the petition to challenge the appointment of Vice Admiral Karambir Singh as the next Navy Chief. He will be seeking the "statutory remedy" of approaching the government first. According to him, present government is ignoring seniority as the basis to appoint a Service Chief. He is six months senior to Vice Admiral Karambir Singh. It was aftermath when Admiral Verma was asked to file a statutory complaint to the Defence Ministry by the Armed Forces tribunal under the Navy Act. Admiral Verma asked the judges to order the government to address his concerns in a time-bound manner.

21) By what percent, average annual rate of Indian population grew between 2010 and 2019, as per the United Nations Population Fund?

- 1) 1.3%
- 2) 1.4%
- 3) 1.2%
- 4) 1.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) 1.2%

Explanation:

According to the United Nations Population Fund, India's population grew to 1.36 billion at an average annual rate of 1.2% between 2010 and 2019 which stands more than double the annual growth rate of China. The UN sexual and reproductive health agency in the State of World Population Report stated that India's population of 1.36 billion in 2019 has picked growing from 942.2 million in 1994 and 541.5 million in 1969. Compared to India, China's population has grown at an average annual rate of 0.5% between 2010 and 2019. Currently in 2019, China's population stands at 1.42 billion which has risen from 1.23 billion in 1994 and 803.6 million in 1969. The report has stated that in India, the total fertility rate per woman dropped from 5.6% in 1969 to 3.7% in 1994 to 2.3% in 2019.

22) Who chaired the panel, for setting up Central Monitoring Committee to enforce a national plan for reducing river pollution?

- 1) Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel
- 2) Justice Jawad Rahim
- 3) Justice Raghuvendra Singh Rathore
- 4) Justice Sonam Phintso Wangdi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel**

Explanation:

A bench headed by NGT(National Green Tribunal) Chairperson Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel has formed a Central Monitoring Committee to enforce a national plan to reduce the river pollution. The Committee will further synchronize with the River Rejuvenation Committees of the states and supervise the implementation of the action plans. Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) will be nodal authority for coordination. The committee is set to establish 350 river stretches across the country to deal with the pollution as it has caused serious threat to safety of water and environment.

23) Which two countries has signed an agreement to launch a programme for addressing the challenges around smart cities and clean technologies?

- 1) India and Russia
- 2) India and US
- 3) India and UK
- 4) India and Sweden
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) India and Sweden**

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, India and Sweden inked a pact that will deal a range of challenges around smart cities and clean technologies among others. The programme is co-sponsored by Indian Department of Science and Technologies (DST) and Swedish agency Vinnova. Vinnova donate to Swedish participants upto 2,500,000 Swedish Krona (around Rs. 1.87 crore). From Indian side, provide upto 50% per project to the Indian partners. Triple helix model of innovation that include participation of industry, academia and government is implemented in this project.

24) Which city became the most polluted city in the world as per the WHO report titled “Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019”?

- 1) Patna
- 2) Gaya
- 3) Kanpur
- 4) Faridabad
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kanpur**

Explanation:

The quality of air in Varanasi, Prime Minister Modi’s 2014 Lok Sabha constituency, is positioned 3rd on the WHO’s (World Health Organisation) list of 15 most polluted cities in the world, by the ‘Political Leaders Position and Action on Air Quality in India 2014-2019’ report, released by Climate Trends. Kanpur (in Uttar Pradesh) is the most polluted city in the world and is positioned 1 on the list. Faridabad in Haryana is in 2nd position after Kanpur, whereas Delhi is ranked 6th on the list. Other than these, the list of the most polluted cities according to WHO include Gaya and Patna in Bihar, Lucknow, Cities of Agra, Muzaffarpur, Srinagar, Gurugram, Jaipur, Patiala and Jodhpur.

25) Which two countries, acceded to improve the bilateral cooperation in various fields including political, economic scientific and cultural cooperation during the Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi?

- 1) India and Canada
- 2) India and Netherlands
- 3) India and US
- 4) India and Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) India and Netherlands**

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, India was agreed to improve the bilateral cooperation with the Netherlands in various fields, including political, economic scientific and cultural cooperation during the Foreign Office Consultations in New Delhi. A. Gitesh Sarma, the Secretary (West) in Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) led The Indian delegation and Johanna (Yoka) Brandt, Secretary General in Ministry of Foreign Affairs, led the Dutch delegation. They exchanged views on regional and multilateral issues, including cooperation at the United Nations and other international fora. At the 25th edition of the CII-DST Tech Summit which will be held in New Delhi in October 2019, Netherlands will participate as the partner country.

26) Under which article does Election Commission has banned the displaying of any biopic or publicity material during election time?

- 1) Article 374
- 2) Article 414
- 3) Article 294
- 4) Article 324
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Article 324**

Explanation:

India's Electoral Commission has issued an order to ban display of any biopic or publicity material during Model Code of Conduct, which could sub serve the purposes of any political entity or any individual entity connected to it. The ban was concerned with the biopic film on Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Election Commission has invoked powers under Article 324 that prohibits display/exhibit any biopic/publicity material when Model Code of Conduct is in force.

27) Where was the 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) held to strengthen maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries?

- 1) Vientiane, Laos
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 4) Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, the 21st ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) was held at New Delhi to improve the connectivity and strengthen the cooperation in the maritime sector between Indian and the ASEAN countries. It was co-chaired by Smt. Vijay Thakur Singh, SOM Leader and Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt of India and H.E. Mrs. Busaya Mathelin, SOM Leader and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Thailand. India welcomed Thailand for its role as Country Coordinator of the ASEAN-India dialogue partnership for the period 2018-2021 and also praised Thailand for the Chairmanship of ASEAN for 2019. This partnership was implemented through the 'Plan of Action (2016-20) to execute the ASEAN-India Partnership for Peace, Progress and Shared Prosperity'.

28) Where was India's first 'Voter Park' inaugurated to create awareness about the electoral process among the voters?

- 1) Pune, Maharashtra
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Faridabad, Haryana
- 4) Gurugram, Haryana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gurugram, Haryana**

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, Haryana Chief Electoral Officer Rajeev Ranjan inaugurated India's first-of-its-kind 'Voter Park' in VikasSadan building complex, Gurugram, to raise voter awareness instructing people about the electoral process. At the park, voters will gain information about the polling process and the archives of elections in the country. The park will help to motivate qualified people to vote in the Lok Sabha election so that they can contribute to the growth of the country. A model of the electronic voting machine and VVPAT machine have been arranged in the park. There is a "Selfie Point" in the park, where people can snap selfies publicising the indelible ink mark on their finger after casting their vote.

29) Name the policy, which has received the approval from cabinet for the extension of its duration from April 1, 2019 until further orders.

- 1) Drug policy of India-2013
- 2) Energy policy of India-2014
- 3) New Urea Policy-2015
- 4) National Policy on Education-2016
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) New Urea Policy-2015**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given approval for the proposal of the Department of fertilizers for extension of the duration of New Urea Policy-2015 for existing gas-based area unit from April 1, 2019 until further orders. The prime objective of this policy is to promote energy efficiency in urea production, maximise facilitation of operations and regular supply of urea to the farmers, and rationalizing subsidy burden on the government. Presently, in India there are 31 urea units of which 28 units are gas-based and the rest 3 units use naphtha as feedstock.

30) Which launch vehicle, received approval from cabinet for continuation of its Phase 4 programme that consists of 5 rocket flights during 2021-2024 ?

- 1) Satellite Launch Vehicle(SLV)
- 2) Augmented Satellite Launch Vehicle(ASLV)
- 3) Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle(PSLV)
- 4) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle(GSLV)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle(GSLV)**

Explanation:

On 15th April, the Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has given the approval for ongoing GSLV continuation programme Phase-4 that consists of 5 GSLV rocket flights during 2021-2024. The GSLV Programme- Phase 4 will enable the launch of 2 tonne class of satellites for geo-imaging, navigation, data delay communication and space sciences. The total fund requirement for the phase 4 programme is Rs 2,729.13 crore. This amount includes the cost of 5 Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicles (GSLVs), addition of essential facility, programme management, launch campaign and extra funds required to meet the scope of the programme.

31) India and Denmark have signed an agreement to enhance which sector?

- 1) Renewable energy
- 2) Safety and Health
- 3) Infrastructure
- 4) Weather and Climate Science
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Renewable energy**

Explanation:

On 15th April, 2019, Union cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for an agreement between Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and Denmark's Ministry for Energy, Utilities and Climate to facilitate deliberate collaboration in renewable energy with focus on offshore wind energy and a Letter of Intent to establish an Indo-Danish Centre of Excellence for renewable energy in India.

32) Which country has signed an agreement with India to develop a concrete deliberated plan in the area of biotechnology education, training and research?

- 1) UK
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Norway
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Brazil**

Explanation:

On 15th April, 2019, Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval for an MoU signed in May, 2018 between India and Brazil. The motive behind this pact is to enhance the ties between India and Brazil to work out the future agenda for the amalgamation for innovation in Science & Technology diplomacy to develop a concrete deliberated plan in the area of biotechnology education, training and research.

33) Name the theme, under which India and Republic of Korea jointly issue the Postage Stamp?

- 1) 10th Anniversary of India and Korea
- 2) Hibiscus with Rice 1946
- 3) Queen Hur Hwang-ok of Korea
- 4) Gold Crown of the Silla Dynasty 1946
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Queen Hur Hwang-ok of Korea**

Explanation:

On 15th April, 2019, Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi gave its approval about an MoU, which was signed in February, 2019 between India and Republic of Korea. Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, Government of India and The Ministry of Science and ICT (Korea Post), Government of the Republic of Korea have mutually collaborated to issue Postage Stamps on the theme "Queen Hur Hwang-ok of Korea".

34) India and Bolivia has signed agreement in which of the following sector?

- i. In the field of Renewable Energy
 - ii. In the field of Geology and Mineral Resources
 - iii. In the field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy
 - iv. In the field of Housing
- 1) Option i & ii
 - 2) Option ii & iii
 - 3) Option iii & iv
 - 4) Option iv & i
 - 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Option ii & iii**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding between India and Bolivia on collaboration in the field of Geology and Mineral Resources. This pact will facilitate for exchange of information on resources, laws and policy, organisation of seminars to exchange views on development strategies. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding

between India and Bolivia in the Field of Traditional Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy. The pact was signed in March 2019 in Bolivia. The MoU will facilitate a framework for cooperation between the two countries for promotion of traditional systems of medicine and homoeopathy.

35) Which entity launched the India's first Foreign Interactive Bird Park in Mumbai?

- 1) EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd.
- 2) Aquatica India Pvt. Ltd.
- 3) Nicco Parks & Resorts Limited
- 4) Tikuji-Ni-Wadi Pvt. Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd.

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, India's first exotic Bird Park 'EsselWorld Bird Park' was launched by EsselWorld Leisure Pvt. Ltd., the family entertainment arm of the \$6-billion Essel Group in Mumbai. The Park is spread over 1.4 acres of land and surrounded by flora and fauna. It is home to over 500 exotic birds from more than 60 species of flying, terrestrial and aquatic birds and has 200 species of special plants and trees for the birds. EsselWorld is the largest amusement park in the country and Water Kingdom is one of the largest Theme Water Parks in Asia.

36) Where was the 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organised by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) held?

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

Answer – 4) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, The 4th Resilient Cities Asia-Pacific Congress 2019 organised by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) and co-hosted by South Delhi Municipal Corporation started in New Delhi. It was addressed by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu. It will conclude on 17th April 2019. It offers a lot of innovative solutions that build resilience to climate change at the sub-national level. Local governments in the Asia Pacific region is the main target of the event. The RCAP 2019 is a platform for discussing the opportunities and mechanisms of executing the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). Representatives from UNEP, UNDP, UN-HABITAT, UNESCAP, UNISDR, UNIDO being joined in the event.

37) Which two countries have signed pact with India to implement two projects in Africa?

- i. Russia
 - ii. Japan
 - iii. United Arab Emirates (UAE)
 - iv. China
- 1) Option i & iv
 - 2) Option i & iii
 - 3) Option ii & iii
 - 4) Option iv & ii
 - 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Option ii & iii

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, India joined hands with Japan and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to implement two projects in Africa as it seeks to extend its footprint on the continent as a counter to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). India will build a cancer hospital in Kenya in collaboration with Japan and will

to set up an information and communications technology (ICT) center in Ethiopia in partnership with the UAE. Through this partnership, India has undertaken many projects like the ambitious Pan African e-network project on tele-education and tele-medicine which provides “integrated” satellite, fiber optics and wireless network between educational and medical institutes in Africa and India.

38) Who was appointed as the head of the Indo-Pacific Wing, which is set by Minister of External Affairs recently??

- 1) Vijay Gokhale
- 2) Sushma Swaraj
- 3) Vikram Doraiswami
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Vikram Doraiswami**

Explanation:

India has set up an Indo-Pacific division in Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). This division is the brainchild of current foreign secretary Vijay Gokhale. This new division is intended to give a coherent architecture to the policy, which was articulated by the PM Modi at the Shangri-La Dialogue in 2018. Currently, this division will be headed by joint secretary Vikram Doraiswami, for whom it will be an additional charge apart from Bangladesh and Myanmar. The territorial divisions of External Affairs ministry are crucial for policy making, so the creation of an Indo-Pacific division is a mammoth step by the government.

39) What is the name of the Bilateral Navy exercise that was held between India and Vietnam in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam?

- 1) IN-VPN BILAT EX
- 2) IND-VTNM BILAT NAVY EX
- 3) IND-VTNM EX
- 4) IND-VTNM BILAT EX
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) IN-VPN BILAT EX**

Explanation:

The Indian Navy held the 2nd edition of the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and Vietnam Peoples' Navy, (IN – VPN BILAT EX) at Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam during 13th to 16th April, 2019. The exercise was undertaken as a part of the ongoing Overseas Deployment of Eastern Fleet ships to South East Asian countries. INS Kolkata under the command of Captain Aditya Hara and INS Shakti under the command of Captain Sriram Amur participated in the exercise.

40) Where was the Debrief of Indian Navy coastal defence exercise “Sea Vigil”, chaired by Vice Admiral MS Pawar held?

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

Answer – **4) New Delhi**

Explanation:

On 16th April, 2019, the debrief of the Indian Navy exercise termed as ‘Sea Vigil’ (held from January 22 to 23) was conducted. The meeting was chaired by Vice Admiral MS Pawar, AVSM, VSM, the Deputy Chief of the Naval Staff (DCNS). It was conducted at the Naval headquarters, New Delhi. After the 26/11 Mumbai attack in 2008, Sea Vigil became the very 1st national-level coastal defence exercise conducted by the Indian Navy. In this exercise, it involved naval stakeholders at the centre and all 13 coastal states and

union territories. The meeting was conducted for the National Committee for Strengthening Maritime and Coastal Security (NCSMCS).

41) How much amount was allocated by Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi for implementing 10% EWS Quota to create over 2 lakhs additional seats?

- 1) Rs. 3315.15 crores
- 2) Rs. 3815.15 crores
- 3) Rs. 4315.15 crores
- 4) Rs. 4515.15 crores
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rs. 4315.15 crores

Explanation:

Recently, Rs. 4315.15 crores budget has been approved by Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi, to create over 2 lakhs additional seats in 158 central education institutions. The additional seats were created over next two years to implement 10 per cent Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation. According to senior officials of the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), a total of 2,14,766 additional seats will be created out of which 1,19,983 seats will be created in 2019-20 and the remaining 95,783 seats in 2020-21.

42) Which country's border trade route was suspended from Jammu & Kashmir LOC by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) of Indian government recently?

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

Answer – 2) Pakistan

Explanation:

On April 18, 2019, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) issued an order to suspend the LOC (Line of Control) trade between Jammu & Kashmir and Pakistan occupied Jammu & Kashmir (POJK). The reason for the suspension is due to an increase in terror funding, drug trade and fake currencies among other illegal activities by misusing trade routes. The trade between J&K and POJK is allowed through two Trade Facilitation centers. First, one located at Salamabad, Uri, district Baramulla and the second one located at Chakkan-da-Bagh, district Poonch. The trade across LOC is meant to facilitate the exchange of goods, 4 days in a week between local populations across the LOC in J&K. The medium of exchange of goods is the barter system with zero duty on trade.

43) Which of the following is not among the states that have joined in a pan-India network of single emergency helpline number '112', which is implemented under Nirbhaya Fund?

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

Answer – 3) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, To get immediate assistance to the people who are in trouble, Union territories and Twenty states have joined in a pan-India network of single emergency helpline number '112', which is implemented by central government's Nirbhaya Fund (2012 Delhi gangrape case). Kerala, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu, Nagaland, Gujarat, Telangana, Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Dadar and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Jammu and Kashmir are the joined states and UTs.

44) Name the Metro rail corporation (MRC), which has implemented a new initiative to become the world's first fully solar-powered metro.

- 1) Jaipur Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.
- 2) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)
- 3) Gujarat Metro Rail Corporation (GMRC)
- 4) Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC)

Explanation:

Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) on Thursday started receiving solar power from Madhya Pradesh's Rewa Solar Power Project, kick-starting an initiative to be the world's first 100% green energy rail network. DMRC received 27 megawatts (MW) power from the MP-based project and will gradually increase it to 99 MW. "The power received from Rewa will be utilised for the operational as well as auxiliary requirement of Delhi Metro. Till now, the solar power generated by the roof top plants installed in DMRC premises were utilised for the auxiliary requirements such as lighting and air conditioning of stations and depots

45) Name the Indian aircraft, which has participated in India-US Anti Submarine Warfare drill that held in Indian Ocean recently.

- 1) Sukhoi Su-30
- 2) MiG-21
- 3) P8I Neptune
- 4) HAL Kiran
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) P8I Neptune

Explanation:

Recently, Indian and the US navies conducted joint submarine hunting exercise near Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean in which India's P8I Neptune Aircraft and US P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft along with the USS Spruance have participated. The objective of this exercise is to lay the groundwork for coordinating maritime patrol and reconnaissance. The Indian P-8I anti submarine aircraft which participated in the exercise is from Naval Air Squadron 312 based at Naval Station Rajali in Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu and US P-8A Poseidon aircraft which participated in the exercise is from Patrol Squadron VP-8 'Fighting Tigers', based in Jacksonville, Florida.

46) Where was the first edition of Naval Commanders Conference held?

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

Answer – 3) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 23rd April 2019, the first edition of Naval Commanders' Conference held in New Delhi and will continue till 25th April 2019. The Hon'ble Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed Naval Commanders Conference on the opening day. It is the apex forum within the Service for interaction between the Naval Commanders, Chief of the Naval Staff, with the Commanders-in-Chief. They will review operational, material, logistics, HR, training and administrative activities which were undertaken during the previous six months. The themes of 'Functional Reorganization of Indian Navy towards enhancing Operational Efficiency' and 'Optimal Manning' were the core of discussions in this conference.

47)What is the name of the newly reconstituted panel, that was formed after revamping the high-level 'anti-hijack panel' to include top officials especially National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

- 1) Committee on Aircraft Hijack(COAH)
- 2) Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (COSAH)
- 3) Secretaries of anti-hijack panel(SOHP)
- 4) Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack(SOAH)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (COSAH)

Explanation:

The Centre has revamped its high-level 'anti-hijack panel' to include top officials in the Prime Minister's Office, especially National Security Advisor, Ajit Doval who will be able to coordinate any immediate military response. The new panel is called the Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (COSAH). It will have 15 top officials including pre-identified nominated members who can represent regular members during their absence. Members: The Committee will have a main secretary to the prime minister, additional principal secretary, heads of R&AW (Research and Analysis Wing) and the Intelligence Bureau as its members.

48)Who is the head of Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (COSAH) panel?

- 1) J B Mohapatra
- 2) Arabinda Mitra
- 3) Vijay Raghavan
- 4) P K Sinha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) P K Sinha

Explanation:

The panel Committee of Secretaries on Aircraft Hijack (COSAH) will continue to be headed by Cabinet Secretary P K Sinha in spite of the presence of senior officials. The fresh order also states that a control room will be set up within the Cabinet Secretariat in Rashtrapati Bhavan.

49)As per the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)'s new notification from which year does, visually disabled students can use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination ?

- 1) 2020
- 2) 2021
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2023
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 2020

Explanation:

On 18th April 2019, The Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) students will be allowed to use magnifying glasses and portable video magnifiers during the Class X final examination from 2020. Also, Alternative-type questions will be provided in lieu of questions having visual inputs for visually impaired candidates in social science subject. The board has directed all its affiliated schools to ensure that premises are disabled friendly by 2020 with all the educational institutions, including hostels, libraries, and laboratories to have barrier-free access. Also, the schools cannot deny admission to children with special needs in mainstream education.

50) Which country has released a special stamp on Hindu epic Ramayana to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the diplomatic ties with India?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) India

- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Indonesia**

Explanation:

On 23 April 2019, Indonesia released a special stamp on the theme of Ramayana at the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between India and Indonesia event in the presence of India's Ambassador Pradeep Kumar Rawat and Indonesia's Deputy Foreign Minister Abdurrahman Mohammad Fachir. Indonesian sculptor Padmashri Bapak Nyoman Nuart designed the stamp and it features a scene from Hindu epic Ramayana in which Jatayu valiantly fought to save Sita.

51) What is the name of the English translation of the poem titled 'Khooni Baisakhi' on Jallianwala Bagh massacre, that was launched in 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF)?

- 1) "All Quiet on the Western Front"
- 2) "War and Peace"
- 3) "Inked in Blood and Spirit of Freedom"
- 4) "Men At Arms"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) "Inked in Blood and Spirit of Freedom"**

Explanation:

On 24th April 2019, the 29th edition of the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair (ADIBF) started and will conclude on 30th April at the Abu Dhabi National Exhibition Centre. India has been nominated as the "Guest of Honour" country which reflects the strong relations between the leadership and the people of the UAE and India. Navdeep Suri, Indian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) launched his book, "Inked in Blood and Spirit of Freedom" which is the English translation of poem 'Khooni Baisakhi' on Jallianwala Bagh massacre.

52) Which country has recently set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments, mainly from India?

- 1) Turkmenistan
- 2) Uzbekistan
- 3) Kyrgyzstan
- 4) Kazakhstan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kazakhstan**

Explanation:

Kazakhstan under the chairmanship of its Prime Minister, Askar Mamin has set up Coordinating Council for attracting foreign investments inclusive of investments from India. Under Askar Mamin, a decision was taken to lay down the functions of Investment Ombudsman in order to venture for new approaches to improve investment scenario in Kazakhstan by efficiently interacting with the investors and providing solutions to current issues. The requirement for such task is to increase the volume of investment in fixed assets in the medium term to 30% of (Gross Domestic Product) GDP of the nation and the primary driver should be foreign direct investment (FDI). The meeting chose the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC) as a Unified Centre for the coordination of work on investment and promotion (Regional Investment Hub).

53) Name the two countries which have planned to set up joint border 'Reaction Force' to fight terrorism.

- 1) Iran and Pakistan
- 2) India and Pakistan
- 3) India and Bhutan
- 4) Pakistan and Afghanistan

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Iran and Pakistan**

Explanation:

Iranian President Hassan Rohani and visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan have agreed for setting up a joint border 'Reaction Force' to combat the attacks by militant groups on both sides their frontier. The Iran-Pakistan border encompasses the south-eastern Iranian province of Sistan-Baluchestan (the second largest province of Iran with its capital Zahedan) where frequent attacks on Iran's security forces have taken place. Since Iran-Pakistan relations had gone downhill with both the nations accusing each other for not taking enough steps to eradicate militants, they have decided to collaborate to form a joint quick reaction force by increasing cooperation between border forces and intelligence agencies.

54) Which ministry has distributed around 3,120 special kits termed 'SAECKs' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) to collect blood and semen samples?

- 1) Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- 2) Union Ministry of Home Affairs
- 3) Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- 4) Union Ministry of Women and Child Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Union Ministry of Home Affairs**

Explanation:

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs has distributed around 3,120 special kits among states and union territories. The kits are termed 'SAECKs' (The Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits) and are also called 'rape investigation kits' that help to collect blood and semen samples for carrying out immediate effective medico-legal investigations on sexual assault cases. The kits consist of a set of test tubes and bottles, which indicates contents and specifications of the collected evidence. The kits also contain directives on a collection of evidence from the crime scene, after which the kits would be sent to the closest laboratory and the results would be declared within two months. The SAECK kits are obtained only with the financial support under the Central government's 'Nirbhaya Fund', termed after the 2012 Delhi gang-rape victim.

55) Indian Army and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, has signed MoU to build four underground tunnels along the borders of which country?

- i. Bangladesh
- ii. China
- iii. Pakistan
- iv. Afghanistan
- 1) Option i & ii
- 2) Option ii & iv
- 3) Option iii & ii
- 4) Option iv & i
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Option iii & ii**

Explanation:

Recently, Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) Limited, to build four underground tunnels along China and Pakistan borders for storage of ammunition and other war-related equipment. Three tunnels will be built along Chinese border and one tunnel will be built along the Pakistan border. ii. The tunnel can store 175-200 metric tonnes of ammunition and the cost of this pilot project is around Rs 15 crore.

56) Who was appointed as the head of 8-member committee constituted by Central Works Public Department (CPWD) to chart out a policy for buildings and infrastructure development?

- 1) Bimal Jalan
- 2) Ravindra Kumar Thathu
- 3) Prabhakar Singh
- 4) M K Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) M K Sharma**

Explanation:

The largest construction agency of the central government, Central Works Public Department (CPWD) has set up an expert 8-member committee under M K Sharma, CPWD's Additional Director General, Chairman for developing a design scheme to construct buildings and develop infrastructure. The report has to be submitted to Director General Prabhakar Singh within 30 days. The prime objective of this policy is to revive all levels of building construction and infrastructure development in CPWD, under the Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry. CPWD builds a maximum of the government's buildings, erects fences on India's international borders and carries out projects in foreign countries with collaborations with India.

57) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) launched Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) in order to eliminate the disease from India by which year?

- 1) 2040
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2025
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2030**

Explanation:

On 26th April 2019, The Indian Council of Medical Research has launched the 'Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India which is a conglomeration of partners working on malaria control in order to eliminate the disease from India by 2030. India has made impressive progress in malaria control over the past two decades. The disease has declined by over 80 percent, 2.03 million cases in 2000 to 0.39 million in 2018, and malaria deaths by over 90 percent, 932 deaths in 2000 to 85 in 2018. The National Vector Borne Diseases Control Program (NVBDCP) of India has developed a comprehensive framework to achieve the target of "Malaria free India by 2030" and for this reason the Malaria Elimination Research Alliance (MERA) India established.

58) Which organization has signed the Letter of Intent (LOI) with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to promote participation, skill and empowerment among young children?

- 1) Child Rights International Network India
- 2) Children International India
- 3) United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) India
- 4) Save the Children India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) India**

Explanation:

Recently, United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) India and NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) to provide an open platform to promote participation, skill and empowerment among young children across different communities. The plan will be implemented through Atal Tinkering Lab which established under Atal Innovation Mission.

59) Who was appointed as the head of the committee, formed by Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) to handle the major issue of air-pollution in India?

- 1) C K Mishra
- 2) Harsh Vardhan
- 3) Mahesh Sharma
- 4) Siddhanta Das
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) C K Mishra

Explanation:

The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MOEFCC) notified that a committee will be formed to implement the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) which was launched to handle the major issue of air-pollution in India. Overall guidance would be provided by the committee to implement and review the progress of NCAP for each financial year. The committee would be headed by its Secretary, C K Mishra, and will comprise of one chief secretary each from around 20 states and union territories, an additional secretary and joint secretary, the chairman of the Central Pollution Control Board, the director general of TERI (The Energy and Resources Institute) and an IIT Kanpur professor as its members.

60) Where was the second edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF) for International Cooperation held recently?

- 1) Budapest, Hungary
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Warsaw, Poland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Beijing, China

Explanation:

The second edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF) was held in Beijing, China from April 25th to April 27th, 2019 in which 37 heads-of-state had participated along with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and International Monetary Chief (IMF) Christine Lagarde. The Belt and Road Forum is a part of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The idea of BRI was first proposed by Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2013.

61) What was the theme of the second edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF)?

- 1) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future”
- 2) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Think equal, build smart, innovate for change”
- 3) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Wetlands and Climate Change”
- 4) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future”

Explanation:

The second edition of Belt and Road Forum (BRF) was held in Beijing, China from April 25th to April 27th, 2019 in which 37 heads-of-state had participated along with United Nations Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and International Monetary Chief (IMF) Christine Lagarde. The theme of this event was “Belt and Road Cooperation: Shaping a Brighter Shared Future”.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1) Which country conducts the 7 nation military exercise in Indian Ocean?

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

Answer – 2) Australia

Explanation:

Australia is conducting 7 nation Indian Ocean military exercise along with Sri Lanka, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia and Singapore. Australia sent 4 Naval Ships and one military aircraft along with 1000 security personnel making it one the biggest military exercise. The exercise is aimed to counter the growing Chinese influence in the India Ocean. The Australian forces started the exercise from Sri Lanka and reached India on 26th March 2019. After India, Australian forces moved to other participating nations and will return after two and half months.

2) Name the country that was selected as the guest country for Paris Book Fair 2020?

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

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

In a bid to strengthen Indo-French ties, India has been designated as the guest of honour at the Paris Book Fair in 2020, while France will be the guest country at the New Delhi World Book Fair (NDWBF) in 2022. The announcement was made by the nodal agency - National Book Trust (NBT) - in a statement on Friday. The Livre Paris (Paris Book Fair) will take place from March 20 to 23, 2020.

3) Which country has agreed to issue equivalency for all Indian degrees that match its criteria?

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

Answer – 2) UAE

Explanation:

In a huge relief for many expats, the UAE Ministry of Education has agreed to issue equivalency for all Indian degrees that match the set criteria, the Indian embassy here announced on Sunday. Indian Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates Navdeep Singh Suri said the Ministry has agreed to accept Indian academic and professional certificates after the embassy issued clarifications on the issue of the external and internal marks mentioned in mark lists. Many Indians were caught in a tight spot after their degree certificates were rejected for equivalency, and they had approached the embassy seeking help.

4) What is the name of new imperial era of Japan that succeed the “Heisei” era (1989-2019)?

- 1) Meiji
- 2) Muromachi
- 3) Kamakura
- 4) Reiwa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Reiwa

Explanation:

Following the 1400 years old tradition, Japan's government has unveiled an New Imperial Era named "Reiwa" or "pursuing harmony" for soon-to-be Emperor Naruhito. The new era to begin on May 1 will succeed the "Heisei" era (1989-2019) of Emperor Akihito. The term for the new era consists two characters Rei and Wa. Rei means "commands" or "order" and Wa means "auspicious" or "good". The names change occurs when a new emperor takes the throne. There have been four eras in Japan's modern history viz. Meiji era (1868-1912), Taisho era (1912-1926), Heisei era (1989-2019) and now Reiwa era. The Emperor of Japan is the head of the Imperial Family and the head of state of Japan. Presently, the Emperor of Japan is the only head of state in the world with the English title of "Emperor".

5) Who was the first Indian President to visit Bolivia?

- 1) A.P.J Abdul Kalam
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Pratibha Patil
- 4) Pranab Mukherjee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind was on a visit of Bolivia from 28th to 30th March, 2019. He reached Santa Cruz, Bolivia on the second leg of his three nation visit to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile. This is the first visit by an Indian President to Bolivia.

6) How much million was granted by India to Bolivia for enhancing financial development projects recently?

- 1) US \$50 million
- 2) US \$150 million
- 3) US \$200 million
- 4) US \$100 million
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) US \$100 million

Explanation:

India has offered US \$100 million Line of Credit to Bolivia after Ram Nath Kovind held productive talks with his Bolivian counterpart Evo Morales regarding a number of bilateral issues such as economy, space and IT. Both the leaders have also committed to strengthen political and economic engagement. The amount will be offered to enhance financing development projects.

7) Which country has signed the framework agreement to join the International Solar Alliance recently?

- 1) Bolivia
- 2) Zambia
- 3) Vanuatu
- 4) Tonga
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bolivia

Explanation:

Bolivia has signed the agreement to join the International Solar Alliance. The main motive behind this is to establish a coalition of solar resource-rich countries to address the identified gaps in their energy requirements through a common approach. India, with a target to produce 100 GW of solar energy by 2022, would account for a tenth of ISA's goal.

8)How many MoU's are signed between India and Bolivia during President Ram Nath Kovind's visit?

- 1) 6
- 2) 7
- 3) 8
- 4) 9
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 8

Explanation:

During Ram Nath Kovind's visit to Bolivia, India and Bolivia have signed 8 MoUs. These MoUs were signed in the fields of culture, mining, Visa waiver arrangement for diplomats, the exchange between diplomatic academies, space, traditional medicine, establishment of Centre of Excellence in IT and Bi-Oceanic Railway project.

9)Find the name of African country ,which was opted by India to set up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD).

- 1) Uganda
- 2) Malawi
- 3) Nigeria
- 4) Tanzania
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Malawi

Explanation:

On 3rd April 2019, India has signed an agreement with National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Consultancy Service (NABCONS) for setting up India-Africa Institute of Agriculture and Rural Development (IAIARD) in Malawi to enhance capacity in the areas of agro-financing and entrepreneurship development for African countries. In this Institute, the trainees from Malawi and other African countries will be trained in the areas of micro-financing and agro-financing. This agreement will strengthen the bilateral relations between India and Malawi with the African Union.

10)According to U.S based Health Effects Institute(HEI)'s State of Global Air 2019 report, which of the following factor is the third highest cause of death in India?

- 1) Water Pollution
- 2) Poverty
- 3) Food Crisis
- 4) Air pollution
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Air pollution

Explanation:

On 3rd April 2019, as per the State of Global Air 2019 report, over 1.2 million people died in India due to air pollution in 2017. Nearly 5 million deaths from stroke, diabetes, heart attack, lung cancer, and chronic lung disease in 2017 happened due to the overall long-term exposure to outdoor and indoor air pollution. Out of these 5 million deaths, 3 million deaths are directly attributed to PM2.5, half of which is from India and China together. Air pollution is the third highest cause of death among all health risks in India, and the life of a South Asian child born today will be shortened by two years and six months growing up in current high levels of air pollution, while the global life expectancy loss is 20 months. US-based organization Health Effects Institute (HEI) released this report.

11)Where was the India-Chile Business Forum held?

- 1) Arica, Chile
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Santiago, Chile

4) Mumbai, Maharashtra

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Santiago, Chile**

Explanation:

President Shri Ram Nath Kovind, reached Santiago, Chile in the evening of 30th March, 2019. This was the final leg of his visit to three nations – Croatia, Bolivia and Chile. Ram Nath Kovind has addressed the India-Chile Business Forum in Santiago. Both the countries agreed to work together to expand their trade basket and open new pathways for economic engagement in areas such as marine research and other scientific exploration. India has been keen to strengthen its collaboration with Chile in the space sector.

12) India and Chile signed 3 MoU's in which of the following sector?

i. In the field of mining

ii. In the field of Culture

iii. In the field of empowerment of persons with disabilities

iv. In the field of Education

v. In the field of Infrastructure

1) Option i, ii, iii

2) Option i, iii, iv

3) Option ii, iv, v

4) Option iii, iv, v

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Option i, ii, iii**

Explanation:

On 1st April, President Ram Nath Kovind discussed wide-ranging issues of mutual interest with his Chilean counterpart Sebastian Pinera and both sides signed 3 Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) in the fields of mining, culture and empowerment of persons with disabilities. These MoUs will further enhance engagement in economic, social and cultural fields between the two countries.

13) Name the organization, which release the report on food crises titled "Global Report on Food Crises" annually.

1) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

2) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

3) Food Corporation of India (FCI)

4) Food Security Information Network (FSIN)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Food Security Information Network (FSIN)**

Explanation:

In accordance with the annual 2019 Global Report on Food Crises, around 113 million people across 53 countries faced severe hunger in 2018. In comparison to the figures of 2017, the number is reduced from 124 million but it requires urgent humanitarian assistance. GRFC-2019. The report prepared by 15 leading global and regional organizations was led by UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP) and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). It was released by Food Security Information Network (FSIN). The report examined 53 countries that are vulnerable to food crises and provided the causes of severe food insecurity for 27 countries which were mainly persistent conflict and adverse weather events. The two-thirds of the total number of people facing acute food insecurity are in 8 countries viz. Yemen, Congo, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Syria, Sudan, South Sudan and Northern Nigeria. The report mentioned the short-term forecast of food insecurity in the year 2019 also, stating the above mentioned countries, will remain among the world's most severe food crises.

14) Which city is set to host the NuGen Mobility Summit 2019?

- 1) Mahendragarh
- 2) Ghaziabad
- 3) Bulandshahr
- 4) Manesar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Manesar**

Explanation:

The International Centre for Automotive Technology (ICAT) is organizing a NuGen Mobility Summit, 2019, at Manesar, NCR, from 27th to 29th November 2019. The objective of the Summit is to share new ideas, learnings, global experiences, innovations and future technology trends for faster adoption, assimilation and development of advanced automotive technologies for a smarter and greener future. This event will help in building a platform for bringing together all stakeholders in the automotive industry to understand global advancements in technologies. The Summit is being organized in association with SAENIS, SAE INDIA, SAE International, NATRiP, DIMTS, Department of Heavy Industry, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, SIAM and ACMA. More than 2500 participants and over 250 exhibitors are expected to take part in the Summit.

15) Where was the first global multi-stakeholder conference on synergies between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change held?

- 1) Washington DC, US
- 2) Paris, France
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Copenhagen, Denmark**

Explanation:

The first global multi-stakeholder conference on synergies is summoned by (UN DESA) the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the (UN FCCC) United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change between the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change, in Copenhagen, Denmark. The objective of the Climate and SDGs Synergy Conference is to encourage action around the Sustainable Development Goals and provide strategies for boosting up the connection between the SDGs and climate action. It also focuses on maximising co-benefits by encouraging action from global, regional and country-level stakeholders. On 2nd April, 2019, (UNSCN) the United Nations System Standing Committee on Nutrition had hosted an event titled 'Sustainable diets for healthy people and healthy planet'.

16) What is the name of the military exercise that held between Morocco -US in Morocco?

- 1) Sampriti II 2019
- 2) Brazen Chariots 2019
- 3) African Lion 2019
- 4) Ekuverin 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) African Lion 2019**

Explanation:

The 15th edition of the Morocco- US sponsored exercise "African Lion 2019", took place in Morocco. It was conducted from March 16 to April 7, 2019. The annual Military exercise materialized in the region of Agadir, Tifnit, Tan-Tan, Tata and Ben Guerir with the participation of thousands of military personnel. The drills include training on Counter terrorism operations, land and air exercises and also tactical stimulation. It was jointly organized by the United States Command for Africa (AFRICOM) and Moroccan Royal Armed Forces (FAR).

17) Which international development finance institution, has predicted 1.7 trillion dollars is required to build disaster-resilient infrastructure in Asia?

- 1) Asian Development Bank's (ADB)
- 2) International Monetary Fund
- 3) World Bank
- 4) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Asian Development Bank's (ADB)

Explanation:-

On 6th April 2019, According to a recent Asian Development Bank's (ADB) report titled 'Asian Development Outlook 2019: Strengthening Disaster Resilience', around 26 trillion dollars from 2016 to 2030, or 1.7 trillion dollars investment needed per year to build disaster-resilient infrastructure in Asia. Asian Development Outlook 2019. This is because Developing economies across Asia are among the most vulnerable to natural disasters and have suffered damages of around 644 billion dollars since 2000. Of these, approx 507 billion dollars wasted for weather-related hazards while the remaining 137 billion dollars wasted for geophysical hazards.

18) Where was the 17th edition of Middle East and North Africa (MENA) World Economic Forum held?

- 1) Spitzkoppe, Namibia
- 2) Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana
- 3) Dead Sea, Jordan
- 4) Lake Malawi, Malawi
- 5) None of these

Answer- 3) Dead Sea, Jordan

Explanation:-

On 6th April 2019, 17th edition of World Economic Forum on the (MENA) was held at Dead Sea, Jordan. Over 1000 representatives from more than 50 countries participated in the meeting. It is the 10th meeting in Jordan and 17th meeting in the MENA region.

19) Which two countries have agreed to develop a acquaintance in security and defence spheres in several fields, including regional security, controlling drug smuggling and human trafficking?

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

Answer – 3) India and Sri Lanka

Explanation:-

India and Sri Lanka have agreed to enhance collaboration in security and defence spheres in several fields, including regional security, controlling drug smuggling and human trafficking.

Defence Secretary of India Sanjay Mitra and Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena's meeting in Colombo resulted in this agreement.

20) Name the first city in the world to implement a Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) for 24×7 hours a week to reduce toxic air pollution and protect public health.

- 1) New York
- 2) Samara
- 3) Shanghai
- 4) London
- 5) None of these

Answer :- 4) London

Explanation:-

On 8th April, 2019, London became the first city in the world to implement a Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ)

for 24×7 hours a week, inside which vehicles will have to meet tough emissions standards. This zone aims to reduce toxic air pollution and protect public health. Motorists who drive into the zone in a vehicle that does not meet the new emission standard will have to pay a daily charge.

21) Name the parent company of Wing, that has launched its first commercial drone service in Canberra, Australia.

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) IBM
- 3) Alphabet Inc.
- 4) Intel
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Alphabet Inc.

Explanation:

Alphabet, Google's parent company, launched its first commercial drone service through its Wing subsidiary in Canberra, Australia after the country's Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA), granted it regulatory approval. The drones will deliver coffee, food, and over-the-counter medicines directly to clients' homes using a connected smartphone app. In the primary stage, Wing is coupling with Australian retailers including Capital Chemist, Drummond Golf, Pure Gelato, Kickstart Espresso, Bakers Delight, Jasper + Myrtle, and Guzman Y Gomez. Drones will not be permitted to fly over main roads and it has a specific timetable.

22) Which government has published an "online harms white paper" with an objective to make online social media platforms responsible to safeguard users, especially children?

- 1) Russian government
- 2) Indian government
- 3) US government
- 4) British government
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) British government

Explanation:

The British government has published an "online harms white paper" which is open for public consultation (till July) focuses to make online social media platforms responsible to safeguard users, especially children. It is a joint proposal from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and Home Office. Since all of the social media platforms use strong algorithms leading to echo-chambers, where a user is bombarded with only blinkered content (according to the user's web-browsing) instead of multi-directional content (i.e. seeing a variety of voices and opinions), all of which can affect children's brain; the white paper proposes the compulsory 'duty of care' on various social media platforms for taking reasonable steps to protect users (focusing on children) from getting harmed.

23) Name the flagship programme of India, that was honoured with 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award at the Global Water Summit held in London.

- 1) Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme
- 2) National Mission for Clean Ganga
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme
- 4) Water Mission for North East and Himalayan States
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) National Mission for Clean Ganga

Explanation:

National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) or Namami Gange which is India's flagship programme, was presented, with the 'Public Water Agency of the Year' award by Global Water Intelligence at the Global Water Summit held in London on 9th April, 2019. National Mission for Clean Ganga was awarded this for its initiatives in the water sector which brings remarkable improvements in the lives of people. 2019

edition of Global Water Summit was a 3-day event held at Sofitel London Heathrow Hotel, Hounslow which started from on 8th April.

24)Where was the First Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement held during which first-ever global coalition on clean and efficient cooling launched?

- 1) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2) Geneva, Switzerland
- 3) Paris, France
- 4) New York, US
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Copenhagen, Denmark

Explanation:

The 1st ever of global coalition on clean and efficient cooling was launched at First Global Conference on Synergies between the 2030 Agenda and Paris Agreement in Copenhagen, Denmark. This coalition is aimed to identify solutions and mobilise action to accelerate progress towards clean and efficient cooling. Global Cool coalition was supported by the UN, Climate and Clean Air Coalition, the Kigali Cooling Efficiency Program and Sustainable Energy for All.

25)In which city G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors 2019 annual spring meeting was held?

- 1) Washington, DC, U.S
- 2) Seoul, South Korea
- 3) Brasília, Brazil
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Washington, DC, U.S

Explanation:

G-20 conducted the joint World Bank-IMF Development Committee and the IMF's International Monetary and Financial Committee meeting during the 2019 Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, DC. The meeting was held to discuss progress on the work of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund and to explain Structural Reform Steps package and the economic policies of the new period.

26)Which country was selected as the Guest of Honour for Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019?

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

Answer – 3) India

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, UAE selected India as the Guest of Honour country at the Abu Dhabi International Book Fair, ADIBF 2019, to attract a significant increase in the number of visitors with various events and activities. Abu Dhabi International Book Fair. The event will be held from 24th to 30th April 2019. The purpose of this 29th edition of the book fair is to highlight the UAE's rich heritage, showcasing its authenticity, modernity, as well as its cultural and literary output. India's selection as the Guest of Honour will strengthen the relationship between India and UAE.

27)Which country is set to host the World's first Artificial Intelligence Summit to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society?

- 1) India
- 2) China

- 3) US
- 4) United Arab Emirates(UAE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) United Arab Emirates(UAE)**

Explanation:

UAE is set to host the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence, AI Summit to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society. The inaugural 'AI Everything', AIE will take place at the Dubai World Trade Centre, between 30th of this month and 1st of next month. Emirates News Agency reported that the two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society - augmenting the world's happiness.

28) Which arab city is set to host 15th edition of G20 Summit in the year 2020, which will be the first G20 Summit in Arab world ?

- 1) Algiers, Algeria
- 2) Damascus, Syria
- 3) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 4) Rabat, Morocco
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**

Explanation:

Saudi Arabia will host G20 summit in November 2020 in Riyadh. This will be the first G20 meeting in the Arab world and the 15th meeting of the G20 (Group of Twenty). The G20 summit 2018 was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina where Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince, Mohammad Bin Salman Al Saud represented his kingdom. The G20 summit of 2019 will be held in Osaka, Japan in June 28-29. For the very 1st time, the G20 summit was held in 2008 in Washington, D.C. with the prime objective of reviving the world economy from the worst financial crisis in more than 70 years. The G20 Summit is formally known as the 'Summit on Financial Markets and the World Economy'.

29) Which country topped the World Press Freedom Index 2019?

- 1) Norway
- 2) Denmark
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Finland
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Norway**

Explanation:

Recently, Reporters Without Borders released World Press Freedom Index 2019 in which Norway topped the index in third consecutive year. Top 5 countries in World Press Freedom Index 2019

Rank	Country
1 st	Norway
2 nd	Finland
3 rd	Sweden
4 th	Netherlands
5 th	Denmark

30) What is the rank of India as per the World Press Freedom Index 2019?

- 1) 138
- 2) 140
- 3) 141
- 4) 150
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 140**

Explanation:

India drops down by two positions (138th rank in 2018) to be ranked 140th out of 180 countries in 2019. The reason for decrease in India's rank is because of at least six Indian journalists being killed in last one year. Two African countries Ethiopia and Gambia have significantly improved their ranking from 150th to 110th and 122nd to 92nd respectively as compare to 2018. In South Asia region, countries have poorly ranked as compare to last year. Pakistan dropped three places to 142 and Bangladesh dropped four places to 150.

31) Name the airport complex, which has opened the World's tallest indoor waterfall of 131 foot (40 metres) tall recently?

- 1) Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport complex, France
- 2) Los Angeles International Airport complex, California
- 3) Changi Airport complex, Singapore
- 4) Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport complex, Georgia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Changi Airport complex, Singapore

Explanation:

The world's tallest indoor waterfall, 131-foot-tall, opened for the general public at Singapore's Jewel Changi Airport. The waterfall is housed inside a dome-shaped complex which has gardens growing over four storeys, more than 280 retail and food outlets, a hotel and a movie theatre. The structure also has a botanical garden with 120 species of plants.

32) Name the international organization, which has released the guidelines on the usage of digital health technology to boost health of the people.

- 1) Union of International Associations
- 2) United Nations
- 3) UNESCO
- 4) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) World Health Organization (WHO)

Explanation:

WHO has released New Guidelines On 10 Ways To Use Digital Health Technology To Boost People's Health. The guidelines were based on a 2-year-long research study by WHO on digital technologies which was inclusive of consultations with global experts. The guidelines state ways for employing digital tools for birth notifications, deploying health worker decision support tools and using telemedicine (the remote diagnosis and treatment of patients with the help of telecommunications technology).

33) Which of the following warships will participate in the Chinese International Fleet Review (IFR) maritime parade in Qingdao?

- i. INS Kolkata
 - ii. INS Arihant
 - iii. INS Kalvari
 - iv. INS Shakti
- 1) Option i & ii
 - 2) Option i & iv
 - 3) Option iii & ii
 - 4) Option iv & ii
 - 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Option i & iv

Explanation:

As part of the 70th Anniversary of People's Liberation Army Navy celebrations in China, two Indian Navy warships, namely INS Kolkata and INS Shakti will participate in the Chinese International Fleet Review

(IFR) maritime parade in Qingdao, on April 23. The main objective of the IFR is to promote goodwill, co-operation strengthening and exhibit their organizational capabilities. INS Kolkata is a warship of Kolkata class stealth guided missile destroyers. INS Shakti is a deepak class fleet tanker.

34) Which general insurance company is set to participate in 12th Astana Economic Forum 2019?

- 1) United India Insurance
- 2) New India Assurance
- 3) General Insurance Corporation
- 4) Life Insurance Corporation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) General Insurance Corporation

Explanation:

India's General Insurance Corporation (GICNSE -0.96 %) could soon emerge as the key firm for re-insurance issues for the vast and emerging Eurasian market. Astana International Finance Centre (AIFC), Central Asia's emerging financial hub, held negotiations with the management of the General Insurance Corporation. The GIC management will participate in the 12th Astana Economic Forum and is ready to continue negotiations on cooperation with AIFC and sign the Agreement during the visit of its delegation to Kazakh capital.

35) Saudi Arabia increases Haj Quota of Indian Pilgrims to _____ lakh ?

- 1) Two
- 2) Three
- 3) Four
- 4) Five
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Two

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, India's Haj Quota has been increased by about 25,000, raising the number to 2 lakh from 1.75 lakh by Saudi Arabia. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman gave the assurance to Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a meeting in February. This will help the huge number of pilgrims of Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, and Bihar to embark pilgrimage this year. Also, total 2,340 Muslim women from India will go for Haj without 'Mehram' or male companion. This year, the GST on Haj pilgrimage has been reduced from 18 percent to 5 percent which will ensure that about Rs 113 crore will be saved by pilgrims during the 2019 Haj.

36) Which country topped in the global startup ecosystem for the year 2018, as per the report "Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2019" released by StartupBlink?

- 1) Norway
- 2) UK
- 3) US
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) US

Explanation:

The United States, United Kingdom, and Canada are the top three countries ranked the first, second and third respectively in terms of global rankings. This ranking was based on the strength of its startup ecosystem. Total 3800 new startups were launched in India during 2018 and Overall, Indian startups received \$11 bn of funding through 743 deals in 2018 according to Inc42 DataLabs.

37) Name the special counsel, who has submitted a report on the “Investigation into Russian Interference in the 2016 presidential election”.

- 1) Rod Rosenstein
- 2) Robert Mueller
- 3) William Barr
- 4) Chuck Schumer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Robert Mueller

Explanation:

The Attorney General William Barr of US has released 448 pages redacted version of Robert Mueller’s “Report on the Investigation Into Russian Interference in the 2016 Election” which claims that the special counsel found no evidence of Russian meddling in US election in 2016. A special counsel Robert Mueller was appointed to investigate the Russian interference in the 2016 US election.

38) What is the rank of India as per the “Startup Ecosystem Ranking 2019” released by StartupBlink?

- 1) 12th
- 2) 10th
- 3) 15th
- 4) 17th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 17th

Explanation:

On 20th April 2019, India ranked at 17th position among 100 countries in 2018, from the 37th spot in 2017 in the Startup Ecosystem Ranking for 2019 as per the data released by StartupBlink. Bengaluru, New Delhi, and Mumbai are the cities with the most vibrant startup ecosystems in India. Bengaluru ranked the top startup city in India at 11th spot, while New Delhi followed it at 18th spot and Mumbai at 29th rank.

39) Which country topped the Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) for the year 2019 released by Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)?

- 1) Australia
- 2) Netherlands
- 3) Germany
- 4) Romania
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Australia

Explanation:

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) in which Australia tops the ICP, followed by the Netherlands and Germany. Cancer in 2018 caused 9.6 million deaths worldwide making it the 2nd biggest killer. The title of the report under which ICP has been introduced is “Cancer preparedness around the world: National readiness for a global epidemic.” Top 3 nations: Australia tops the ICP, followed by the Netherlands and Germany. Bottom 3 nations: Saudi Arabia, Romania and Egypt.

40) What is the rank of India as per Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU)’s 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP)?

- 1) 21
- 2) 20
- 3) 18
- 4) 19
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 19

Explanation:

The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) has released the 2019 Index of Cancer Preparedness (ICP) in which out of 28 countries India is in 19th position from the top. The wide range of data indicates variation of cancer preparedness of countries i.e. methods to treat and prevent cancer. In overall ranking India ranks 19th and has a score of 64.9 out of 100. India ranks 17th in Cancer policy and planning and scored 80.8 out of 100 for this rank. According to the ICP rankings, India ranks 1st for research and 3rd for tobacco control in the list of 28 countries. India ranks 23rd for its national cancer control plan, which is relatively poor.

41) To honor which Nobel laureate, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has created the Chair in Inequality Studies?

- 1) Kailash Satyarthi
- 2) Amartya Sen
- 3) Gregory Winter
- 4) Paul Romer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Amartya Sen

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, To honor the Indian Nobel laureate Amartya Sen, the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) has created the Amartya Sen Chair in Inequality Studies. He was a Professor of Economics at LSE from 1971-82. Amartya Sen. He will also serve as the director of the LSE International Inequalities Institute, focused on studying and challenging some of the most pressing issues. The Institute is a living embodiment of the School's enduring commitment regarding the improvement of society through research, education and public engagement. He won the Nobel Prize in Economic sciences in 1998 and honoured with Bharat Ratna in 1999.

42) Which country has tested the world's most advanced malaria vaccine in a bid to prevent the disease?

- 1) Burundi
- 2) Malawi
- 3) Mozambique
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Malawi

Explanation:

Malawi spearhead large scale pilot tests for the world's most advanced experimental malaria vaccine in a bid to prevent the disease that kills hundreds of thousands across Africa every year. After more than three decades in development and almost \$1 billion in investment, the cutting-edge trial will be rolled out in Malawi's capital Lilongwe this week and then in Kenya and Ghana next week. It aims to immunize 120,000 children aged 2 and under to assess the effectiveness of the pilot vaccine and whether the delivery process is feasible.

43) Which International organization has issued recommendations on the usage of screen for kids under 5 years of age?

- 1) United Nations System
- 2) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 3) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 4) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) World Health Organization (WHO)

Explanation:

On 24th April 2019, With an aim to develop healthy youths, the World Health Organization (WHO) has issued recommendations on the use of sedentary screen which includes watching television or videos and playing computer games for children under 5-year-old. This is the first such guidelines which are released by the United Nations Agency. WHO Guidelines: i. The recommendations suggest that infants less than one-year-old should not be exposed to electronic screens at all and Children under 5 year should not be allowed more than one hour of “sedentary screen time” per day. The guideline underlines the significance of Healthy physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep habits in early life that moulds them into an active adult.

44) According to “State of the internet/security” report, released by Akamai Technologies, which country was most targeted nation by hackers in 2018?

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

Answer – 1) US

Explanation:

The report by Akamai Technologies notifies that with more than 120 crore account takeover attacks in 2018, India ranked second for hacking attempts in the world after the US. According to a new edition of the “State of the internet/security” report, Akamai Technologies, each of the attacks represented an attempt by a person or a computer to log in to an account with a stolen or generated username and password. Canada ranks third for attacks. By the report, the US registered 1,252 crore hacking attempts in 2018 while Canada registered 102 crore. The hackers attacks targeted large media brands, retail, gaming and various other sectors.

45) Where was the 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness held?

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

Answer – 3) Kathmandu, Nepal

Explanation:

5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness was held in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal. The aim of this two day summit was to address the key issue of utilizing media’s full potential of accelerating climate action and disaster preparedness and connect different stakeholders to media professionals for collaboration and joint practical projects. This summit was hosted by the Nepal government and organized by Radio Nepal, Nepal TV and ABU, led by Nepal’s Communication and Information Technology ministry.

46) What was the theme of the 5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness?

- 1) Theme – “Innovative Solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption”
- 2) Theme – “Focus on occupational safety and health has largely been confined to four sectors”
- 3) Theme – “For procurement and marketing support to MSMEs”
- 4) Theme – “Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities”

Explanation:

5th Asia Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Media Summit on Climate Action and Disaster Preparedness was held in Kathmandu, the capital city of Nepal with a theme of “Media Solutions for Sustainable Future: Saving Lives, Building Resilient Communities”. The aim of this two day summit was to address the key issue of utilizing media’s full potential of accelerating climate action and disaster preparedness and connect different stakeholders to media professionals for collaboration and joint practical projects.

47) Which is the sole Indian institute featured in the QS EMBA Rankings 2019?

- 1) Indian Institute of Management Calcutta
- 2) Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore’s (IIM-B)
- 3) Indian Institute of Management Ahmedabad
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore

Explanation:

On 23rd April 2019, The Indian Institute of Management-Bangalore’s (IIM-B) post-graduate programme in Enterprise Management (PGPEM) has secured the 12th rank in APAC (Asia Pacific) listing and came 61st globally in the QS Executive MBA Rankings 2019. With this, it became the only Indian B-school to secure a place among the top 100 B-Schools across the world. This Ranking uses parameters such as leadership, executive profile, diversity, career outcomes, etc to mark the world’s best universities. IIM-B also ranked first under the Management category in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings 2019.

48) Where was the first-ever talks between Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un held?

- 1) Khabarovsk, Russia
- 2) Pyongyang, North Korea
- 3) Vladivostok, Russia
- 4) Kaesŏng, North Korea
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vladivostok, Russia

Explanation:

Russian President Vladimir Putin and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un hold first-ever talks at the Eastern Federal University Campus on Russky Island in the far eastern Russian Pacific port city of Vladivostok. The aim of this meeting is to break the deadlock over North Korea’s nuclear weapons programme. The meet was a part of Six-party talks on North Korean de-nuclearization, that started back in 2003 involving China, Japan, Russia, the US along with North Korea and South Korea. The last round of such talks took place in 2007.

49) Which organization has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to implement e-mandates (electronic mandates) for internet banking and debit cards to automatically deal with their recurring payments?

- 1) National Payments Corporation of India
- 2) Immediate Payment Service
- 3) UIDAI
- 4) Indian Banks' Association
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) National Payments Corporation of India

Explanation:

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has received approval from the Reserve Bank of

India (RBI) to implement e-mandates (electronic mandates) for internet banking and debit cards, which will allow the users to automatically deal with their recurring payments. By June 30th, NPCI has to inform all the member banks to take immediate measure and implement both the variants. The limit for each mandate is set at Rs 1 Lakh, and depending on the usage, the organisation will review the limit from time to time. The circular notified that the NACH (National Automated Clearing House) mandates can be used for business to business (B2B) collections, investments, insurance products, utility payments, government payments, trades receivables, loan repayments, asset rentals and collection of education/society charges

50) Which country is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019 as per the United Nation's International Labour Organization (ILO)?

- 1) Kuwait
 - 2) Yemen
 - 3) Oman
 - 4) Qatar
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) Qatar**

Explanation:

On 26th April 2019, UN's International Labour Organization announced that Qatar is set to abolish its exit visa system for all foreign workers by the end of 2019. The country was committed to labour reform following an Amnesty international report that the 2022 World Cup host was failing to stop widespread labour abuse. Qatar has launched labour reforms since its selection as the 2022 World Cup host, with the event set in motion a huge construction plan employing foreign workers. In 2018, Qatar approved legislation to dismiss the sponsorship system or "kafala", which claimed that foreign workers obtain permission from their employers to leave the country.

51) Which economic corridor was excluded from the Belt and Road Forum (BRF) recently?

- 1) China-Myanmar Economic Corridor (CMEC)
 - 2) China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC)
 - 3) Nepal-China-India Economic Corridor (NCIEC)
 - 4) Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor**

Explanation:

The report titled, 'The Belt and Road Initiative Progress, Contributions and Prospects' released by the Leading Group for Promoting the Belt and Road Initiative had previously listed the BCIM as a BRI project. But, owing to the fact that India had skipped the Belt and Road Forum (BRF), the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) economic corridor ran the possibility to be excluded from the list of projects under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) umbrella. The BRI is a major initiative spearheaded by China to reconstruct the ancient Silk Road connectivity across Eurasia and Africa. This has come to limelight after a document attached with the Joint Communiqué of the Leaders' Roundtable of the BRF that concluded in Beijing, the website did not list the BCIM as a project under the BRI.

52) Name the Organisation, which has recently released the 2019 Global Food Policy Report (GFPR).

- 1) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- 3) International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics
- 4) World Food Programme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

Explanation:

On 27th April 2019, according to the 2019 Global Food Policy Report (GFPR), rural areas continue to be in a state of crisis and threatening to slow the progress toward the Sustainable Development Goals, global climate targets, and improved food and nutrition security due to hunger, malnutrition, poverty, environmental degradation. 821 mn people in the world are facing chronic food deprivation. The report was prepared by the Washington DC-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Rural transformation and revitalization have been the pre-eminent goal of India's development efforts since independence, according to the report.

BANKING & FINANCE

1) Which of the following bank becomes the 3rd largest bank after it merged with Dena Bank & Vijaya Bank?

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

Answer – 4) Bank of Baroda

Explanation:

On April 1, 2019, the merger of Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank into Bank of Baroda has come into effect. With this amalgamation, Bank of Baroda becomes the India's second largest public sector bank and third largest commercial bank after State Bank of India (SBI) and HDFC Bank. India's first ever three-way merger of banks has started its operation over Rs 15 lakh cr as of balance sheet, with deposits and advances of 8.75 lakh crore and 6.25 lakh crore rupees, respectively. Government has also infused Rs 5,042 crore into Bank of Baroda by way of preferential allotment of equity shares. Centre's shareholding in the merged entity is 65.7%. BoB now has over 9,500 branches, 13,400 ATMs and 85,000 employees.

2) How many Public Sector Banks (PSBs) are in India after Bank of Baroda merged with Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank?

- 1) 18
- 2) 21
- 3) 19
- 4) 20
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 18

Explanation:

Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank merged with Bank of Baroda. Now the number of public sector banks (PSBs) has reduced to 18. The merger also reduced the number of banks kept under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework by RBI to four as Dena Bank was among the five PSU banks kept under PCA.

3) Which first Indian Asset Management company tied up with google to launch voice-based financial transactions?

- 1) Axis Asset Management Company Ltd.
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Asset Management Company Ltd.
- 3) Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM)
- 4) Baroda Pioneer Asset Management Company Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM)

Explanation:

Reliance Nippon Life Asset Management (RNAM) has joined hands with Google to enable the customers

of Reliance Mutual Fund to carry out voice-based financial transactions. With this, RNAM becomes the first company in India, to provide conversational interface that would help customers regarding funds transactions. In the first phase, the functionality would be launched in Reliance Simply Save app for the customers.

4) Reserve Bank of India celebrates its _____ Foundation Day on April 1, 2019?

- 1) 84th
 - 2) 83rd
 - 3) 81st
 - 4) 80th
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 84th**

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India celebrates its 84th Foundation Day on April 1, 2019. RBI is India's central banking institution, which controls the issuance and supply of the Indian rupee. It commenced its operations on 1 April 1935 in accordance with the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Until the Monetary Policy Committee was established in 2016, it also controlled monetary policy in India. Initially, RBI's headquarters was in Calcutta. It was moved to Mumbai in the year 1937. RBI controls the issuance and supply of the Indian rupee. The original share capital was divided into shares of 100 each fully paid, which were initially owned entirely by private shareholders. Following India's independence on 15 August 1947, the RBI was nationalised on 1 January 1949.

5) Which bank becomes the first lender to impose charges on UPI transactions, namely, Paytm, Google Pay, PhonePe?

- 1) ICICI Bank
 - 2) City Union Bank
 - 3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
 - 4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) Kotak Mahindra Bank**

Explanation:

Starting from 1st May, 2019, India's private sector bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank would become the first lender to levy charges on peer-to-peer (P2P) UPI transactions available across all platforms, namely, Paytm, Google Pay, PhonePe, Trucaller Pay among others. For Kotak Mahindra Bank's account holders, the first 30 peer-to-peer UPI fund transfer would be free of cost. Once a person exceeds 30 UPI transactions, he will be charged Rs. 2.50 per transaction for of Rs. 1000 or less. For transfers exceeding Rs. 1000, the bank will charge Rs. 5 plus 18% GST. No additional charges have been imposed upon reception of money via UPI for merchant transactions or bill payments. Since more than 90% of Kotak Mahindra Bank's customers do an average of 5-10 transactions every month, and the charges would be levied only when a customer exceeds 30 transactions, this step has been taken to curb abuse of the UPI system. There has been a reduction in charges on merchant transactions through UPI. Instead of the 25 paise charge on transactions up to Rs. 1000 and 50 paise charge on exceeding Rs. 1000, NPCI (National Payments Corporation of India) has brought it down to a flat rate of 10 paise for all transactions (along with an ad valorem charge of 0.04% divided between the issuing bank and the acquiring bank).

6) Name the investment and wealth management platform of the mobile payments company, which received SEBI approval for Stock Broking recently.

- 1) Paytm Money
- 2) Amazon Payments
- 3) WorldPay
- 4) WePay

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Paytm Money**

Explanation:

On 2nd April 2019, One97 Communications-owned Paytm Money, the wealth management arm of Paytm, has got approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to start offering a stock broking service such as the ability to trade in equities and cash segments, derivatives, and exchange-traded funds (ETFs) among other exchange-traded products Apart from this approval from SEBI, Paytm Money also got approval for its membership from Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) & National Stock Exchange (NSE) to buy share through the Paytm Money app.

7) Which bank has received a capital of Rs. 205 crore by the government in lieu of preferential allotment of shares ?

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

Answer – **2) Bank of Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On 30th March 2019, Government infused a capital of Rs. 205 crore into the state owned Bank of Maharashtra in lieu of preferential allotment of shares. After the Capital infusion, the shareholding of government in Bank of Maharashtra has increased to 87.74 % from 87.01%. In this regard, the bank has issued and allotted its 15,47,16,981 equity shares at an issue price of Rs 13.25 per share to the govt.

8) What is the limit of Ways and Means Advances (WMA) set up by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the first half of the financial year 2019-20?

- 1) Rs.90000 crore
- 2) Rs.75000 crore
- 3) Rs.25000 crore
- 4) Rs.50000 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rs.75000 crore**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India has set the limits for Ways and Means Advances (WMA) to Rs. 75000 crore for the first half of the financial year 2019-20 (April 2019 to September 2019). As and when the government of India utilises 75% of the WMA limit, the central bank would activate fresh floatation of market loans. The rate of interest issued on the Ways and Means Advances (WMA) will be Repo Rate while the overdraft will exceed the Repo Rate by flat 2%. The WMA needs to be vacated after 90 days.

9) Reserve Bank of India has reduced its key policy rate by _____ basis point in order to enhance the growth and private investment?

- 1) 0.10 basis point
- 2) 0.25 basis point
- 3) 0.20 basis point
- 4) 0.50 basis point
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 0.25 basis point**

Explanation:

RBI has reduced 0.25 basis points in the Policy Rates under liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) with immediate effect. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)'s six-member monetary policy committee chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das released its 1st Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy for 2019-20.

10)What is the new Repo Rate revised by the six-member monetary policy committee chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das?

- 1) 6.00 %
- 2) 6.25 %
- 3) 5.75 %
- 4) 6.50 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 6.00 %**

Explanation:

RBI has reduced 0.25 basis points in the Policy Rates under liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) with immediate effect. The Change in Policy rates are as follows:

Policy Rates	1 st Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy 2019-2020(Apr-2019)	6 th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy(Feb 2019)
Repo Rate	6.00 %	6.25%
Reverse Repo Rate	5.75 %	6.00%
Marginal Standing Facility Rate	6.25 %	6.50%
Bank Rate	6.25 %	6.50%

11)According to the 1st Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Statement for 2019-20, GDP growth of India is projected to ____ per cent by Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?

- 1) 7.1%
- 2) 7.4%
- 3) 7.2%
- 4) 7%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 7.2%**

Explanation:

RBI projected the GDP growth forecast of India for the current fiscal to 7.2% from the earlier estimate of 7.4 per cent. RBI has estimated the retail inflation forecast between 3.2% and 3.4% for the H1FY20. The objective of the amendment is to achieve the medium-term target for the inflation of the CPI (Consumer Price Index) by 4% (within a band of '+2' or '-2' i.e. 2% and 6%). The expectation for the CPI inflation for first half of FY 20 is between 2.9% and 3% while for the second half, it is estimated from 3.5% to 3.8%. For the last quarter of FY19 (January to March) CPI inflation revised at 2.4%.

12)What is the sovereign rating of India as per the credit rating agency Fitch?

- 1) AAA-
- 2) AA+
- 3) BB+
- 4) BBB-
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) BBB-**

Explanation:

On 4th April 2019, Fitch Rating affirms India's sovereign rating at the lowest investment grade of BBB- with a stable outlook. The growth rate of India forecasted by Fitch is 6.8% in financial year 2019-20 and 7.1% in FY 2020-21. According to Fitch, Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) regulations has been eased and there is reduction in red tape but still there are some difficulties in doing business in India due to which India's rating is not upgraded. Since 2006, this is the 13th year in a row that India is getting "BBB" ranking from Fitch. On August 1, 2006, Fitch had upgraded the India's rating from "BB+" to "BBB".

13) Where was the 2 day, 4th Annual Meeting of the New Development Bank(NDB) Board of Governors (BoG) and the 18th Meeting of the NDB Board of Directors (BoD) held?

- 1) Brasília, Brazil
- 2) Shanghai, China
- 3) Cape Town, South Africa
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Cape Town, South Africa

Explanation:

4th Annual Meeting of the NDB Board of Governors (BoG) and the 18th Meeting of the NDB Board of Directors (BoD) were held in Cape Town, South Africa on 31 March and 1 April 2019 respectively. At the meetings, members of the Boards noted the achievements of the Bank, including expansion of its business, significant growth of loan portfolio as well as the ramp-up of the NDB's borrowings. The Board of Governors also provided guidance for the Bank's future work. 4th Annual Meeting of the NDB BoG was chaired by Mr. Tito Titus Mboweni, Governor of the NDB, and Minister of Finance of the Republic of South Africa. Mr. Paulo Guedes, Governor of NDB, Minister of Economy of Brazil was elected as the next Chairman of the BoG, and will serve in this position until the end of the next BoG Annual Meeting. The next Annual Meeting of the Bank's BoG will be held in Brazil in 2020.

14) According to the new norms of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), banks require to disclose their provision if divergence of assessed NPA exceeds ____ per cent of profit prior to provision and contingencies?

- 1) 15 %
- 2) 10 %
- 3) 20 %
- 4) 25 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 10 %

Explanation:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has altered the bad loan divergence rule for banks which aims at improving transparency in asset classification and preventing under-reporting of bad loans. The RBI brought leniency in its rule on 1st April, 2019 by asking banks to disclose bad loan divergences in their financial statements. Condition: Additional provisioning if divergence exceeds 10% of profit prior to provision and contingencies. Earlier banks were able to make suitable disclosures only when: Mandated provisioning by the RBI exceeded 15% of the net profits after tax for the reference period. RBI thus improved upon the additional provisioning requirements. As per RBI, disclosures have to be made: Condition: Additional gross NPAs if material divergence exceeds 15% of the reported gross NPAs for the reference period.

15) Which Bank has signed agreement with Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company Ltd to sell its life insurance products?

- 1) Nainital Bank
- 2) RBL Bank
- 3) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 4) Karnataka Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Karnataka Bank

Explanation:

Karnataka Bank has signed a pact with Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company Ltd to distribute the latter's life insurance products to provide insurance solutions to the customers of Karnataka Bank. The pact was signed at the head office of the Karnataka Bank by Bharti representatives of the Karnataka Bank and the Bharti Axa Life Insurance Company. This collaboration will facilitate wide choices of life insurance

products to its customers across all its 836 branches of bank supported by the customer centric products of the insurance company.

16) RBI has altered the LCR norms to offer an additional 2% window to lenders. What does C stands for in LCR?

- 1) C-Crisil - Liquidity Crisil Ratio
- 2) C-Coverage - Liquidity Coverage Ratio
- 3) C-Compatible - Liquidity Compatible Ratio
- 4) C-Credit - Liquidity Credit Ratio
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) C-Coverage - Liquidity Coverage Ratio**

Explanation:

RBI has altered the LCR (Liquidity Coverage Ratio) norms to offer an additional 2% window to lenders. The central bank has brought in this alteration in order to improve the cash position of banks by harmonising liquidity requirements and giving away extra money to lenders. For computing the liquidity coverage ratio systematically, banks are allowed to consider an extra 2% of government securities within the compulsory SLR requirement as the Facility to Avail Liquidity for Liquidity Coverage Ratio (FALLCR). For ensuring the bank's ability to meet short-term contract, the amount of highly liquid assets acquired by banks is termed as LCR.

17) How much has been revised from 25 paise by NPCI for payment transaction up to Rs.1000 using Unified Payments Interface (UPI)?

- 1) 25 paise
- 2) 5 paise
- 3) 20 paise
- 4) 10 paise
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 10 paise**

Explanation:

On 2nd April 2019, for promoting the adoption of Unified Payments Interface (UPI), the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has reduced the transaction fees up to Rs 1,000 by 60%. For UPI transactions up to Rs.1,000, the charge has been cut to 10 paise from 25 paise, and for transactions above Rs.1,000 has been retained at 50 paise. This will help the service providers like banks and third-party applications to boost UPI and at the same time will also help the consumers in the long run as more cash backs and incentives can get offered. At present Google Pay, Paytm and PhonePe are aggressively promoting UPI by offering cash back and other benefits.

18) Which Indian regulatory body has approved 'Airport Specific Fund' titled "Taking off to the future airport fund" worth Rs. 10,000 crore for the first time?

- 1) Advertising Standards Council of India
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- 4) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Securities and Exchange Board of India**

Explanation:

Under "Category II Alternate Investment Fund" (AIF), for the first time SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) has approved an "airport specific fund". The name of the fund is "Taking Off To the Future Airport Fund". It can raise a capital amounting to 1.5\$bn (Rs. 10,000 crore). The Sponsor and Investment Manager of the fund is based in Chennai and is termed as 'Taking Off To The Future Investment Management LLP'. Gigi George leads the management and operation of 'Sponsor/Investment

Manager'. A minimum capital contribution of Rs. 3500 crore and a maximum of Rs. 7000 crore is targeted by the fund. iv. India is presently the third largest aviation market in the world.

19) Which bank has signed a term loan Pact of Rs. 2,000 crore for part financing of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) recently?

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

Answer – 3) Canara Bank

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) has signed a term- loan Pact of Rs. 2,000 crore with Canara Bank. The Loan facility prolonged at an interest rate linked to 3-Month MCLR of Bank. The lent amount would be utilized to part finance company's capital expenditure. The tenure for the loan is 15 years. For part financing company's capital expenditure, NTPC had inked a term-loan agreement for Rs. 5,000 crore with State Bank of India in February, 2019.

20) What is the revised GDP growth of India for the fiscal year 2019-20, as projected by World Bank in its recent report on South Asia?

- 1) 7.2%
- 2) 7.3%
- 3) 7.4%
- 4) 7.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 7.5%

Explanation:

The World Bank notified that India's consistent hold in investment sector, mainly private-improved export performance and resilient consumption, has led its GDP growth forecast to mount to 7.5 per cent for fiscal year 2019-20. The real GDP growth is estimated at 7.2 per cent in FY18/19. According to the latest World Bank's report South Asia, data for the first 3 quarters show that growth has been broad-based. Industrial growth sped up to 7.9 per cent which means the services growth will decelerate. Agriculture growth remains at 4%.

21) On 8th April 2019, Reserve Bank of India gave some guidelines which based upon the recommendations of the "Committee on Currency Movement" (CCM) for banks to set up new currency chests. Who is the chairman of CCM?

- 1) DK Mohanty
- 2) Dr. Bimal Jalan
- 3) N.K. Singh
- 4) M.P. Bezbaruah
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) DK Mohanty

Explanation:-

Reserve Bank of India gave some guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests. On 8th April 2019, The Reserve Bank of India gave some guidelines for banks to set up new currency chests, including a minimum area of 1,500 square feet for strong room and should have a processing capacity of 6.6 lakh pieces of banknotes per day. The guidelines are based upon the recommendations of the "Committee on Currency Movement" (CCM) chaired by DK Mohanty, which was constituted by RBI in 2016.

22) Which of the below private bank has signed an agreement to strengthen the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) startup platform?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) City Union Bank
- 3) Axis Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) HDFC Bank

Explanation:-

On 8th April 2019, Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Asia's oldest exchange has signed an agreement with HDFC Bank to spread more awareness about the benefits of listing startups as well as to strengthen BSE startup platform.

23) What is the growth rate of India for the year 2019 as per the World Economic Outlook (WEO) report released by International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- 1) 7.3 %
- 2) 7.5 %
- 3) 7.1 %
- 4) 7.7 %
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) 7.3 %

Explanation:

According to the World Economic Outlook (WEO) report released by International Monetary Fund (IMF), India's growth rate is estimated to rise from 7.3% in 2019 to 7.5% in 2020 provided it receives impetus from the fiscal policy and is backed by the ongoing recovery of investment and consumption within expanded approach of monetary policy. As per the report, India's growth rate was 7.1% in 2018 against China's 6.6%. India will remain the fastest growing major economy in the world. According to the report, India's growth is approximated to stabilise at just under 7¾ over the medium term. This will be possible when structural reforms will continuously be implemented and infrastructure gridlocks would be eased.

24) Which is first Islamic bank in the world to launch chat banking facility for its customer via Whatsapp?

- 1) National Bank of Abu Dhabi
- 2) Emirates Islamic bank
- 3) Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
- 4) Dubai Islamic Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Emirates Islamic bank

Explanation:

On 7th April 2019, Emirates Islamic bank launched a chat banking facility for its customer via Whatsapp and become the world's 1st bank in the Islamic banking sector to give such facility. It was supported by Infobip. ii. This chat banking solution allows customers to check account balances, temporarily blocking or unblocking of an existing card.

25) Name the Asset Management Co., that has topped in terms of average Assets Under Management (AUM) as per the AMFI (Association of Mutual Funds in India).

- 1) Reliance Nippon Life
- 2) ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd
- 3) HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd
- 4) Birla Sun Life Asset Management
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd

Explanation:

According to data released by the AMFI (Association of Mutual Funds in India), India's asset management companies have owned assets under management worth Rs. 24.46 trillion. HDFC AMC.HDFC Asset Management Co. Ltd has achieved the top position with an average AUM of Rs. 3.42 trillion.ICICI Prudential Asset Management Co. Ltd has claimed the second position with an average AUM of at Rs.3.20 trillion.

26) What is the estimated growth of steel demand as per the Indian Steel Association for the year 2019?

- 1) 7.2%
- 2) 7.5%
- 3) 7.3%
- 4) 7.1%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 7.1%**

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, as per the Indian Steel Association, India's steel demand is grown by over 7 percent in 2019 and 2020, due to the sectors like construction, capital goods, and railways.The forecast for steel demand growth is 7.1 percent in 2019 and by 7.2 percent in 2020.The consumption of steel in India is likely to cross 100 million tonnes (MT) mark in 2019.This growth is also due to some infrastructure programmes such as Bharatmala, Sagarmala, railway track electrification, dedicated freight corridors, metro rails, etc.

27)What is the revised interest rate of General Provident Fund(GPF), Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) and other schemes for April-June, 2019-20?

- 1) 7.3%
- 2) 7.5%
- 3) 8%
- 4) 8.2%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 8%**

Explanation:

For the first quarter of current financial year, the government has stuck to the previous (January-March quarter of 2018-2019) interest rate for (GPF) General Provident Fund, Contributory Provident Fund (CPF) and other schemes at 8%.The Department of Economic Affairsnotified that the mentioned interest rate of 8% will be applicable on provident funds of Contributory Provident Fund (India), the All India Services Provident Fund, the State Railway Provident Fund, the General Provident Fund (Defence Services), the Indian Ordnance Department Provident Fund, the Indian Ordnance Factories Workmen's Provident Fund, the Indian Naval Dockyard Workmen's Provident Fund, the Defence Services Officers Provident Fund, and the Armed Forces Personnel Provident Fund.

28)Which private sector bank has associated with AI-based credit underwriting platform CreditVidya to enhance the customer experience?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) Nainital Bank
- 3) Karnataka Bank
- 4) RBL Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) RBL Bank**

Explanation:

RBL Bank has partnered with CreditVidya to enhance the lender's customer experience (by offering them relevant credit products) and construct customised offerings for over 15 lakh customers. RBL bank had

first partnered with CreditVidya in 2018 for instant and automated verification of employment details of salaried card applicants. RBL Bank will leverage CreditVidya's big data underwriting platform across its credit card and mobile banking apps. CreditVidya helps lenders, wallets assess risk of customers, leverages alternative data, artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning for credit scoring for the facilitation of institutional credit for the underserved.

29) According to Reserve Bank of India, bank credit rose to _____ percent for the fortnight to March 29?

- 1) 13.24%
- 2) 11.42%
- 3) 12.31%
- 4) 14.21%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 13.24%

Explanation:

According to the data of Reserve Bank of India, which was released on 11th April, 2019, bank credit rose 13.24% to Rs 97.67 lakh crore for the fortnight to March 29. This is the second consecutive robust credit growth after the same had declined to 4.54 percent in FY17 at Rs 78.41 lakh crore, which was the lowest since 5 decades. Deposits have grown by 10.03 percent to Rs 125.72 lakh crore during the same period.

30) Which bank has recognised as the number 1 bank by customers in India as per the first Forbes World's Best Bank survey?

- 1) DBS Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) IDFC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, as per the first edition of Forbes World's Best Bank survey, HDFC Bank has been recognized as number 1 bank by customers in India. HDFC Bank. The research was done with the help of market research firm 'Statista'. Forbes partnered with this firm to measure the best banks in 23 countries. The survey was based on the customer's satisfaction as well as 5 key attributes of trust, terms and conditions, customer service, digital service, and financial advice. ICICI Bank took the second spot and DBS bank grabbed the third position, followed by Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC Bank which are at the fourth and fifth spot. Also, the public sector banks like Syndicate Bank, PNB, Allahabad Bank, Vijaya Bank, and Axis Bank were in the top 10.

31) SBI has signed its first Co-Origination Loan Agreement with which banking entity for enhancing 'Agri', 'MSME segment' and small businesses?

- 1) Tangerine
- 2) PAISALO Digital Limited
- 3) First Direct
- 4) USAA
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) PAISALO Digital Limited

Explanation:

With the profound vision of empowering the 'Agri', 'MSME segment' and small businesses, PAISALO Digital Limited signed the first co-origination loan agreement (designed at Rs.10,000 to 2 lakh) with State Bank of India (SBI). The company expects to pay out 200,000 loan applications in FY20. The objective of this framework is to bring the 2 sectors, namely, banks and Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs)/Non-Banking Finance Companies (NBFCs) together.

32) Name the organisation which has framed a new rule to launch electronic information exchange between ships and ports.

- 1) International Maritime Law Institute
- 2) World Maritime University
- 3) European Maritime Safety Agency
- 4) International Maritime Organisation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) International Maritime Organisation

Explanation:

IMO (International Maritime Organisation) has mandated a new rule for national governments to launch electronic information exchange between ships and ports. This mandatory requirement came into effect from April 8, 2019 is part of a package of amendments under the revised Annex to the FAL Convention, adopted in 2016. The main motive of the rule is to make cross-border trade simpler and to make efficient logistics chain for more than ten billion tonnes of goods traded globally every year. The new Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic (FAL Convention) is set to establish systems for the electronic exchange of information related to maritime transport.

33) Which is the biggest stock market in the world?

- 1) US Stock Market
- 2) China Stock Market
- 3) Hong Kong Stock Market
- 4) Japan Stock Market
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) US Stock Market

Explanation:

Stock market of Hong Kong has surpassed Japan to become the world's third most valuable market. Now Hong Kong's stock market is behind the US and China. Hong Kong's market value stood at \$5.78 trillion, surpassing Japan's market value at \$5.76 trillion tally for the first time since 2015. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index has increased by 17 percent this year. Topix Index of Japan advanced at 8.3 percent in this period.

34) Largest insurance company, Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), has received _____ years to reduce 10% of its stake in IDBI?

- 1) 10 Years
- 2) 12 Years
- 3) 14 Years
- 4) 15 Years
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 12 Years

Explanation:

Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), the largest insurance company in India, got 12 years from RBI for cut down stake in IDBI Bank. LIC is the lender's major shareholder, and it has a 51 per cent stake in the Bank. It means that no obligation to sell its stake in the following years or would probably spend higher money to keep its stake in any future fund raising by the bank. IDBI Bank Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI) claimed that LIC can take up to 15 percent stake in any bank, which can stretch up to 30 percent as per the board approval. But the insurance regulator has authorised LIC to hold up to 51 percent in IDBI Bank in 2018. After 12 years LIC has to decrease stake in IDBI Bank by 10 per cent to 40 per cent.

35) Reserve Bank of India has permitted Re-insurance and Composite Insurance brokers to open which account for undertaking transactions?

- 1) NRI Account
- 2) Recurring Deposit Account
- 3) DEMAT Account
- 4) Foreign Currency Accounts
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Foreign Currency Accounts

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, The Reserve Bank of India sanctioned reinsurance brokers to initiate non-interest bearing foreign currency accounts with banks for undertaking transactions. The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA) had issued notification and following this the RBI declared Foreign Exchange Management (Foreign Currency Accounts by a resident person in India) Regulations, 2015 – Opening of Foreign Currency Accounts by Re-insurance and Composite Insurance brokers. Foreign currency account refers to a bank account operated in currency other than the currency of India or Bhutan or Nepal.

36) Name the financial service company which has launched a unique proposition to pay electricity bill on EMIs.

- 1) Muthoot Finance
- 2) Bajaj Finserv
- 3) Capital First
- 4) Rupee Power
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bajaj Finserv

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, a unique proposition to pay electricity bill on EMIs has been launched by Bajaj Finserv through its lending arm Bajaj Finance Ltd. through the campaign of #BijliOnEMI. Customers can avail an Insta Credit loan in their Bajaj Finserv Wallet to pay their electricity bills on EMI. In the year 2018, Bajaj Finance Ltd. financed the purchase of over 12 lakh air conditioners in the country. Observing the purchase trend, Bajaj Finance Ltd launched this campaign. Customers buying air conditioners of Rs 20,000 and above will be eligible for Rs 5000 Insta Credit loan and for the air conditioners above Rs 40,000 will receive Rs 7000 Insta Credit loan to their Wallet.

37) Name the institute, that launched 5G use cases lab for altering the 2G-enabled technologies and applications, including point of sale (PoS) machines in the banking sector.

- 1) Central Warehousing Corporation
- 2) Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation
- 3) Industrial Investment Bank of India
- 4) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT)

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, a 5G Use Cases Lab for banking and financial sector along with blockchain technology has been launched by The Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology (IDRBT), which is an arm of Reserve Bank of India. Shri Amit Yadav, who is the Joint Secretary in Department of Telecommunications, launched the 5G Use Cases Lab, and the White Paper on 5G Applications was released by Ms. Anjana Dube, who is the Deputy Director General in Department of Financial Services.

38) Which Private sector bank launched the paperless account opening facility for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) IDBI Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) IDBI Bank

Explanation:

IDBI Bank has launched 'NRI-Insta Online' account opening process for NRIs residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF) member countries to open an account in the Bank without visiting the branch or submitting paper documents such as physical documents as well as KYC proofs. This online facility is available in IDBI Bank's website.

39) Which country received the highest ever sovereign loans worth USD 3 billion from Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) US
- 2) Australia
- 3) India
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) India

Explanation:

On 16th April 2019, Asian Development Bank (ADB) agreed to provide a total of USD 3.88 billion in sovereign loans to India in 2018, which is the highest ever loan amount since sovereign operations began in the country in 1986. ADB. With this total USD 21.6 billion in loans, granted from ADB's own resources, which exceeded the target of USD 19.71 billion and up 10 percent from 2017. ADB committed several projects like a USD 100-million loan to Ostro Kutch Wind, which is a renewable energy company for constructing and operating a 250-megawatt wind power project in Gujarat, also provided USD 30 million in equity and USD 20 million in debt security to Annapurna Finance, a microfinance company.

40) Which is the first Public Sector Bank in India that has shifted to EMV chip and PIN for card based transactions across the country's vast ATM network?

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

Answer – 2) Canara Bank

Explanation:

Global provider of real-time electronic payment and banking solutions, ACI Worldwide, notified that India's public sector bank, Canara Bank has successfully rolled out new functionality that supports EMV (Europay, MasterCard and Visa) card acquiring across its ATM (Automated Teller Machine) network and Aadhaar Authentication, thus becoming the 1st in the market to leverage ACI's UP Retail Payments solution and the 1st public sector bank to shift to EMV chip and PIN for card based transactions across the country's vast ATM network. The functionality developed by ACI and Canara Bank also fastens the process of Aadhaar number linking, which in turn eases KYC (Know Your Customer) compliance at the bank's branches.

41) Name the quasi-cryptocurrency, launched by the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for better understanding of blockchain technology and the function of crypto assets.

- 1) Monero
- 2) Litecoin
- 3) Ethereum
- 4) Learning Coin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Learning Coin

Explanation:

On 13th April 2019, Two international financial institutions the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) have launched a private blockchain and quasi-crypto currency called as “Learning Coin” for better understanding of blockchain technology and the function of crypto assets. This news was published via a Financial Times report. The asset will only be available for use within the IMF and the World Bank. It has no monetary value, means it is not a true cryptocurrency.

42) Which denomination of note under Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series was issued by RBI recently with Shaktikanta Das's signature?

- 1) Rs.10
- 2) Rs.2000
- 3) Rs.50
- 4) Rs.200
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rs.50

Explanation:

On 16th April 2019, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued Rs. 50 denomination banknotes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series that bore Shri Shaktikanta Das' (Governor of RBI) signature. i. The design of these notes is exactly similar to the 'Rs 50 banknotes' in Mahatma Gandhi (New) Series. ii. The RBI notified that all bank notes in the denomination of Rs. 50 issued by the Central Bank in the past will continue to be legal tender. The dimension of the Rs. 50 banknote is 66 mm x 135 mm. On the frontal side, the numeral '50' is written in the Devanagari script along with Mahatma Gandhi's portrait in the centre. A small design of the denominational numeral '50' is printed on the front and back sides of the note, in the middle of the vertical band next to the watermark. It has a correct back-to-back registration and, according to the RBI, the design appears as one when seen against the light.

43) Name the Public sector bank, which has partnered with M1Xchange TReDS platform for MSMEs bill discounting.

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Bank of Maharashtra
- 3) Central Bank of India
- 4) Bank of Baroda
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bank of Maharashtra

Explanation:

State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has partnered with M1Xchange TReDS platform for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) bill discounting. Trade Receivables Discounting System (TreDS) is a digital platform to assist MSMEs to get their bills financed at a competitive rate through a venue where multiple registered financiers can participate. TreDS platform is run by Mynd Solutions, a technology management firm. BoM is now on-boarded as financier on Mynd Solutions. TReDS platform will facilitate shortening of payment cycle and the smooth flow of liquidity and ensure that MSMEs do not miss out on business opportunities due to shortage of funds.

44) Which Public sector bank has tied up with city-based Srei Equipment Finance Ltd to offer joint loans for infrastructure equipment through iQuippo?

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

Answer – 4) Bank of Baroda

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda and city-based Srei Equipment Finance Ltd will collaborate to offer joint loans for infrastructure equipment under a new agreement. This collaboration will allow both Srei and Bank of Baroda to cooperate and widen their respective markets and customer base. Sourcing of loans will be facilitated through iQuippo, which is a Kanoria Foundation initiative.

45) Which country received loan worth 267\$ million (appx.) from EXIM Bank of India to implement various projects viz agriculture, road projects etc.,?

- 1) Rwanda
- 2) Uganda
- 3) Burundi
- 4) Tanzania
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rwanda

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) notified that Exim Bank has proffered soft loans worth 266.6\$ million to Rwanda for various projects. The funding for the projects has been done in 3 distinct tranches. These names of the projects are as follows: for supporting agricultural projects for the development of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) for financing road projects in Rwanda. Amount of funds for the separate tranches are listed as under: Exim Bank, according to the agreement will provide \$100 million to finance the development of 2 SEZs, as well as for the expansion of the Kigali SEZ in Rwanda. \$100 million to finance 3 agricultural project schemes, namely, Warufu Multipurpose Project, Mugesera Irrigation Project and Nyamukana Irrigation Project. \$66.60 million for the Base-Butaro-Kidaho Road Project.

46) Which type of startup was allowed to test the regulatory sandbox or live-testing of innovative products and services in segments as per the draft named “Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox” ?

- 1) Buyable startups
- 2) Scalable startups
- 3) Fintech startups
- 4) Lifestyle startups
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Fintech startups

Explanation:

Recently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released a 14 page draft document named “Enabling Framework for Regulatory Sandbox” in which RBI proposes that Fintech start-ups can set up regulatory sandbox or live-testing of innovative products and services in segments such as digital KYC, retail payments and data analytics among others in the financial sector.

47) Name the head of the committee, who propose the concept of Regulatory Sandbox (RS) .

- 1) Viral V Acharya
- 2) Chetan Ghate
- 3) Pami Dua
- 4) Sudarshan Sen

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Sudarshan Sen**

Explanation:

The concept of Regulatory Sandbox (RS) was proposed by a committee headed by RBI Executive Director Sudarshan Sen. RBI issues guidelines to prevent market. According to bank regulator RBI, a Regulatory Sandbox (RS) refers to live-testing of new products or services in a secure and test regulatory environment for which regulators may or may not allow certain regulatory relaxations for the limited purpose of the testing.

48) Which insurance company has received ISO 31000:2018 certification by TUV India?

1) Bharti AXA General Insurance

2) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited

3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company Limited

4) New India Assurance Co. Ltd.

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited**

Explanation:

An insurance giant Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Limited has received ISO 31000:2018 certification by TUV India. Chola MS has received certification for applying risk management system which conforms to the prescribed standards. ISO 31000:2018 is an international risk management standard developed by International Organisation for Standardization (ISO). This standard issues guidelines, framework, principles and a process for risk management.

49) How much percent of life insurer's premium income was grown for the year 2019, as per Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

1) 15%

2) 14%

3) 13%

4) 11%

5) None of these

Answer – **4) 11%**

Explanation:

According to the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) data, after a very low growth phase, life and non-life premium income of insurance companies have registered substantial growth in financial year 2019. Life insurer's premium income grew 11% in FY19 over 2018 and non-life insurance firms witnessed a 13% rise in their total premium income to Rs 1.70 lakh crore in the financial year ended March 2019. 25 are general insurers: whose collective gross premium in 2018-19 was Rs 1.50 lakh crore, up by around 13% from Rs 1.33 lakh crore in 2018. 7 are standalone private sector insurers: they had a rise of 37% in their combined premium to Rs 11,368.82 crore in the financial year ended March 2019, against Rs 8,314.27 crore in 2018. 2 are government-owned specialised insurers: among them, Agricultural Insurance Company of India and ECGC Ltd registered a dip of 7.75% in premium at Rs 8,425.75 crore during the fiscal ended March 2019, as against Rs 9,133.78 crore in 2018.

50) Which Payment Bank has joined hands with Bharti AXA General Insurance for a two-wheeler insurance product ?

1) Paytm Payments Bank

2) Airtel Payments Bank

3) India Post Payments Bank

4) Aditya Birla Payments Bank

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Airtel Payments Bank**

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, Airtel Payments Bank joined hands with Bharti AXA General Insurance for a two-wheeler insurance product offering which is available on MyAirtel App and at over 40,000 Airtel Payments Bank points across India. This offers various benefits like 70 percent savings on an annual premium, personal accident cover, protection against third-party liabilities and inspection-free renewal through a paperless process. Also, Customers can avail towing services at no extra cost on claim intimation, at the time of insured vehicle breaks down. Customers without an Airtel Payments Bank account can also avail this policy and can renew their two-wheeler insurance at Airtel Payments Bank banking point.

51) Name the General Insurance company, which has received preliminary approval and R1 approval from regulator IRDAI to foray into non-life business.

- 1) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- 2) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 3) Indiabulls General Insurance
- 4) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indiabulls General Insurance

Explanation:

On 17th April 2019, Indiabulls General Insurance has received R1 approval to its proposed general insurance business and preliminary approval to foray into the non-life business from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) respectively. Another subsidiary Indiabulls Life Insurance Company had obtained R1 approval from IRDAI in January 2019.

52) Which insurance company has launched a new product “cyber defence insurance”, to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber attacks?

- 1) National Insurance Company Limited
- 2) United India Insurance
- 3) Star Health and Allied Insurance
- 4) SBI General Insurance
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) SBI General Insurance

Explanation:

On 22nd April 2019, SBI General Insurance has launched its new product – cyber defence insurance to protect businesses from financial and reputational losses due to cyber attacks. At first, it will focus on SMEs and mid-market businesses, but later it can cater to larger businesses. This offers protection against the growing threat of cyber breaches like hacking attacks, identity theft, disclosure of sensitive information and business interruption. Also, provides IT forensic investigations, legal advice, reputational and PR management. SBI General Insurance's (SBIG) Cyber Defense comes with CyRUSS (Cyber Risk Underwriting & Solution Suite) which is a cloud-based tool for Commercial Cyber polices including risk assessment, ongoing risk management, and claim management.

53) Name the first product that is launched by the combination of “Health Guard policy” of Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and “iSecure policy” of Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance.

- 1) Total Health Secure Goal
- 2) Secure Health
- 3) Policy on Health Secure
- 4) Health Secure Guard
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Total Health Secure Goal

Explanation:

Bajaj Allianz General Insurance collaborated with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance to launch their 1st product

titled 'Total Health Secure Goal'. The product is a combination of 2 existing plans, namely, Health Guard policy by Bajaj Allianz General Insurance and iSecure policy by Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance. This combined plan offers customers a 5% extra discount on the total premium and also provides the flexibility of availing service or communication on the product. The product provides an overall insurance solution and ensures that health and security needs of the customer are taken care of without compromising on their savings.

54) Which public sector bank's authorized capital was increased by the central government in consultation with RBI recently?

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

Answer – 4) Allahabad Bank

Explanation:

The central government has increased the authorized capital of state-owned Allahabad Bank from Rs. 3,000 crore to Rs. 8,000 crore after consultation with the Reserve Bank of India. This move by the central government has enabled Allahabad bank to raise further fund up to a maximum ceiling of Rs. 8,000 crore.

55) Which financial inclusion program of India is set to cross Rs 1 lakh crore accounts?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
- 4) Sukanya Samriddhi Account
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana

Explanation:

On 21st April 2019, the total deposits in Jan Dhan Account are set to cross Rs 1 lakh crore soon. The scheme was launched on 28th August 2014 by the Modi-government with an aim to provide universal access to banking facilities to all households. On 3rd April, the total balance in the Jan Dhan accounts was at Rs 97,665.66 and the total number of Jan Dhan accounts crossed 35.39 crores. Also, more than 27.89 crores account holders have been issued the Rupay debit cards. Recently, the government increased the accident insurance cover to Rs 2 lakh from Rs 1 lakh for new accounts opened after 28th August 2018 and the overdraft limit was also doubled to Rs 10,000.

56) Who is the head of the expert committee, that is formed to identify the excess reserves that RBI holds?

- 1) Mavalankar
- 2) Bimal Jalan
- 3) Rajendra Prasad
- 4) Pattabhi Sitaramayya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bimal Jalan

Explanation:

According to the report by Bank of America Merrill Lynch (BofAML), the excess reserves that RBI holds could be up to Rs.3 lakh crore (\$43 billion) or 1.5% of the GDP (Gross Domestic Product). This also includes the excess capital in contingency reserves and revaluation reserves. RBI. The Bimal Jalan committee on the appropriate capital reserves for RBI was likely to identify this excess buffer. The committee was set up in December-end with a 6-member panel headed by former RBI governor Jalan. Indranil Sen Gupta, chief India economist at BofAML notified that RBI maintains higher contingency

reserves as a percentage of its total book compared to its peers in Brazil, Russia and South Africa, thus a lower cap will bring in more funds.

57) Name the public sector bank, which has signed BEML Limited (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) for financing Earth Moving and Construction Equipment.

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) UCO Bank
- 3) Syndicate Bank
- 4) Punjab National Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Syndicate Bank

Explanation:

On 22nd April 2019, Syndicate Bank and BEML Limited (Bharat Earth Movers Limited) have signed an agreement for financing Earth Moving and Construction Equipment which is manufactured by BEML. Also, it will facilitate the availability of loans and address the growing demand for higher capacity equipment in the Mining Industry. Under this agreement, the customers will be provided loans in the range of Rs 20 Lakh to Rs 300 Lakh and preferential pricing by Syndicate Bank. Also, Syndicate Bank and BEML expect to book business worth Rs.100 crore by March 2020.

58) As per RBI's recent approval, HDFC Bank is permitted to hold _____ percent stake in Bandhan bank following the Gruh Finance deal?

- 1) 5%
- 2) 7.5%
- 3) 9.9%
- 4) 12%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 9.9%

Explanation:

The RBI (Reserve Bank of India) has granted approval to HDFC Ltd for holding up to 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank following the Gruh Finance deal. HDFC Bank. Gruh Finance is the housing finance arm of HDFC Ltd and was taken over in January by Bandhan Bank in a share-swap deal. The scheme is yet to get approvals from the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) and the shareholders of Gruh Finance and Bandhan Bank. The Gruh Finance deal will decrease stake of Bandhan Financial Holdings Ltd in Bandhan Bank from 82% to 61%.

59) Which private sector bank has launched the industry's first debit card based authentication solution on National Payments Corporation of India's (NPCI's) e-Mandate Application Program Interface (API) platform?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Explanation:

Kotak Mahindra Bank (Kotak) has launched the first debit card-based authentication solution on NPCI's (National Payments Corporation of India) e-Mandate (electronic mandate) API (Application Program Interface) platform, thus being the first ever Destination Bank to go live with both Net Banking and Debit Card-based e-mandate authentication. The objective of this initiative is to enable Kotak customers to create electronic mandates (similar to the former eNACH with Aadhaar + OTP) (eNACH- Electronic National Automated Clearing House; OTP- One Time Password) via both debit card and net banking provision.

60) According to credit rating agency Fitch, which became the first central bank in the Asia-Pacific region (APAC) to begin an interest rate easing cycle floated by benign food inflation and easier global financial condition?

- 1) Bank of Japan
- 2) Central Bank of Armenia
- 3) Reserve Bank of Fiji
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Reserve Bank of India

Explanation:

The Fitch ratings notified that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) becomes the first central bank in the Asia-Pacific region (APAC) to begin an interest rate easing cycle floated by benign food inflation and easier global financial condition. The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) chaired by Shaktikanta Das, RBI Governor, had cut rates in February and April by citing prospects of benign inflation. In the 4 months of 2019, the RBI has cut policy interest rates 2 times by 0.25% each to one-year low of 6%. This is the 1st back-to-back rate cut since the MPC was formed in 2016. Inflation at 2.9% has stayed within the RBI's comfort zone of 4% (with +/- 2%). Fitch reports stated that the fiscal slippage relative to RBI's targets has brought about stalling of fiscal consolidation.

61) Which of the following financial institutions are now fully owned by central government of India after RBI divested its entire stake?

- i. National Housing Bank (NHB)
- ii. Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- iii. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- iv. Industrial Finance Corporation of India (IFCI)

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

Answer – 2) Option i & iii

Explanation:

Recently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the central government for Rs 1,450 crore and Rs 20 crore respectively. Now the central government holds a 100 percent stake in both these financial institutions. Earlier RBI had 100 percent stake in NHB, which was recently divested for Rs 1,450 crores on March 19 this year. RBI has divested its stake in NABARD in two phases. Originally RBI held only 72.5 percent stake in NABARD amounting to Rs 1,450 crore and remaining 27.5 percent stake held by central government.

62) Name the private sector bank, which has partnered with Germany based global provider of digital payments and commerce solutions, Wirecard to promote financial inclusion in India.

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) IDBI Bank
- 4) RBL Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) RBL Bank

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, Germany-based global provider of digital payments and commerce solutions Wirecard entered into a partnership with RBL Bank to promote financial inclusion in India. The move will make digital payment and banking transactions easily accessible to all Indian citizens. With this

partnership with RBL, Wirecard's customer service representatives will be able to access basic payment and banking services which include cash withdrawals and deposits as well as balance inquiries. They also can offer an even broader range of digital financial services.

63) Under the recommendation of which committee's report, RBI has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the central government?

- 1) Second A C Shah Committee report
- 2) Second Narasimham committee report
- 3) Second A Ghosh Committee report
- 4) Second Adhyarjuna Committee report
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Second Narasimham committee report

Explanation:

Recently, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has divested its entire stake in National Housing Bank (NHB) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to the central government for Rs 1,450 crore and Rs 20 crore respectively. Now the central government holds a 100 percent stake in both these financial institutions. This step has taken based on the recommendations of the second Narasimham Committee report and the discussion paper prepared by RBI titled "Harmonizing the Role and Operations of Development Financial Institutions and Banks."

64) Name the digital financial services company that has collaborated with Aegon Life Insurance and launched a insurance product "Aegon Life Group Term Plus Plan" for providing death and accident related disability cover up to Rs 2 lakh?

- 1) Mobikwik
- 2) Paytm
- 3) FreeCharge
- 4) PhonePe
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mobikwik

Explanation:

Mobikwik, digital financial services company collaborated with pioneer of digital insurance in India, Aegon Life Insurance to launch a Rs 20 smart digital insurance product in order to protect its wallet users from death and accident related disability cover for up to Rs 2 lakh. The insurance product launched is termed as the Aegon Life Group Term Plus Plan. It is available on MobiKwik App. The main objective for this initiative is to improve the insurance penetration in India (this is currently at 3.7%), that is to drive financial inclusion for the masses.

65) Which public sector bank has launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles?

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

Answer – 3) State Bank of India (SBI)

Explanation:

On World Earth Day- April 22, 2019 the State Bank of India (SBI) has launched India's first 'Green Car Loan' (Electric Vehicle) to encourage customers to buy electric vehicles. The new scheme 'Green Car Loan' will offer loan at 20 basis points lower than the interest rate on the existing car loan schemes. The scheme comes with the longest repayment period of up to 8 years. It is thus a strategic inclusion to SBI's auto loan segment that is offered with zero processing fee for the first 6 months of the launch. SBI has

already notified 100% migration to EVs (Electric Vehicles) by 2030 in order to decrease carbon footprints, thus being in line with the government's pledge of ensuring 30% EVs on road by 2030.

66) Who was appointed as head of 13 member committee formed by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) to review regulatory framework on micro insurance?

- 1) Adnan Mahmood
- 2) Suresh Mathur
- 3) M.Rajyalakshmi Rao
- 4) Goraknath Agarwal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Suresh Mathur

Explanation:

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) set up a 13-member committee in order to review regulatory framework on micro insurance, and suggest the steps to be taken to raise demand for such products in India by recommending product designs with customer-friendly underwriting, example, easy premium payment methods and simple claims settlement procedures. The committee is headed by Suresh Mathur, IRDAI's Executive Director. It constitutes officials from IRDAI, life, general and health insurance companies in public and private sectors, as well as NGOs (Non-Government Organizations). The committee was formed because of less than desired offtake of micro insurance products in spite of their immense benefits in India.

67) Which private sector bank has collaborated with India's health insurance company, Max Bupa to launch 'AnyTimeHealth(ATH) machines' for distributing health insurance products ?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) IndusInd Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

Max Bupa, India's health insurance company collaborated with HDFC Bank, India's leading private sector banks, and launched 'AnyTimeHealth (ATH) machines'. The machine is an automated, web-based model that permits customers to avail health assessment, namely, 'Body Mass Index', 'Blood Pressure', 'Body Type & Fat percentage', 'Muscle percentage', 'Bone Mass', 'Body Temperature' and buy health policy dynamically without incorporation of any kind of conventional manual efforts. Max Bupa partnered with HDFC Bank to design an end-to-end 'digital journey' for the bank's customers, which is designed to support HDFC Bank's assisted and non-assisted mode of selling insurance digitally, thus empowering the HDFC's customers to avail health insurance solutions proficiently.

68) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has extended the ombudsman scheme coverage to non-deposit taking Non-banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) having asset size of how much worth?

- 1) 100 crore
- 2) 50 crore
- 3) 20 crore
- 4) 75 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 100 crore

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) extended the ombudsman scheme coverage to non-deposit taking (NBFCs) Non-banking Financial Companies having asset size of Rs.100 crore or higher. This was notified in the Statement of Developmental and Regulatory Policies under the Monetary Policy Statement. The objective of this was to provide a cost-free and swift complaint-redressal mechanism relating to shortage

in the services, concerning loan and other issues by NBFCs under the scheme. The scheme before the extension to some categories of NBFCs was effective for deposit-accepting NBFCs.

69) Which of the following denomination note is set to release by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Rs.5000
- 2) Rs.1000
- 3) Rs.5
- 4) Rs.20
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rs.20**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes. The first Rs 20 notes were issued in the Mahatma Gandhi Series in August 2001.

70) Which motif is depicted in the back side of the new Rs.20 denomination note?

- 1) Mangalyaan
- 2) Ellora caves
- 3) Hampi with Chariot
- 4) Sanchi Stupa
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Ellora caves**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) will issue new Rs 20 denomination banknotes having a base colour of greenish-yellow with size of 63 X 129 mm. The first Rs 20 notes were issued in the Mahatma Gandhi Series in August 2001. The new note will have a motif of Ellora caves on the dorsal side.

71) What is the revised interest rate of Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) for 2018-19?

- 1) 8.45%
- 2) 8.55%
- 3) 8.35%
- 4) 8.65%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 8.65%**

Explanation:

The Department of Financial Services, a wing of the Ministry of Finance, has approved an Employee's Provident Fund (EPF) interest rate hike of 10 basis point to 8.65 percent for 2018-19, as decided by the retirement fund body Employee's Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO). This move will benefit more than 6 crores formal sector workers. Earlier in 2017-18, the interest rate on EPF was 8.55 percent. In February 2019, the EPFO's apex decision making body, the Central Board of Trustees headed by Labour Minister Santosh Gangwar, had decided to hike the interest rate on EPF to 8.65 percent for 2018-19 from 8.55 percent for 2017-18. This hike was the first increase in the last three years.

72) Name the Justice, who chairs the Supreme Court bench which has directed the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to disclose information under the Right to Information (RTI) Act recently.

- 1) Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde
- 2) Justice Ranjan Gogoi
- 3) Justice N.V. Ramana
- 4) Justice L Nageswara Rao
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Justice L Nageswara Rao**

Explanation:

Recently, Supreme Court bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao has directed the Reserve Bank of

India (RBI) to disclose information related to its annual inspection report of banks under the Right to Information (RTI) Act until and unless they are exempted under law. The bench has also directed the RBI to review its policy to disclose information relating to banks under RTI. The bench was hearing a contempt petition filed by RTI activists Subhash Chandra Agarwal and Girish Mittal against the Reserve Bank of India.

73) Which IT service management company has launched the real-time voice banking platform to provide customers with personalized banking interactions?

- 1) Aspire Systems
- 2) Sensiple Software Solutions
- 3) Financial Software Services (FSS)
- 4) ExcelaCom Technologies Private Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Financial Software Services (FSS)

Explanation:

On 16th April 2019, Financial Software Services (FSS) has launched FSS Voice Commerce which is a real-time voice banking platform to provide customers with personalized banking interactions. It uses machine-learning language processing techniques for analysis and synthesis of language and speech to deliver the service. This platform interfaces with any retail banking system to provide real-time information of accounts and balances.

74) Name the insurance product launched by Canara Bank in association with its life insurance partner, Canara HSBC Oriental Bank to provide various facilities to its customers recently.

- 1) Pragati
- 2) Webassurance
- 3) SBI Exclusif
- 4) Cyber Insurance
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Webassurance

Explanation:

On 27th April 2019, Canara Bank and its life insurance partner Canara HSBC Oriental Bank of Commerce Life Insurance launched 'Webassurance' to enable its customers to purchase life insurance in a convenient and hassle-free way. Total Four life insurance products of Canara HSBC OBC Life would be made available to its customers with various facilities like key needs of child future, savings, and investments, retirement planning and protection. ii. Through this Webassurance, the bank will be able to service the protection needs of its younger and net-savvy customers.

75) Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has recently proposed the rules on opening and processing which account of corporate borrowers to prevent diversion of funds?

- 1) Recurring Deposit Account
- 2) Current Account
- 3) Deposit account
- 4) Fixed Deposit Account
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Current Account

Explanation:

India's Central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would tighten rules on opening and operating current accounts of corporate borrowers to prevent the diversion of funds. RBI had notified that the banks with collection accounts will have to transfer funds to the current account and the current accounts could be opened only with the lead bank of a lending association. The rules would be applicable to corporates who have borrowed and used credit facilities of more than Rs 50 crore from the banking system. Customers using credit facility of Rs 5 to Rs 50 crore can also open current accounts with any

bank, even if it is not the consortium's leading bank (which is not a consortium leader). But only collection accounts can be run with non-lending banks.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

1) Which of the following nations are imposed with Anti Dumping Duty on the import of Solar Components?

- i. China
 - ii. Malaysia
 - iii. Saudi Arabia
 - iv. Thailand
 - v. Pakistan
- 1) All the Options excluding i
 - 2) All the Options excluding v
 - 3) All the Options excluding iii
 - 4) All the Options excluding ii
 - 5) None of these

Answer – **2) All the Options excluding v**

Explanation:

In order to safeguard domestic players against cheap shipments, Department of Revenue, Government of India has imposed anti-dumping duty up to USD 1559 (Rs 1,07,844) per tonne on the import of certain solar cell components (Ethylene Vinyl Acetate Sheet for Solar Module) from China, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia and Thailand for a period of 5 years. This move is taken on the recommendation of Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), which is the Investigation Arm of Ministry of Commerce.

2) Name the Mini Ratna CPSU, which has successfully turned 1000 railway stations across the country into Free Wi-Fi zone.

- 1) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
- 2) National Small Industries Corporation Limited
- 3) RailTel Corporation of India
- 4) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) RailTel Corporation of India**

Explanation:

RailTel Corporation of India Ltd, a Mini Ratna CPSU under the Ministry of Railways, has successfully completed work of turning 1000 railway stations across the country into Free Wi-Fi zone. RailTel started the project in January 2016 from Mumbai Central station in Maharashtra. It was the first station to have the fast and free RailWire Wi-Fi and in a span of two years and three months, RailTel has completed 1000 stations, read a statement. The Reay Road station of the suburban line of Central Railways in Mumbai is the 1000th station to go live with Wi-Fi.

3) BNP Paribas Cardif has sold 5 crore shares of which life insurance company for Rs 2,889 crore?

- 1) Max Life Insurance
- 2) SBI Life Insurance
- 3) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- 4) HDFC Life
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) SBI Life Insurance**

Explanation:

The foreign partner of SBI Life Insurance, BNP Paribas Cardif has sold 5 crore shares of the company for Rs 2,889 crore to increase its public shareholding to 25% of its paid-up equity share capital on or before October 2, 2020. This sale has not undertaken as per the methods prescribed by SEBI for achieving the

minimum public shareholding (MPS) Threshold. The average price of equity share during the sale was Rs 577.93 per equity share. On the other hand, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board has bought 2 crore shares at an average price of Rs 577.50 per shares. Both transactions were carried out as bulk deal from one investor to another.

4) Asian Development Bank has projected India's GDP as ____ per cent for the year 2019-20?

- 1) 7.1%
 - 2) 7.5%
 - 3) 7.6%
 - 4) 7.2%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) 7.2%

Explanation:

As global risks from trade tensions to Brexit surge, the ADB (Asia Development Bank) in its publication Asian Development Outlook 2019 has demoted growth forecasts for India and Southeast Asia for 2019. For India, it has been downgraded by 40 basis points to 7.2% for fiscal year 2019-20 while Southeast Asia's growth estimate was lowered to 4.9% by 0.2 percentage point. Given strong corporate fundamentals, India will maintain its position as one of the fastest growing economies in the world. UK's exit from the European Union, financial market volatility and the constantly worsening trade conflict between China and the US could hamper the investment scenario. The growth rate in fiscal year 2020-21 would approximately be 7.3%. As the price of food commodities increase, the consumer price inflation is expected to go up to 4.3% in FY 2019 and 4.6% in 2020.

5) Which country has approved to supply the 24 multi-mission Lockheed Martin-built MH-60 'Romeo' Seahawk helicopters to India around \$2.6 billion worth?

- 1) US
 - 2) Russia
 - 3) Japan
 - 4) China
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 1) US

Explanation:

At an estimated cost of \$2.6 billion, the United States has approved the sale of 24 multi-mission Lockheed Martin-built MH-60 "Romeo" Seahawk helicopters to India. These choppers designed for targeting ships, hunting submarines and conducting search-and-rescue operations at sea, would replenish the age-old fleet of British-made Sea King helicopters, used by India. This particular sale proposal would help in strengthening the US-India strategic relationship by aiding the foreign policy and the national security of the US. The sale approval by the US will not only provide India's defence forces the ability to carry out anti-surface and anti-submarine warfare missions but also the capability to perform secondary missions. The secondary missions is inclusive of vertical replenishment. The choppers are currently deployed with the US navy and are reviewed as the world's most capable maritime helicopter constructed to operate from aircraft carriers, cruisers, destroyers and frigates. The whopping cost of \$2.6 billion includes other supporting equipment and ammunition, namely, 10 Hellfire missiles, 30 MK 54 torpedoes and 38 Advanced Precision Kill Weapon System rockets. The main contractor of the deal is Lockheed Martin's "Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems". Defence trade between India and the US has risen extravagantly in the last 10 years and is estimated to reach \$18 billion in 2019.

6) Which of the following became the first Indian stock exchanges to sign MoU with Moscow exchange(MOEX) to connect investor community and companies?

- i. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- ii. National Stock Exchange of India (NSE)
- iii. NSE International Exchange

iv. India International Exchange (INX)

v. Magadh Stock Exchange

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

Answer – 2) Option i & iv

Explanation:

BSE (earlier called Bombay Stock Exchange) and INX (India International Exchange) are the first Indian exchanges to sign MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with MOEX (Moscow Exchange) in order to allow capital formation platform and connect investor community and companies in both India and Russia. BSE, INX and MOEX have accorded with the secondment of senior workforce to strengthen understanding of activities in each other's market and to enhance the development of the communication channels. They will administer joint research in the areas of cross-listing of fixed income product cooperation, derivative products, dual listing and Exchange Traded Fund (ETF). On Wednesday, 3rd April 2019, the Mou was signed with MOEX CEO Alexander Afanasiev by Ashishkumar Chauhan, the Managing Director and CEO of BSE. The 3 exchange companies will use the India-Russia initiative to enlarge the client network and enhance professional intermediaries in both the home market and through cross-border.

7) Which telecom company has granted with In-Flight Connectivity license from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT)?

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

Answer – 3) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited

Explanation:

On 4th April 2019, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has received the In-Flight Connectivity license from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) for enabling in-flight and maritime connectivity (IFMC) within Indian airspace. BSNL and Inmarsat, which is the satellite partner of BSNL, also operates the GX Aviation service will be able to offer in-flight connectivity to airlines. With this facility users can send messages, surf the internet and/or tweet, when a flight is at a minimum height of 3,000m in Indian airspace. Presently any form of internet connectivity for both domestic and international flights is not available on Indian flights. After, this facility enabled, users will still have restricted amounts of data available for their uses, applicable for all airlines.

8) Recently Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has signed 18 APAs, APA stands for?

- 1) Advance Pricing Agreement (APA)
- 2) Agreement on Pricing in Advance (APA)
- 3) Agreement on Pricing and Alternate tax (APA)
- 4) Agreement on Pricing and Advance tax (APA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Advance Pricing Agreement (APA)

Explanation:

The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has entered into 18 APAs (Advance Pricing Agreements) inclusive of 03 Bilateral APAs (BAPAs) during the month of March 2019. The total number of APAs entered into by the CBDT in 2018-19 is 52, which is inclusive of 11 BAPAs. As of now, the number of APAs entered into by the CBDT is 271, which includes 31 BAPAs. In March 2019, the BAPAs entered into with following treaty partners:- Australia – 1 Netherlands – 1 USA – 1. The Unilateral APAs (UAPAs) and

BAPAs which entered into March 2019 concern very many sectors and sub-sectors of the economy, namely, risk management solutions platforms, BPO, IT/ITeS, ATMs, industrial and institutional cleaning and hygiene products, anti-friction bearings.

9) Which company will launch India's first AI-enabled electric motorcycle?

- 1) Mahindra & Mahindra
- 2) Yamaha Motor Company
- 3) Enfield Cycle Co. Ltd
- 4) Revolt Intellicorp Pvt. Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Revolt Intellicorp Pvt. Ltd.**

Explanation:

Micromax co-founder Rahul Sharma has announced his incursion into smart mobility with the launching of an AI (Artificial intelligence) enabled electric motorcycle. This launch is expected to hit the roads by June this year. He has set up Revolt Intellicorp Pvt Ltd, headquartered at Gurugram, to make personal mobility practical, affordable and sustainable, earmarking around Rs 500 crore of investment. He has claimed that Revolt Intellicorp is going to be a game changer in the automobile industry.

10) How much will be invested by National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and global private infrastructure operator ROADIS in road projects in India?

- 1) \$2 billion
- 2) \$3 billion
- 3) \$4 billion
- 4) \$1 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) \$2 billion**

Explanation:

The National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and global private infrastructure operator ROADIS (owned by Public Sector Pension Investment board abbreviated as PSP investment) have jointly set up a platform for investing up to \$2 billion in road projects in India. The platform will target 3 things, namely, The TOT (Toll-Operator-Transfer model) Acquisition of existing road concessions prospective investment opportunities in the India's road-sector, with the sole objective of creating large roads platform in the nation. ii. For the monetisation of publicly-funded highways, the TOT model was introduced by the government of India in 2016. Supported by a sound tolling system, under the TOT model, the investors make a one-time payment in return for long-term toll collection rights iii. ROADIS is by far the largest European highway concession manager in India with 710 km of highways within its ownership and management.

11) What is the new seller-funding programme launched by Amazon India to help the small businesses and entrepreneurs to raise funds through the crowd funding platform?

- 1) Amazon Go
- 2) Amazon Inspire
- 3) Amazon Wings
- 4) Amazon Business
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Amazon Wings**

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, a new seller-funding programme named "Amazon Wings" has been launched by Amazon India in partnership with Mumbai based Ketto, a crowd-funding platform to help the small businesses and entrepreneurs to raise funds through latter. Also, it launches a dedicated microsite to feature fundraisers initiated by sellers by which they can raise small ticket funds starting from as little as

Rs 50,000 by means of crowd-funding through multiple individuals. Presently, Amazon India runs a programme called "Launchpad" that helps product start-ups get a wider reach on the platform.

12) Which of the following report of the World Bank stated that India retained its position as the world's top recipient in 2018?

- 1) Human Capital Index
- 2) Ease of Doing Business
- 3) Global Financial Stability Report
- 4) Migration and Development Brief
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Migration and Development Brief

Explanation:-

According to World Bank's Migration and Development Brief; with the Indian diaspora sending 79\$ billion back to their home country, India retained its position as the world's top recipient of remittance in 2018. India was followed by remittances of: China: 67\$ billion and Mexico: 36\$ billion in top 3.

13) India has met the revised fiscal deficit target of _____ of gross domestic product in fiscal year 2018-2019.

- 1) 3.8%
- 2) 3.4%
- 3) 3.6%
- 4) 3.3%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 3.4%

Explanation:- India has met the revised fiscal deficit target of 3.4% of gross domestic product in fiscal year 2018-2019. Target has been achieved by cuts in state spending and higher borrowings from small savings funds. Centre has missed the tax collections target by over 1 trillion rupees which includes around 500 billion rupees shortfall in income tax receipts.

14) Cabinet Committee of Security has cleared the proposal for the procurement of the 464 T-90 tanks from which country?

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

Answer – 2) Russia

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee of Security has cleared the procurement of 464 Russian tanks from Russia under T-90 project in a deal worth over Rs 13,500 crore. The tanks would be given to the Armoured Corps of the force which will be furthered used by them for deployment along the India-Pakistan border. The new deal would increase the number of T-90s in the Army to 2,000 along with the remaining T-72 and T-55s. The acquisition also includes a Make-in-India element for integration at the Heavy Vehicles Factory in Avadi (near Chennai).

15) Name the space research organization, has partnered with Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) for the first time to conserve smaller wetlands to combat effects of climate change.

- 1) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- 2) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- 3) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 4) SpaceX
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Explanation:

For the very 1st time, The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has partnered with the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) to map, validate and protect smaller wetlands in the coastal region and preserve them through coastal livelihood programmes. This has been done to build a strong foundation against the effects of climate change. The collaborative move of the 2 institutes was part of a national framework for fisheries and wetlands that was recently developed by the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project of CMFRI.

16) Which product can be procured using Google Pay after its partnership with Bullion refiner MMTC-PAMP India?

- 1) Gold
- 2) Foreign bonds
- 3) Shares
- 4) High-yield bonds
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Gold

Explanation:

Google Pay has partnered with Bullion refiner MMTC-PAMP India to initiate buying and selling of gold through the app to make Google Pay more useful for Indian customers. MMTC-PAMP is India's only London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)-accredited gold refinery. Through this pact, Google Pay users will be able to buy 99.99 per cent 24-karat gold for any value, which will be stored on behalf of the user in secure vaults by MMTC-PAMP. Google pay users can now buy and sell gold any time at the latest price.

17) In which sector, an MoU has been signed between Tata Trusts and Microsoft India to rejuvenate?

- 1) Handloom Clusters
- 2) Agriculture & Allied Sector
- 3) Manufacturing Sector
- 4) Forestry & Fishing Sector
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Handloom Clusters

Explanation:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed by Tata Trusts and Microsoft India for jointly rejuvenating the handloom clusters in the eastern and north-eastern parts of India in order to build a digitally-inclusive society. Microsoft will also enable digital training through a Microsoft Azure-based Learning Management System termed as 'Project Sangam', which provides necessary training and tools to weaving communities for them to adopt and deploy digital tools for the betterment of their craftwork.

18) Name the initiative launched by Microsoft to preserve traditional weaving forms in India.

- 1) Weavedraft
- 2) WeaveIt
- 3) ReWeave
- 4) Antaran
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) ReWeave

Explanation:

Microsoft's Project 'ReWeave' will help to preserve traditional weaving forms by upskilling workers, designing and marketing products, and creating sustainable livelihood options. Tata Trusts' initiative, Antaran's main objective is to rejuvenate ailing handloom clusters through an end-to-end programme that would help artisans to become designers and entrepreneurs.

19) Name the organization, which owed USD 38 million(highest amount)to India for peacekeeping operations.

- 1) United Nation
- 2) World Trade Organization
- 3) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
- 4) Association of Southeast Asian Nations
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) United Nation

Explanation:

United Nation Secretary General (UNSG) Antonio Guterres voiced concern that the UN owes India USD 38 million, the highest amount which has to be paid by any country for peacekeeping operations as of March 2019. Till now, the total amount which has to be paid to troops and police-contributing countries (TCCs/PCCs) with respect to active peacekeeping missions was USD 265 million. Out of this, the UN owes USD 38 million to India, followed by Rwanda (USD 31 million), Pakistan (USD 28 million), Bangladesh (USD 25 million) and Nepal (USD 23 million). This dues to troops and police-contributing countries could increase to USD 588 million by June 2019 in the worst case scenario.

20) In which city, the first African artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory launched by tech giant Google?

- 1) Monrovia, Liberia
- 2) Bamako, Mali
- 3) Abuja, Nigeria
- 4) Accra, Ghana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Accra, Ghana

Explanation:

Google has launched its first African artificial Intelligence (AI) laboratory in Accra, capital city of Ghana, to tackle Africa's challenges. The lab will collaborate with researchers in Ghana and across Africa to create the need impact in the country. The technology would address economic, political and environmental issues. The new laboratory will use Artificial Intelligence technique to develop solutions in healthcare, education and agriculture.

21) Which financial services app has become first in India to integrate with Unified Payment Interface(UPI)?

- 1) Acorns
- 2) coinbase
- 3) Robinhood
- 4) ETMONEY
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) ETMONEY

Explanation:

ETMONEY India's largest app for financial services has integrated with UPI as a payment method. The reason for this is to double its monthly user base by the end of 2019. This integration will simplify the mutual fund payment for millions of ETMONEY users. Now ETMONEY users can make payment easily by using UPI option on the payment page. They can select different UPI-enabled apps like Google Pay, BHIM UPI, PhonePe among others. They only have to enter valid UPI ID and can make the payment instantly within a few seconds. In addition to this, ETMONEY users can use Netbanking and Debit Card for payments.

22) Which department has issued a notice period of 12 months to monetise non-core assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and immovable enemy properties?

- 1) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)
- 2) Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)
- 3) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
- 4) Department of Public Enterprises (DPE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)

Explanation:

The Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) stated guidelines for monetisation of non-core assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) and immovable enemy properties. The guidelines for monetisation of non-core assets are as follows: An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG) headed by the secretary of DIPAM will identify the non-core assets of the CPSEs. It could identify the assets on the basis of recommendations of the Niti Aayog. The final decision would be taken by the panel chaired by the Finance minister. After the final approval of the assets, the monetisation should be strictly completed within 12 months. In case the time limitation of 12 months is not followed, the finance ministry may put forth budgetary allocations to the CPSEs.

23) Which department has proposed change in the methodology for taxing multinational companies, including digital firms?

- 1) Income tax department
- 2) Department of Information Technology
- 3) Department of Consumer Affairs
- 4) Department of Revenue
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Income tax department

Explanation:

The income tax department has altered the method for taxing multinational companies (MNCs) and digital firms with permanent establishment in India by taking into account various factors like domestic sales, employee (manpower and wages) strength, assets and user base. In 'Profit Attribution to Permanent Establishment (PE) in India' report, the CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes) Committee stated that MNCs that are suffering global losses or a global profit margin of less than 2% and have their operations in India will be considered to have made a profit of 2% of Indian revenue and will be taxed accordingly. The committee has altered the system to protect India's revenue interests. The CBDT invited comments from stakeholders on the report within 30 days.

24) Under which act, does CRISIL has transferred its Rating business to its subsidiary?

- 1) Section 240 to 242 of the Companies Act, 2013
- 2) Section 210 to 212 of the Companies Act, 2013
- 3) Section 220 to 222 of the Companies Act, 2013
- 4) Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013

Explanation:

On 17th April 2019, a diversified global analytics company, will transfer its ratings business to its proposed new wholly owned subsidiary. In 2018, SEBI had modified its regulations for credit rating agencies and mandated the segregation of rating and non-ratings businesses of credit-rating agencies. CRISIL makes the transfer of rating business through the scheme of arrangement in terms of section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013, to be approved by the stock exchanges and the national Company Law Tribunal.

25)Where was the Asian Tea Alliance(ATA), a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries launched?

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

Answer – 2) Guizhou, China

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, To boost tea trade,cultural and technical exchanges as well as global promotion of tea,the Asian Tea Alliance (ATA),a union of five tea-growing and consuming countries,was opened in Guizhou,China.The alliance was constituted with Indian Tea Association,Indonesian tea Marketing Association,China tea marketing Association,Sri Lanka Tea Board and tea Association.This Alliance was formed based on the Memorandum of Understanding signed between Indian tea Association and China tea Marketing Association in December 2018 to promote tea consumption in India, China, U.S., Russia, Europe and West Asia.

26)Which entity has projected, India's business sentiments declined by 7.7% for 2nd quarter in 2019 in its report titled "Composite Business Optimism Index"?

- 1) Dun & Bradstreet (D&B)
- 2) National Stock Exchange of India
- 3) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 4) India ratings and research
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dun & Bradstreet (D&B)

Explanation:

According to Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) report, business sentiments on the country's financial and macroeconomic conditions continue to decline in the second quarter of 2019 as compared to the second quarter in 2018. D&B Composite Business Optimism Index conclude 78.4 scores during Q2 2019 as compared to 85.0 during Q2 2018, a decline of 7.7%.

27)Which stock exchange has signed MoU with Network Intelligence to provide cyber security services to its members?

- 1) OTC Exchange of India
- 2) India International Exchange
- 3) National Stock Exchange(NSE)
- 4) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)

Explanation:

Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), Asia's first and India's largest stock exchange and Network Intelligence, a global cybersecurity services provider & CERT-IN empanelled vendor inks Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to provide cybersecurity services to its members according to the cybersecurity framework set by SEBI. Last year, SEBI had released its guidelines on cybersecurity titled "Cybersecurity & cyber Resilience Framework for Stock Brokers/Depository Participants." BlueScope, a platform developed by Network Intelligence, will offer 24×7 monitoring to the members.

28)Ministry of Ayush and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) has signed MoU for cooperation in which of the following sector?

- 1) Research and Education of traditional system of medicines
- 2) Occupational Safety and Health
- 3) Road Infrastructure Sector

4) Geology and Mineral Resources

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Research and Education of traditional system of medicines

Explanation:

Ayush Ministry has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi for cooperation in the field of research and education of traditional system of medicines and its integration with modern science. Earlier, CSIR and Ayush Ministry jointly developed the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) which prevents bio-piracy and misappropriation of traditional knowledge. Under the agreement, both CSIR and Ayush Ministry jointly endeavor to proceed in the activities like R&D covering fundamental research; gene expression and Prakriti; exploring modern scientific methods for integration with traditional Indian Systems of Medicine, etc.

29) Under which scheme does Central Government has made compulsory for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufactures in India to locally source at least 50% components for receiving subsidies?

1) Jago Grahak Jago

2) Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana

3) FAME I

4) FAME II

5) None of these

Answer – 4) FAME II

Explanation:

Under the FAME II scheme, the Central Government has made compulsory for Electric Vehicle (EV) manufactures in India to locally source at least 50% components for the provision of receiving subsidies. This step has been taken to encourage local manufacturing and relying less on imports. The conditions under FAME II scheme were decided by the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee of National Mission for Transformative Mobility headed by Amitabh Kant, (Chief executive Officer) CEO of NITI Aayog. Only the companies that meet the 50% localisation threshold will be eligible for incentives and subsidies under Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Hybrid and Electric Vehicles (FAME-II) scheme for enhancing electric mobility.

30) As per the Stanford study published in the journal “Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences”, Indian Economy shrunk by ____ percent due to global warming?

1) 50%

2) 31%

3) 40%

4) 65%

5) None of these

Answer – 2) 31%

Explanation:

As per the Stanford study, changes in the earth's temperature have increased inequalities which resulted in the shrinking of the Indian economy by 31 percent due to global warming. The study published in the journal titled 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences'. The study revealed that since the 1960s the concentrations of greenhouse gases have increased earth's atmosphere which has benefited cooler countries like Norway and Sweden but harmed the economic growth of warmer countries like India and Nigeria. The study also shows that from 1961 to 2010, global warming has decreased the wealth per person of the world's poorest countries by 17-30 percent.

31) Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) and Prin. L N Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research has signed MoU for cooperation in which sector?

1) To support financial sector

2) To enhance trading sector

- 3) To enhance infrastructure
- 4) To support startups in exports
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) To support startups in exports**

Explanation:

Exporters' body, the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) has inked an agreement with Mumbai-based Prin. L N Welingkar Institute of Management Development and Research in order to support startups engaged in the export sector. Under the memorandum of understanding (MoU), FIEO has launched a postgraduate programme in foreign trade management (PGP-FTM) at Mumbai. The aim of this industry-academia partnership is to attract new entrepreneurs in exports to bridge the gap of availability of qualified skilled manpower in Exim trade.

32) Which entity has collaborated with India Post for digitizing 1.5 lakh post offices in India, for creating World's Biggest EPostal Network?

- 1) TCS
- 2) Microsoft
- 3) IBM
- 4) Intel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) TCS**

Explanation:

India Post has collaborated with India's leading tech giant, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) for the digitizing of 1.5 lakh post offices in India, thus creating World's Biggest EPostal Network and the largest SAP implementations worldwide. Both the companies had struck a deal of over Rs. 1,100 crore in 2013 for an end-to-end IT modernization program. The prime objective of the deal was to digitize the Indian post offices with the modern technologies and systems for providing efficient services to the consumers, thus driving financial inclusion by providing advantage for accessibility to citizens in remote areas. The Core System Integration (CSI) program that's been designed and deployed by TCS supports more than 5 lakh employees and 40,000 users. Furthermore, it processes 3 million postal transactions per day.

33) Name the Cryptocurrency Exchange in India, that has launched the first Indian Platform for Wholesale Cryptocurrency Trading.

- 1) Zebpay
- 2) Belfrics
- 3) BuyUcoin
- 4) Coinsecure
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) BuyUcoin**

Explanation:

BuyUcoin, second oldest Cryptocurrency Exchange in India, has introduced a new and unique platform for wholesale cryptocurrency trading. This platform works on 'free trading model' which means it charges zero fee on any trade. This wholesale platform also known as OTC (Over-the-counter) Desk allows users to trade on a large scale with low price fluctuations. This new platform will help to improve the problem of liquidity of cryptocurrency in Indian market. This will also help in quicker transactions, better prices and market stability.

34) Food regulator of India, Food Safety and Standards Regulations (FSSAI) has banned import of milk and milk products from which country?

- 1) China
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Japan

5) None of these

Answer – **1) China**

Explanation:

The government has extended the ban on import of milk and milk products from China (including chocolates, chocolate products, candies, confectionary, food preparations with milk or milk solids as an ingredient). The ban on milk products was 1st imposed in September 2008 and it had been extended continuously from time to time. The recent ban imposed by the government ended on April 23, 2019. Food regulator FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) has recommended that the ban should be extended till laboratories at ports are modernized to test the presence of the toxic chemical melamine. Melamine is an extremely toxic chemical that is used for making plastics and fertilisers.

35) Name the regulatory body, which has reduced the minimum subscription requirement for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)?

- 1) Federation of Indian Export Organisation (FIEO)
- 2) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- 3) Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)
- 4) Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)
- 5) None of these

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

Explanation:

Recently, SEBI in his guidelines titled “Guidelines for Determination of Allotment and Trading Lot Size for Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs)” has reduced the minimum subscription requirement as well as defined trading lots for REITs and InvITs. For determining the allotment in an initial offer and follow on public offers, REITs have to offer their units in lots worth at least Rs 50,000 and in case of InvITs, the minimum value of a single lot should be Rs 1 lakh. The allotment to any investor shall be made in the multiples of a lot. For initial listing in case of REITs and InvITs, a trading lot should be of 100 units and for follow on public offers, each lot shall consist of such number of units in its trading lot as it had at the time of initial offer. Moreover, SEBI has also increased leverage limit for InvITs from 49 percent to 70 percent.

36) Name the department, which has prepared the “Startup India Vision 2024” to promote entrepreneurs and to facilitate setting up of 50,000 new start-ups in the country by 2024.

- 1) Department of Heavy Industries
- 2) Department of Public Enterprises
- 3) Department of Information Technology
- 4) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)**

Explanation:

The Commerce and Industry Ministry has proposed measures such as tax incentives to promote entrepreneurs as part of the ‘Startup India Vision 2024’. The aim of the vision document is to facilitate setting up of 50,000 new start-ups in the country by 2024 and creating 20 lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities. The vision document has been prepared by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) which is under the Commerce and Industry Ministry.

37) Which organization is set to partner with the Embassy of the US to jointly promote domestic investments during ‘Select USA 2019’ summit that will be held in Washington DC?

- 1) Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI)
- 2) Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)
- 3) National Productivity Council (NPC)
- 4) Project Exports Promotion Council of India (PEPC)

5) None of these

Answer - **1) Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI)**

Explanation:

The Trade Promotion Council of India (TPCI) on Thursday said it is partnering with Embassy of the US in the national capital to jointly promote domestic investments during 'Select USA 2019' summit. The summit, dedicated to promote foreign direct investment in America, will be held from June 10-12 in Washington DC. TPCI has signed a partnership agreement with the US Commercial Service, Embassy of the US in New Delhi for the same, it said in a statement.

38) Which tech giant has become the world's third entity to cross worth \$1 trillion?

1) Amazon

2) Microsoft

3) Apple

4) IBM

5) None of these

Answer - **2) Microsoft**

Explanation:

Seattle-based tech giant Microsoft has reached a valuation of \$1 trillion for the first time after a jump in stock valuation that followed a qualitative-laden third fiscal quarter and has again taken over Apple as the world's most valuable company. Microsoft India most attractive employer brand: Randstad. Microsoft has become the third company to cross that once-unimaginable line following Apple, earned in August 2018 and Amazon, earned in September 2018. According to Q3 fiscal earnings, Office, LinkedIn, and Dynamics gained \$10.2 billion USD, Azure Cloud, server products, and enterprise services gained \$9.7 billion USD and Windows, Xbox, and Surface earned \$10.7 billion USD.

39) Name the credit rating agency, which has released Macro Research report indicating India is set to install 54.7 GW wind capacity by 2022.

1) Fitch Solutions

2) Crisil

3) Credit Analysis and Research limited (CARE)

4) Information and Credit Rating Agency (ICRA)

5) None of these

Answer - **1) Fitch Solutions**

Explanation:

According to Fitch Solutions Macro Research report, India is probably going to install 54.7GW of wind capacity by 2022 against the 60 GW target set by the government. This wind capacity installation is a part of India's ambitious target of installing 175 GW of renewable energy capacity by the year 2022 which includes 100 GW from solar, 60 GW from wind, 10GW from bio-power and 5 GW from small hydro-power.

40) What is the custom duty of wheat, which is revised by Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) recently?

1) 20%

2) 50%

3) 30%

4) 40%

5) None of these

Answer - **4) 40%**

Explanation:

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) hiked the basic customs duty (BCD) on wheat to 40% from 30%. The objective is to restrict imports so that domestic prices of wheat do not come under

pressure as the country's wheat production in this season might cross 100 million tonnes. Last year in May, the government hiked the basic customs duty on wheat to 30% from 20%.

41) Name the product, which is set to be launched by government of India to curb tax evasion.

- 1) E-GST Portal
- 2) Electronic invoices (e-invoices)
- 3) Integrated GST
- 4) Electronic GST
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Electronic invoices (e-invoices)

Explanation:

On 28th April 2019, the government of India has formed a 13-member committee having representatives from GST Network (GSTN), central and state governments to examine the electronic tax invoice system of various countries like South Korea, Latin America and suggest a model for India. The introduction of electronic invoices (e-invoices) through the Goods and Services Tax (GST) portal which will help the indirect tax system and keep a check on tax evasion. For the e-invoices system, the committee will examine and suggest the target taxpayers and the threshold limit.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) Which fiction character became the first Inductee of Comic-Con Museum's Character Hall of Fame?

- 1) Batman
- 2) Superman
- 3) Spider-Man
- 4) Captain America
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Batman

Explanation:

On his 80th Birthday, Batman will become the first Inductee of Comic-Con Museum's Character Hall of Fame, in a ceremony at 50th Annual Comic-Con International in San Diego, USA on 17th July 2019. The Batman is a fictional character of DC Comics. The Character of Batman was created by artist Bob Kane and writer Bill Finger. Batman first appeared in Detective Comics #27 in 1939.

2) Which state's Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric) received Geographical Indications (GI) tag recently?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Odisha

Explanation:

Kandhamal Haldi (turmeric), Odisha's locally grown turmeric in its Kandhamal district has received the Geographical Indications (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India. It is organically grown by tribals. In 2018, Kandhamal Apex Spices Association for Marketing (KASAM) in Phulbani, had applied for registration of the Kandhamal turmeric. It was accepted under sub-section (1) of Section 13 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.

3) Who was felicitated with the 'Special Achievement Award' by the Asian Tour at Gurugram, Haryana recently?

- 1) Damodaran
- 2) Pradeep Dinodia

- 3) Pawan Munjal
- 4) Pritam Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pawan Munjal

Explanation:

Hero MotoCorp Chairman, Dr. Pawan Munjal has been honoured by the Asian Tour with a “Special Achievement Award” for his contributions to Asian Golf, at the concluding ceremony of Hero Indian Open Golf tournament, held at Gurugram, Haryana. Dr. Pawan Munjal is a fine golfer himself. He has been supporting the Hero Indian Open for 14 years, along with the Hero Women’s Indian Open, the Hero Challenge series on the European Tour and the Hero World Challenge on the PGA Tour and also hosts multiple golf tournaments in India, including the marquee Hero Indian Open for both men and women. At the ceremony, leading Indian golfer Shiv Kapur presented a special salver to Dr Munjal. In 2001 under Dr Munjal’s leadership, Hero MotoCorp achieved the title of World’s No. 1 two-wheeler.

4) Name the person, who was honoured with the prestigious John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award.

- 1) Vikram Patel
- 2) Shekhar Saxena
- 3) Mohan Agashe
- 4) Rajendra Badgaiyan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Vikram Patel

Explanation:

On 3rd April 2019, Vikram Patel, a psychiatrist and professor of global health at Harvard Medical School, has been honoured with prestigious John Dirks Canada Gairdner Global Health Award with prize money of \$100,000 by The Gairdner Foundation. This award was given for his world-leading research in mental health, providing knowledge on the burden and determinants of mental health problems in low-and-middle-income countries and for the treatment of mental health. The former recipient of this award were Alan Lopez, Christopher J.L. Murray, Cesar Victora, and Anthony Fauci.

5) Who was conferred with the highest state honour of Bolivia?

- 1) Narendra Modi
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Sushma Swaraj
- 4) Arun Jaitley
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation:

President of Bolivia, Evo Morales Ayma honoured Ram Nath Kovind with the highest State Honour of Bolivia “Condor de Los Andes en el Grado de Gran Collar” in Santa Cruz. President Ram Nath Kovind was on a visit of Bolivia from 28th to 30th March, 2019. He reached Santa Cruz, Bolivia on the second leg of his three nation visit to Croatia, Bolivia and Chile. This is the first visit by an Indian President to Bolivia.

6) Name the Indian Politician who was honoured with UAE’s highest civilian award “Zayed Medal” recently.

- 1) Sushma Swaraj
- 2) Ram Nath Kovind
- 3) Arun Jaitley
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On the 3rd of April, 2019, UAE honoured PM Narendra Modi with its highest civilian award, the Zayed Medal for boosting the bilateral ties between both of the nations. United Arab Emirates's highest civilian decoration, the Order of Zayed, awarded to those who contribute to international leadership in strengthening relations with the country. Past recipients of this award were Russian president Vladimir Putin, former US president George W Bush, French leader Nicolas Sarkozy and German politician Angela Merkel. The Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan visited India on 24-26 of January, 2017 as the chief guest for Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited UAE on February 10-11, 2018. India-UAE's commercial relations are broadly based on energy cooperation, investments made by UAE in India, business and investments made by Indian expatriates in the UAE.

7) Name the Bollywood actor, who was conferred with an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by the University of Law, London recently.

- 1) Amitabh Bachchan
- 2) Shah Rukh Khan
- 3) Salman Khan
- 4) Aamir Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shah Rukh Khan**

Explanation:

On 4th April, 2019, Eminent Bollywood actor Shah Rukh Khan was conferred with an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by the University of Law, London. He was awarded this for his efforts to give back to society. He has received the merit during a graduation ceremony which had more than 350 students in attendance. Earlier, the actor was also conferred with honorary doctorates from the University of Bedfordshire and the University of Edinburgh.

8) Who was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in Male category in ESPN India awards for 2018?

- 1) Abhinav Bindra
- 2) Jitu Rai
- 3) Neeraj Chopra
- 4) Srikanth Kidambi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Neeraj Chopra**

Explanation:

The Indian subsidiary of ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), ESPN India ([espn.in](https://www.espn.in)) declared the ESPN India awards for 2018 in which PV Sindhu was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in female category and Neeraj Chopra was conferred with the sportsperson of the year award in Male category.

Award	Winner
Sportsperson of the Year (Male)	Neeraj Chopra (Javelin throw)
Sportsperson of the Year (Female)	PV Sindhu (Badminton)
Emerging Sportsperson of the Year	Saurabh Chaudhary (Pistol Shooting)
Coach of the Year	Jaspal Rana (Pistol Shooting)

9) Name the person who won the Comeback of the Year award in ESPN India awards for 2018.

- 1) Sania Mirza
- 2) Amit Panghal
- 3) PV Sindhu

4) Saina Nehwal

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Saina Nehwal**

Explanation:

The Indian subsidiary of ESPN (Entertainment and Sports Programming Network), ESPN India (espn.in) declared the ESPN India awards for 2018.

Comeback of the Year	Saina Nehwal (Badminton)
Match of the Year	Amit Panghal (Boxing)
Team of the Year	Women Table Tennis team
Differently-abled Athlete of the year	Ekta Bhyan (Para-athletics)
Lifetime Achievement award	Pradip Kumar 'PK' Banerjee (Football)
Moment of the Year	Women's 4*400m relay team

10) Which steel company won the 'Global Slag Company of the Year' award at the 14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019, for development of new applications for Steel by-products (Slag)?

1) Tata Steel

2) Essar Steel

3) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)

4) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tata Steel**

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, Tata Steel bagged the "Global Slag Company of the Year" award at the 14th Global Slag Conference and Exhibition 2019, for its innovative practices in the development of new applications for Steel by-products (Slag). The conference was held recently in Aachen, Germany, and is one of the largest global annual slag events, attended by major steelmakers, steel mill service providers & associated companies.

11) Name the person, who was conferred with Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019, for his contribution in Pali language and literature.

1) Vinayaka Udupa

2) Mahavir Agrawal

3) Krishnakanta Sharma

4) Gyanaditya Shakya

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gyanaditya Shakya**

Explanation:

On 4th April 2019, a Scholar of Pali, Dr. Gyanaditya Shakya, has been honoured with the Presidential Award of Maharshi Badrayan Vyas Samman 2019 with prize money of INR 1,00,000 and a certificate. He accepted award from Vice-President of India M Venkaiah Naidu. Dr. Shakya was conferred the award for his outstanding contribution in the field of Pali language and literature. He was selected for the award by the department of Higher education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India for his five books namely Baudha Dharma Darshan Mein Brahnavihara Bhavana, Anagatavasa, Chakesadhatuvasa, Panca+gatidipani and Gandhavasa. Last year, he was awarded with Vividh (Shraman) Puruskar by Governor of Uttar Pradesh Shri Ram Naik and Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Shri Yogi Adityanath.

12) Name the railway station which is first in India to get ISO certification?

- 1) Howrah Railway Station
- 2) Guwahati Railway Station
- 3) Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus
- 4) Char Bagh Railway Station
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Guwahati Railway Station

Explanation:

The Guwahati Railway Station has become the first ever railway station in the Indian Railways to get an ISO (International Organisation for Standardisation) certification from the National Green Tribunal (NGT). It has been given this certificate for providing passenger amenities in a clean and green environment. ISO certification received by Guwahati Railway Station is ISO-14001, which is for Environment Management System as per international norms which were upgraded in 2015.

13) To which country Isaak Hayik belongs, who has become the world's oldest person to play professional soccer match?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Russia
- 3) Australia
- 4) Israel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Israel

Explanation:

On 6th April 2019, 73-year-old Israeli Isaak Hayik set a new world record as the world's oldest person to play in a professional soccer match. He played a match for FC Ironi Or Yehuda against FC Maccabi Ramat Gan. The previous record holder was 53 years old Uruguayan Robert Carmona who played a professional match in 2015. Hayik was born in Iraq and immigrated to Israel with his parents. He was officially recognized in an award ceremony attended by representatives from the Guinness World Record organization.

14) Who has been awarded under the Lifetime Contribution Award category in All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards 2019 at New Delhi?

- 1) Mahendra Mohan Gupta
- 2) Sanjiv Bajaj
- 3) Azim H Premji
- 4) Uday Shankar
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Azim H Premji

Explanation:-

The All India Management Association (AIMA) Managing India Awards 2019 was held on 8th April, 2019 at Durbar Hall, Hotel Taj Palace, New Delhi. Under Lifetime Contribution to Media category, Mahendra Mohan Gupta was awarded. He is the Chairman & Managing Director of Jagran Prakashan Ltd and Editorial Director of Dainik Jagran. The Lifetime Contribution Award was also awarded to Azim H Premji, Chairman, Wipro Limited.

15) Who was named as the Leading male cricketer of the year 2019 for the third consecutive time by the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2019?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) M.S. Dhoni
- 3) Rashid Khan
- 4) Jos Buttler
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack 2019 has named Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana as the Leading male and female cricketer of the year 2019 respectively. Smriti Mandhana bagged the women's Leading Cricketer of the year for the first time while Indian men's team captain was named for the third straight year. The Afghanistan leg-spinner, Rashid Khan, was named the Leading Twenty20 Cricketer for the second successive time. In 2018, Kohli scored 2735 runs across the three formats and Mandhana scored 669 and 662 runs in ODIs and T20Is respectively, during the course of 2018. Kohli was also chosen as one of the five Wisden Cricketers of the year, along with Jos Buttler, Tammy Beaumont, Rory Burns and Sam Curran.

16) Name the education technology startup of India that won "Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019" to empower parents to take charge of their child's early education.

- 1) Dost Education
- 2) Byju
- 3) Careerguide
- 4) CueMath
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Dost Education**

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, 'Dost Education', which is India's education technology startup won a \$25,000 (Rs 17 lakhs) tech prize for its ability to empower parents to take charge of their child's early education. The prize 'The Next Billion Edtech Prize 2019' is run by UK-based Varkey Foundation. This foundation recognizes the most innovative technology which creates a radical impact on education in low income and emerging world countries. The other winners for this prize were Ubongo from Tanzania and PraxiLabs from Egypt. From the three winners, Ubongo crowned as the overall winner and take home the Next Billion Prize trophy. The third winner of this award, PraxiLabs provides virtual laboratories for schools and learning organizations.

17) Name the Rio Paralympics silver medalist, who was honoured with the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019.

- 1) Varun Singh Bhati
- 2) Mariyappan Thangavelu
- 3) Deepa Malik
- 4) Devendra Jhajharia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Deepa Malik**

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, the 48-year-old, Rio Paralympics silver medalist Deepa Malik has been honoured with the New Zealand Prime Minister's Sir Edmund Hillary Fellowship for 2019 in recognition of her "inspiring achievements". She won the silver medal in shot put F53 event in Rio Paralympics in 2016. She became the first Indian woman to win a medal at the Paralympic Games and the first Indian woman to win medals in three consecutive Asian Para Games in 2010, 2014 and 2018. She also honoured with India's civilian honour Padma Shri and the prestigious Arjuna Award for excellence in sports and made a place in the Limca Book of World Records for four times.

18) Who was honoured with the Freedom of the City of London in recognition of work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK?

- 1) M. Sashikala
- 2) A.K. Das
- 3) Alice G. Vaidyan
- 4) Ravi Mital
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Alice G.Vaidyan

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, The Chairman and Managing Director of the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC), Alice G. Vaidyan has been honoured with the Freedom of the City of London for the recognition of her work to promote insurance ties between India and the UK. Alice G. Vaidyan. On the event of first India-UK Insurance Summit in London, she was nominated for the traditional honour by the Lord Mayor of London, Peter Estlin, and City of London Corporation Policy Chair Catherine McGuinness.

19)Eni Nuraeni was named as the best athletic coach in Asia for the short-haul run category for the year 2019.He is from which country?

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

Answer – 2) Indonesia

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, Asian Athletic Association (AAA) has declared Indonesian Eni Nuraeni as the best athletic coach in Asia for the short-haul run category in 2019. It was published by the Indonesian Athletic Sports Association (PB PASI).Eni instructs young sprinter Lalu Muhammad Zohri to win the 100m gold medal in 10.20 seconds in the 2019 Grand Prix Malaysia Open athletics championships.Zohri is a gold medal winner in 100m in 10.18 in the IAAF World U20 Championships in Tampere, Finland in 2018.

20)Who was honoured with Russia’s highest State honour ‘Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle’ for promoting bilateral ties?

- 1) Sushma Swaraj
- 2) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 3) Ram Nath Kovind
- 4) Narendra Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On 11th April, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the “Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle”, by Russia for exceptional services in promoting bilateral ties. Narendra Modi was awarded with this award for his exceptional services to enhance privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India.The award is the highest civilian honor of the Russian Federation which was established by Czar Peter I of Russia in the 17th century.

21)Which of the following schemes have won the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards under the United Nations?

- i. Utkarsh Bangla
 - ii. Kanyashree Prakalpa
 - iii. Sabooj Sathi
 - iv. Rupashree Prakalpa
- 1) Option i & ii
 - 2) Option i & iii
 - 3) Option ii & iv
 - 4) Option ii & iii
 - 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Option i & iii

Explanation:

The schemes under the West Bengal government, namely, “Utkarsh Bangla” (Skill training of the youth)

and “Sabooj Sathi” (cycles for students) have won the distinguished World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) awards of the United Nations (UN). “Utkarsh Bangla” got the topmost award in Capacity Building category while “Sabooj Sathi” was positioned in the 1st 5 as a champion project under ICT application: E-Government category, out of a total of 1062 nominations in 18 categories.

22) Who has been honored with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council?

- 1) Sudhanshu Kumar
- 2) Rakesh Makhija
- 3) Kenneth M. Duberstein
- 4) Caroline B. Kennedy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sudhanshu Kumar**

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, Sudhanshu Kumar, the founder of Digital Sukoon has been honored with the Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Nobel Award by International Human Rights Council at Hotel Sea Princess Juhu Mumbai. While his agency Digital Sukoon, named as the Best Digital Agency of the Year 2019. Digital Sukoon is a Mumbai based Digital solutions agency, which provides a comprehensive 360-degree solution to their clients for the promotional needs by creating innovative campaigns and optimum usage of technology tools.

23) Name the poetry collection of Telugu poet K Siva Reddy, for which he was honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman 2018.

- 1) Antarjanam
- 2) Ajeyam
- 3) Pakkaki Ottigilite
- 4) Mohana! Oh, Mohana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Pakkaki Ottigilite**

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, Telugu poet K Siva Reddy has been honoured with the prestigious Saraswati Samman, 2018 with a cash prize of 15 lakh rupees for his collection of poetry titled ‘Pakkaki Ottigilite’. K Siva Reddy. He was born in 1943 in Karmurivari Palem near Tenali, Andhra Pradesh. He has won several awards, including the Sahitya Akademi Award for his book ‘Mohana! Oh, Mohana!’. The Saraswati Samman award was given annually for an outstanding literary work written in any 22 Indian languages listed in Schedule VIII of the Constitution of India. It is one of the highest literary awards, instituted by the KK Birla Foundation in 1991.

24) Who won the World Press Photo award 2019 for the image “of a crying toddler at US border”?

- 1) Annie Leibovitz
- 2) John Moore
- 3) Pieter Ten Hoopen
- 4) Ronaldo Schemidt
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) John Moore**

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, An image of a little girl crying, titled “Crying Girl on the Border”, as she and her mother have been taken into custody by US border officials in Texas, won the prestigious World Press Photo of the Year. Veteran Getty photographer John Moore took the picture in the Rio Grande Valley on 12th June 2018. Dutch-Swedish photographer Pieter Ten Hoopen won the “World Press Photo Story of the Year Award” for the image of 2018 mass-migrant caravan to the US border.

25) Name the person, who was conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave for Contributions In Life Sciences, Aerospace and Aeronautics.

- 1) Abhishek
- 2) Simrandeep Singh
- 3) Ravinder Tonk
- 4) Dr.A K Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Dr.A K Singh

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, Dr A K Singh, director at Life Sciences, DRDO has been honoured with Lifetime Achievement Award 2019 during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali. He has made notable contributions in Internal Decorporation of Fission Produced Radionuclides and Infection Imaging. The conclave was organised by the university to note World Creativity and Innovation Day. He has contributed to more than 57 research publications and patented more than 18 project. To detect the infectious lesion, he discovered a “Diagnobact” Kit. And also introduced Pharmacosyntigraphy, i.e. application of nuclear medicine imaging in drug research.

26) Who was conferred with 2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Award for the long story titled ‘How Johnson & Johnson is scooting from the hip’?

- 1) Vikram Seth
- 2) Teena Thacker
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Chetan Bhagat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Teena Thacker

Explanation:

Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism has selected Mint’s Teena Thacker as the winner of the 2019 Citi Journalistic Excellence Awards. She has been conferred with this award for her long story titled ‘How Johnson & Johnson is scooting from the hip’ in Mint. In the article, she has scanned the battle for compensation by Indian patients in detail. She is the deputy editor at Mint. She has been covering pharmaceuticals and health as part of Mint’s corporate bureau.

27) ‘Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlilllantisiliogogoch’ or Llanfairpwll railway station has become the world’s longest railway station name by an alphabet is from which country?

- 1) Wales
- 2) Northern Ireland
- 3) Scotland
- 4) England
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Wales

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, Chennai Central Railway station in Tamil Nadu, officially known as Puratchi Thalaivar Dr. M.G. Ramachandran Central Railway Station with its 57-character count missed the chance of having the title of world’s longest railway station name by an alphabet. The title was won by Llanfairpwll railway station in Wales, also known for its 58 letters long name ‘Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerychwyrndrobwlilllantisiliogogoch’. Although, the erstwhile Chennai Central railway station which was renamed after the legendary actor-turned-politician Dr. M.G. Ramachandran is still the longest railway station name in India.

28) Who was selected for UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019, along with Wa Lone in recognition of the commitment, courage and resistance to freedom of expression?

- 1) Anderson Cooper
- 2) Kate Adie
- 3) Madhu Trehan
- 4) Kyaw Soe Oo
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kyaw Soe Oo

Explanation:

Reuters journalists, Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone have been selected for UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize 2019 for recognizing their commitment, courage and resistance to freedom of expression. Currently, they are serving seven-year prison sentence in Myanmar since 12 December 2017 under the Official Secrets Act for illegally collecting, classified military records that revealed extrajudicial assassinations of Rohingya Muslims by the army in Rakhine State, while working for the Reuters. The UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize will be given on May 2 as part of the observance of World Press Freedom Day (3 May) in Ethiopia.

29) Which play won the Pulitzer Prize 2019 for the category “drama”?

- 1) “The New Negro” by Jeffrey C. Stewart
- 2) “Fairview” by Jackie Sibblies Drury
- 3) “The Overstory” by Richard Powers
- 4) “Frederick Douglass” by David W. Blight
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) “Fairview” by Jackie Sibblies Drury

Explanation:

The Pulitzer Prize is an award for achievements in newspaper, magazine and online journalism, literature, and musical composition in the United States. It was established in 1917 by provisions in the will of American (Hungarian-born) Joseph Pulitzer who had made his fortune as a newspaper publisher and is administered by Columbia University in New York City.

BOOKS, DRAMA, AND MUSIC

Category	Winner
Fiction	“The Overstory” by Richard Powers
Drama	“Fairview” by Jackie Sibblies Drury
History	“Frederick Douglass” by David W. Blight
Biography or autobiography	“The New Negro” by Jeffrey C. Stewart

30) Name the first Indian small finance bank, which received prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in Financial Inclusion category, for ‘Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses’.

- 1) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- 2) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 3) Ujjivan Small Finance Bank
- 4) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Fincare Small Finance Bank

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, Fincare Small Finance Bank (SFB) has been honoured with the prestigious Celent Model Bank 2019 Award in Financial Inclusion category, for ‘Redesigning Lending to Reach Small Businesses’. Fincare Small Finance Bank. The award recognizes LAP (Loans against Property) D Lite, which is a tab-based solution designed and developed in-house by Fincare SFB for instant underwriting

of loans against property targeted at micro and small enterprises. The Award was announced at the Innovation & Insight Day organized by Celent in New York.

31) A Team from which institute has won the "AIAA Neil Armstrong Best Design Award" in NASA's Annual Human Exploration Rover challenge 2019 ?

- 1) KIET Group of Institutions
- 2) Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management and Engineering
- 3) Lovely Professional University
- 4) Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Technology, Mumbai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) KIET Group of Institutions**

Explanation:

NASA has awarded three teams of Indian students in its 25th Annual Human Exploration Rover challenge 2019 at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama. The program invites college students and high school students to develop and test roving vehicles for future missions to the Mars, Moon and beyond. "AIAA Neil Armstrong Best Design Award" won by team from KIET Group of Institutions in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. Team from Lovely Professional University in Phagwara, Punjab, received "STEM Engagement Award". The Mukesh Patel School of Technology Management and Engineering, Mumbai, Maharashtra, received the "Frank Joe Sexton Memorial Pit Crew Award" and also won the System Safety Challenge Award at the competition hosted by NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center.

32) Name the Indian Lawyers, who were honoured by TIME Magazine in the latest report titled "TIME's 100 Most Influential People list 2019", in recognition of their long struggle for the LGBTQ rights in India.

- 1) Arundhati Katju
- 2) Menaka Guruswamy
- 3) Harish Salve
- 4) Both 1 & 2
- 5) Both 2 & 3

Answer – **4) Both 1 & 2**

Explanation:

Recently TIME Magazine has released its 100's most influential people 2019 list in which Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani, public interest litigators Arundhati Katju and Menaka Guruswamy who fought the legal battle for LGBTQ rights are among Indians have been named.

Name	Profession	Category	Rank
Arundhati Katju	Lawyer	Pioneers	9 th
Menaka Guruswamy	Lawyer	Pioneers	9 th
Mukesh Ambani	Businessman	Icons	13 th

33) TIME Magazine has published "TIME's 100 Most Influential People list 2019" recently, the list divides people into _____ categories ?

- 1) Five
- 2) Six
- 3) Three
- 4) Four
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Five**

Explanation:

The list divides the 100's most influential people in five categories – pioneers, leaders, artists, titans and icons.

34) Who was ranked at the number 1 position under the category “Artists” in the “TIME’s 100 Most Influential People list 2019”?

- 1) Regina King
- 2) Dwayne Johnson
- 3) Ariana Grande
- 4) Emilia Clarke
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dwayne Johnson

Explanation:

S.No.	Pioneers	Leaders	Artists	Titans	Icons
1	Sandra Oh	Nancy Pelosi	Dwayne Johnson	Mohamed Salah	Taylor Swift
2	Indya Moore	Donald Trump	Regina King	Lebron James	Michelle Obama
3	Marlon James	Greta Thunberg	Khalid	Jennifer Hyman	Spike Lee
4	Chrissy Teigen	Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador	Emilia Clarke	Gayle King	Christine Blasey Ford
5	Massimo Bottura	Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez	BTS	Mark Zuckerberg	David Hockney

35) Name the Padma Bhushan awardee, who was honoured by inducting into the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK’s Royal Society.

- 1) Yusuf Hamied
- 2) Manjul Bhargava
- 3) Anant Parekh
- 4) Akshay Venkatesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Yusuf Hamied

Explanation:

On 18th April 2019, Padma Bhushan awardee Yusuf Hamied (82) who is the chairman of Cipla pharmaceutical company was honoured in the 2019 list of new fellows of the UK’s Royal Society. Yusuf Hamied. It is an independent scientific academy of the UK and the Commonwealth, for promoting excellence in science. He was born on 25th July 1936 in Vilnius, Lithuania, raised in Mumbai and known for his effort to produce low-cost drugs to treat diabetes, cancer and other diseases.

36) Which country’s peacekeepers were honoured with UN Medal for their service in UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS)?

- 1) South Sudan Peacekeepers
- 2) US Peacekeepers
- 3) Indian Peacekeepers
- 4) Bangladesh Peacekeepers
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Peacekeepers

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, in Malakal, South Sudan, the UN Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) awarded 150 Indian peacekeepers with Medals of Honour for serving the mission with extreme dedication and sacrifice. Colonel Amit Gupta who commands a battalion of 850 soldiers in the Upper Nile region, South Sudan was 1 among the recipients of the Medal of Honour. Under Colonel Amit Gupta’s command, Indian peacekeepers conducted veterinary camps and run a veterinary hospital in Malakal, South Sudan.

37) Who was honoured with 'Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award' for writing 'Samvidhan Kavya', a poetic version of the Indian Constitution?

- 1) Lal Bahadur Sastri
- 2) Sampurnanand
- 3) Sunil Kumar Gautam
- 4) Kailash Nath Katju
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sunil Kumar Gautam

Explanation:

Sunil Kumar Gautam, Special Commissioner of Police (Operations) was honoured with 'Pandit Govind Ballabh Pant Award' for 2018-19 by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) under the Ministry of Home Affairs, for his book titled 'Samvidhan Kavya'. The book was originally been written in Hindi language. There are total 238 couplets which explains the lengthiest Constitution of the world, the Indian Constitution in a very simple and poetic form. It took the officer 6 months to write the book and also mentions all the articles of the Constitution. 4 other Indian police officers who have also written books have been rewarded. 'Samvidhan Kavya' was released by Dr Kiran Bedi, Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry on 5th October, 2016 in Puducherry.

38) Which entity has become India's first retail company to cross Rs.1 lakh crore annual revenue milestones?

- 1) Reliance Retail
- 2) Future Group
- 3) Aditya Birla Retail
- 4) Avenue Supermarts Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Reliance Retail

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, the retail arm of the Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries became India's first retail company to cross the Rs.1 lakh crore annual revenue. The revenue for 2018-19 is Rs. 1.3 lakh crore, which is 89% more from the previous fiscal. The company added 2,829 stores during the financial year, taking the total to 10,415 stores and the profit of pre-tax business jumped 77.1 percent to record Rs 1,923 crore.

39) Name the NASA astronaut, who is set to create record for longest spaceflight by a woman by spending 328 days in space after surpassing Peggy Whitson's record.

- 1) Ellen Ochoa
- 2) Christina Koch
- 3) Anna Lee Fisher
- 4) Mary L. Cleave
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Christina Koch

Explanation:

NASA astronaut Christina Koch is set to spend the longest duration in space by a woman, surpassing the previous record of 288 days in spaceflight by astronaut Peggy Whitson. The move comes after recent changes in NASA's change in schedule for astronauts. Koch, on behalf of NASA, will help determine the effects of long duration spaceflight on the human body, i.e., missions which extend beyond six months. This will seemingly help expand the science of astronomy beyond present standards, and help us prepare for long duration, manned space missions to the moon, Mars and beyond.

40) Name the Indian-American Professor, who was inducted into 2019 Cleveland International Hall of Fame for his contribution towards applications in systems biology, global issues and sustainable development.

- 1) Akram Boutros
- 2) Sree N Sreenath
- 3) Richard Fleischman
- 4) Marilyn Madigan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sree N Sreenath

Explanation:

Prof. Sree N Sreenath, President of Sewa International since 2009, has been inducted into the 10th class of Cleveland Hall of Fame along with five other inductees – Paul Burick, Ingrida Bublys, Dr. Akram Boutros, Richard Fleischman and Marilyn Madigan from over 100 nominations. Sreenath, Faculty at Case Western Reserve University, inducted into the Hall of Fame for his contributions in applications in systems biology, global issues and sustainable development on April 16th by Ramesh Shah of the Association of Indian Physicians of Northern Ohio.

41) Which university's Intellectual Property Rights cell (IPR cell) has been selected for the National Intellectual Property Award 2019 for its contributions in Geographical Indications and promotion of registered GI?

- 1) Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology Delhi
- 2) National University of Educational Planning and Administration
- 3) Indian Agricultural Research Institute
- 4) Kerala Agricultural University (KAU)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kerala Agricultural University (KAU)

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, The Intellectual Property Rights cell (IPR cell) of Kerala Agricultural University (KAU) has been selected for the National Intellectual Property Award 2019 for its contributions in best facilitation for registration of Geographical Indications and promotion of registered GI in the country. This award comprising prize money of Rs 1 lakh and will be presented in a function to be held in New Delhi on 26th April, World Intellectual Property Day 2019. The award was constituted by the Indian Intellectual Property Office under the central ministry of industry and commerce to confer the persons and organizations working in the field of patents, trademarks and Geographical Indications (GI).

42) Name the Malayalam film, that won the best cinematography award at Beijing International Film Festival.

- 1) Ain
- 2) Thondimuthalum Driksakshiyum
- 3) Bhayanakam (Fear)
- 4) Pathemari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bhayanakam (Fear)

Explanation:

On 20th April 2019, Malayalam film Bhayanakam (Fear) which was directed by Jayaraj won the best cinematography award at the Beijing International Film Festival and had also won the best cinematography award at the 65th National Film Awards. Nikhil S Praveen did the cinematography. The film portrayed the visits of the First World War veteran to a small village in the backwaters of Kerala's Kuttanad as a postman during the World War-II.

43) Which of the following organizations have received the Swacchta Pakhwada Awards 2019?

- i. All India Radio
- ii. Publication Division of India
- iii. Press Information Bureau
- iv. Children's Film Society of India

- 1) Option i,ii,iii
- 2) Option i,iii,iv
- 3) Option i,ii,iv
- 4) All the above Options
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Option i,ii,iv**

Explanation:

Three organizations All India Radio, Publication Division and Children's Film Society of India conferred Swacchta Pakhwada Award 2019. The award was given by Amit Khare, Secretary Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The award was received by Director General of All India Radio F. Sheheryar and Director General (News) Ms. Ira Joshi on behalf of All India Radio.

44) Who won the IPI's (International Press Institute) World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019 for his "critical" & "tenacious coverage" of the civil-military relations in Pakistan?

- 1) Mazhar Ali Khan
- 2) Cyril Almeida
- 3) Rafael Marques
- 4) Gen Ziaul Haq
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cyril Almeida**

Explanation:

Dawn editor and Columnist Cyril Almeida from Pakistan has won the IPI's (International Press Institute) World Press Freedom Hero award in 2019 for his "critical" and "tenacious coverage" of the civil-military relations in Pakistan. And also MadaMasr, an Egyptian news site, has won Free Media Pioneer Award 2019 of the IPI and International Media Support (IMS). Both awards will be presented in IPI's annual World Congress and General Assembly function to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on 5th June, World Intellectual Property Day 2019. In 2016, after publishing an exclusive story regarding a top-level meeting of civil-military leaders in Dawn, Pakistan Government had imposed a travel ban on Almeida. In 2018, he was again temporarily placed on the Exit Control List (ECL) after publishing an interview with former prime minister Nawaz Sharif.

45) Name the script writer, who won the Deenanath Mangeshkar Lifetime Award 2019 recently.

- 1) Javed Akhtar
- 2) Vishal Bhardwaj
- 3) Anurag Kashyap
- 4) Salim Khan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Salim Khan**

Explanation:

The Award which is organized by Master Deenanath Mangeshkar Smruti Pratishthan charitable trust, Pune, aims to encourage legends from the fields of music, drama, art and social work. The awards were given away by Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat while Directorate General of CRPF Vijay Kumar presided over the function.

Other Awardees:

- ◆ Award for music and art – Classical dancer Sucheta Bhide-Chapekar.
- ◆ Lifetime Award – Salim Khan (the father of superstar Salman Khan).
- ◆ Special Award for the contribution to Indian cinema – Madhur Bhandarkar.

- ◆ Special Award – Helen.
- ◆ Vagvilasini Award – VasantAbaji Dahake.
- ◆ Mohan Wagh Award (Best Drama of the Year 2019) – Bhadrakali Productions’ “Soyare Sakal”.
- ◆ AnandmayeePuraskar- Pandit Suresh Talwalkar of Taalyogi Ashram

46)Who was honoured with the National (IP) Intellectual Property Award, 2019 in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization?

- 1) Dr. Benny Antony
- 2) Jomy Jose
- 3) Dr. Merina
- 4) P J Kunjachan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dr. Benny Antony

Explanation:

Dr. Benny Antony, Joint Managing Director and co-founder of the Kochi-based Arjuna Natural Ltd, has been honoured with the National Intellectual Property Award, 2019 in the category of Top Individual for Patents and Commercialization. Dr. Antony is the inventor of BCM-95, the world’s leading patented turmeric extract formulation. Dr. Antony has over 80 international patents to his credit. Along with the National IP Award, the Intellectual Property Office India and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) have jointly honoured Antony with the ‘WIPO Medal for Inventors’.

47)Name the British Indian Novelist, who won the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for the novel “Solo”.

- 1) Salman Rushdie
- 2) Rudyard Kipling
- 3) Preti Taneja
- 4) Rana Dasgupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rana Dasgupta

Explanation:

British Indian novelist Rana Dasgupta has been awarded the second edition of Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize 2019 for his 2010 novel “Solo”, deals with a tale of estrangement and the ultimate failure of material existence. The Award included a Tagore statue, a certificate for contribution to literature and a cash prize of \$10,000. World Health Organization Goodwill Ambassador Yohei Sasakawa has been awarded the Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for social achievement 2019 for his incredible efforts to uproot leprosy and great contribution to world peace. Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen was awarded Rabindranath Tagore Literary Prize for Social Achievement as “a beacon of democracy. Rana was awarded Ryszard Kapuscinski Award in 2016 for the novel “Capital: The Eruption of Delhi”. Besides, he also received Commonwealth Writers’ prize in 2010 for “Solo”.

48)Who won the Corporate Excellence award in the Manufacturing Industry, from Enterprise Asia of Malaysia for 2019?

- 1) Andreas Dulger
- 2) Thomas Koetzing
- 3) Prasanna Kumar Rao
- 4) Rainer Dulger
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Prasanna Kumar Rao

Explanation:

Managing Director, Heidelberg Prominent Fluid Controls India Pvt. Ltd., Prasanna Kumar Rao, received the Corporate Excellence award in the Manufacturing Industry, from Enterprise Asia of Malaysia for 2019, at event in Andaz, Hyatt Hotel, New Delhi. The prestigious Asia Pacific Entrepreneurship Award

(APEA) from Enterprise Asia is a regional award recognition programme that recognizes entrepreneurial excellence. Top entrepreneurs across the region are honoured with the awards with ceremonies held in over 14 countries.

49) Name the Social entrepreneur from India, who was ranked 45th in the Fortune magazine's 2019 list of the world's greatest leaders for inventing low cost pad making machine.

- 1) Arunachalam Muruganantham
- 2) Sandeep Ahuja
- 3) Naveen Krishna
- 4) Smita Ram
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Arunachalam Muruganantham

Explanation:

Arunachalam Muruganantham, inventor of a low-cost sanitary pad-making machine and grassroots mechanism has been featured in Fortune magazine's 2019 list of world's 100 greatest leaders. He is a social entrepreneur from Tamil Nadu. He ranked 45th in the list released by the American publication. The hero of the Oscar-winning documentary short "Period. End of Sentence" has been awarded a Padma Shri in 2016 and was named TIME magazine's 2014 list of 100 Most Influential People in the World. Other top awardees : Bill and Melinda Gates – for the work of their charitable organisation Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Jacinda Ardern – for her response to Christchurch mosque shootings in February. Robert Mueller – for his findings of the Donald Trump campaign's collusion with Russia.

50) President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa honoured Jacques Kallis with the Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division award 2019 for his exceptional contribution towards _____ sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Football
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Cricket

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, Former South African cricketer, Jacques Kallis has been honoured with the Order of Ikhamanga in the Silver Division for his contribution to cricket and for putting South Africa on the global sporting map by, Cyril Ramaphosa, President of South Africa during the National Orders ceremony at the Sefako Makgatho Presidential Guest House in Pretoria, South Africa. South Africa v India 2nd Test - Day 4i. The award is given to honour citizens who have made significant contributions to arts, literature, music, journalism, culture and sports.

51) Who became the first Indian Wrestler, invited by the American governing body to fight at New York's Iconic Madison Square Garden?

- 1) Yogeshwar Dutt
- 2) Sushil Kumar
- 3) Bajrang Punia
- 4) Saurav Gurjar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bajrang Punia

Explanation:

On 27th April 2019, 25 years old Indian wrestler Bajrang Punia became the first Indian wrestler to fight at New York's iconic Madison Square Garden. He won the gold medal at the 65kg men's freestyle wrestling at the recent Asian Championships. He is the first Indian wrestler to be invited by the American governing body and will take part in the "Grapple at the Garden — Beat the Streets" fight night, which

will be held on 6th May 2019. He also won eight gold medals from his previous nine international tournaments including last year's Commonwealth and Asian Games and presently holds World No.1 title in the 65-kg weight category.

52) Name the Indian golfer, who has been awarded with "Outstanding achievement as a player award for the year 2019" at the 4th Edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) .

- 1) Arjun Atwal
- 2) Jyoti Randhawa
- 3) Anirban Lahiri
- 4) Gaganjeet Bhullar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Gaganjeet Bhullar

Explanation:

On 26th April 2019, Indian Professional Golfer, Gaganjeet Bhullar has been awarded outstanding achievement as a player award at the 4th Edition of the annual India Golf Industry Association (GIA) award for the year 2019 at the Delhi Golf Club. The GIA awards were held along with 8th edition of South Asia's largest trade show, India Golf & Turf Expo (IGTE). 31-year-old Bhullar was awarded Arjuna Award in 2013. Bhullar became the youngest golfer on the Asian Tour to achieve nine career victories on tour. He had won Fiji international in 2018. Vijay Divecha and former Arjuna Awardee Nonita Lal Qureshi received for their contribution to Golf coaching. Naya Raipur Development Authority received 'First 18 Holes International Standard Golf Course Development by a Smart City in India'. Best New Nine-Hole Golf course' awards, was given to Eco Park, Kolkata. The Royal Calcutta Golf Club won the 'Best Member Engagement Programme' award for its successful Royal Premier Golf League.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

1) Who is the ICC chief Executive after David Richardson in 2019?

- 1) Indra Nooyi
- 2) Shashank Manohar
- 3) Aziz Ullah Fazly
- 4) Manu Sawhney
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Manu Sawhney

Explanation:

Former ESPN Star Sports MD, Manu Sawhney has formally joined International Cricket Council (ICC) as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO). His appointment has been confirmed in January 2019 but he was working with outgoing CEO David Richardson for the last six weeks to make smooth change over.

2) Name the vice president of Google India and South East Asia, who resigned recently and joined Sequoia Capital India.

- 1) Robert Ernest Andreatta
- 2) Hari Raju Mahadevu
- 3) Rajan Anandan
- 4) Laura Gandy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rajan Anandan

Explanation:

Vice president for Google India and South East Asia, Rajan Anandan is quitting from the company after an 8 year stint. He was responsible for driving growth at Google India. He will stay until the end of this month. He will join Silicon Valley's marquee venture fund Sequoia Capital, where he will serve as an investment advisor and mentor to Surge founders. In 2018, he was conferred with "IMPACT Person of the

Year award in 2018” for starting initiatives like several initiatives including “Navlekha” and “Internet Saathi”. Vikas Agnihotri, who is currently Google’s country director for sales, will take on the interim responsibility until the company finds a new managing director. Surge is a scale-up programme for startups in India and South East Asia.

3) Name the Algerian president, who resigned after 20 years recently.

- 1) Ali Kafi
- 2) Liamine Zéroual
- 3) Abdelaziz Bouteflika
- 4) Abdelkader Bensalah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Abdelaziz Bouteflika**

Explanation:

The 82-year-old Algerian president Abdelaziz Bouteflika who was in power for the last 20 years (since 1999) has resigned after prolonged weeks of mass protest. Under Article 102 of the Algerian Constitution, the Parliament could be asked to declare a president unfit to rule the country if he is unable to function properly due to ill-health. Until elections, Abdelkader Bensalah, the chairman of the upper house of the Parliament is expected to become the caretaker president for three months.

4) Air Marshal D Choudhury has been appointed as Senior Air Staff Officer of which air command?

- 1) Eastern Air Command
- 2) Central Air Command
- 3) South-Western Air Command
- 4) Western Air Command
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Western Air Command**

Explanation:

On 3rd April 2019, Air Marshal D Choudhury AVSM VM VSM has been appointed as Senior Air Staff Officer, Western Air Command. He was commissioned on 22nd December 1983. He has experience as a Commanding officer in 15 Sqn, Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE) and two frontline bases as the AOC. Also, he was honoured with the CAS commendation in Aug 1992, Vishisht Seva Medal in Jan 2007, Vayu Sena Medal in Jan 2011 and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in Jan 2018.

5) Who was appointed as the managing director of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services Limited (IL&FS)?

- 1) Srinivasan Natarajan
- 2) Vineet Nayyar
- 3) Chandra Shekhar Rajan
- 4) Malini Shankar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Chandra Shekhar Rajan**

Explanation:

On 3rd April 2019, the non-executive director of IL&FS (Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services), Chandra Shekhar Rajan has been appointed as managing director of IL&FS. He will succeed Vineet Nayyar, who will be the executive vice chairman. This decision was taken under the chairmanship of Uday Kotak at the board meeting. Bijay Kumar was appointed as deputy managing director. The total outstanding debt of IL&FS is Rs 94,216 crore, and out of this Rs 48,470 crore is in the four holding companies IL&FS, IL&FS Financial Services, IL&FS Energy Development Company Ltd and IL&FS Transportation Networks Ltd.

6) Under which project, Indian Navy has initiated the process to build six lethal submarines worth over Rs.50000 crore?

- 1) Project – 75I
- 2) Project – 50I
- 3) Project – 06I
- 4) Project – 70I
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Project – 75I

Explanation:

Under the ambitious Project75-India, the Indian Navy desires to build 6 standard diesel-electric submarines. These submarines would be 50% massive in size than the Scorpene class submarines which are under-construction at the Mazagon Dockyards Limited. This would incur an overall cost of Rs. 50,000 crore. Since the maritime force needs the boats to have minimum 12 Land Attack Cruise Missiles (LACM) and Anti-Ship cruise missiles (ASCM), it wants the diesel-electric submarines to be furnished with heavy-duty firepower. The firepower required for these diesel-electric submarines is multiple times higher as compared to that of Scorpene. The main weapons of the Scorpene are: the heavyweight torpedoes and the Exocet surface to surface missiles. The submarines should have the ability to carry and launch 18 heavyweight torpedoes in the sea. The navy has commenced the tender process by issuing the draft to the foreign vendors and the probable Indian partners by first issuing the Expression of Interest (EoI) to the foreign vendors, then continuing the stance with the Indian partners.

7) U.S. Treasury official David Malpass was appointed as the president of which international financial institution?

- 1) New Development Bank
- 2) World Bank
- 3) African Development Bank
- 4) European Investment Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) World Bank

Explanation:

On 5th April, 2019, Davis Malpass senior Treasury official and staunch supporter of President Donald Trump, was unanimously chosen as the next president of the World bank. He will succeed Jim Yong-Kim. He was born on 8th march 1956 in Michigan. Kristalina Georgieva, chief executive officer of the bank, has been acting as the interim President. Malpass is nominated by Donald Trump. He is currently serves as Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs and Previously held a senior role in the US State Department for Latin American Affairs.

8) Who was appointed as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry(CII) for the period 2019-20?

- 1) Vikram Kirloskar
- 2) Rakesh Bharti Mittal
- 3) Uday Kotak
- 4) TV Narendran
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Vikram Kirloskar

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, Chairman and Managing Director of Kirloskar Systems Ltd, and Vice Chairman of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, Vikram Kirloskar was appointed as the president of Confederation of Indian Industry(CII) for the period 2019-20. He succeeded Rakesh Bharti Mittal who is Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises. He was associated with CII for three decades and has been chairman of Global Innovation and Technology Alliance Board since its inception in 2012-13. Uday Kotak, the founder, MD & CEO of

Kotak Mahindra Bank was appointed as the President-Designate at the same time CEO & MD of Tata Steel, TV Narendran was designated as the Vice President for 2019-20.

9) In which entity was Keshav Murugesh appointed as its chairman?

- 1) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- 2) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
- 3) NASSCOM (National Association of Software and services companies)
- 4) Confederation of Indian Industry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) NASSCOM (National Association of Software and services companies)

Explanation:

On 5th April, 2019, NASSCOM (National Association of Software and services companies), an IT industry body has appointed Keshav Murugesh, CEO of WNS Global Services Group as its Chairman for 2019-20. This appointment of the Nasscom Chairman and Vice Chairman is done by the Executive Council. Currently, he was on the positioned as Vice Chairman of Nasscom, and has succeeded Rishad Premji. Nasscom also designated Pravin Rao, Infosys COO UB as its Vice Chairman for 2019-20.

10) Who became the first Indian, to be designated as a member of FIFA Executive Council?

- 1) Pradip Dutta
- 2) Kushal Das
- 3) Sunando Dhar
- 4) Praful Patel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Praful Patel

Explanation:

Praful Patel, President of All India Football Federation (AIFF) has been designated to be FIFA Executive Council member. He has become the first Indian to enter the elite panel of the game's global governing body. A total of five candidates, including Patel, was elected in addition to the AFC president, and one female member. Patel was one of the 8 candidates vying for the spot in the election, which was held during the 29th AFC (Asian Football Confederation) Congress.

11) Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa was re-elected as the president of which football sport association?

- 1) Union of European Football Associations
- 2) Asian Football Confederation
- 3) Union of Arab Football Associations
- 4) West Asian Football Federation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Asian Football Confederation

Explanation:

On 6th April, 2019, Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) hailed the re-election of Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, Asian football chief to help the region move forward in stability. Sheikh Salman will extend his term as president until at least 2023. He Sheikh Salman has returned unopposed in the election after Mohammed Khalfan Al Romaithi and Saoud Al Mohannadi.

12) Who was the first Black Women to be appointed as the Mayor of Chicago?

- 1) Lori Lightfoot
- 2) Tracey Norman
- 3) Evelyn Ashford
- 4) Vanessa Williams
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Lori Lightfoot

Explanation:

Lori Lightfoot, a 56 year old former federal Prosecutor and practicing lawyer has been elected as Chicago's first Black Women Mayor. Lightfoot is an African American Women who has worked in private legal practice partner at Mayor Brown. Lightfoot is also the first lesbian Leader for the City. She will succeed Rahm Emanuel, who previously served as chief of staff under former US President Barack Obama.

13) To which country Anwar Haleem became Ambassador of India?

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

Answer – 3) Kingdom of Jordan

Explanation:

Shri Anwar Haleem, IFS (Indian Foreign Service, batch of 1991) is appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. He will take up the assignment at a short notice. He is currently working as the Senior Directing Staff in the National Defence College.

14) Who has become the first woman Chairman and Managing Director of the mini ratna-I category PSU, after appointing as the interim CMD of Pawan Hans Limited?

- 1) Rajesh Kakkar
- 2) Arun Kumar
- 3) Usha Padhee
- 4) Sanjeev Kapoor
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Usha Padhee

Explanation:

On 7th April, 2019, Odisha cadre IAS officer, Usha Padhee, has been given additional charge as the Chairman & Managing Director of Pawan Hans Ltd, helicopter services providing company. Currently, she is serving as the Joint Secretary of Department of Civil Aviation. Usha Padhee became the first woman CMD of Pawan Hans Ltd. With this appointment, she becomes the first woman CMD of the mini ratna-I category PSU (Public sector undertakings). She also served as the Director of the Pawan Hans Ltd and Additional Director at Delhi International Airport Limited. The post was vacant since the superannuation of then incumbent B P Sharma.

15) Name the SUN Group Chairman who had succeeded Jawahar Vadivelu to become a new President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – India.

- 1) Narinder Biba
- 2) Bikram Singh
- 3) Mehsopuria
- 4) Vikramjit Singh Sahney
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vikramjit Singh Sahney

Explanation:- On 8th April 2019, Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Chairman of SUN Group, elected as the President of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) – India.

Vikramjit Singh Sahney On coming May ICC India going to conduct a Mega-Project in Paris. He will succeed Jawahar Vadivelu.

16) Graham Reid appointed as Indian Men's Hockey Team Chief Coach recently. He belongs to which country?

- 1) England
- 2) Finland
- 3) Russia
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Australia

Explanation:-

On 8th April 2019, former Australia Coach, Graham Reid was appointed as the Chief Coach of Indian men's hockey team. Reid's occupancy as the coach of Indian men's hockey team is till the end of 2020. He, 54, is succeeding Harendra Singh, former Indian Hockey player.

17) Who has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?

- 1) M R Kumar
- 2) Subhash Chandra Garg
- 3) Vipin Anand
- 4) Padmaja Chunduru
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Vipin Anand

Explanation:

Vipin Anand has assumed the charge of Managing Director of the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). In March 2019, he was appointed by Centre as the LIC MD. He will succeed interim chairman, Hemant Bhargava. Vipin Anand. In the tenure of more than 35 years, he served as the head of LIC's western zone, comprising of 23 divisions. He has also headed LIC's east-central zone headquartered at Patna.

18) Name the subsidiary of Eicher Motors, which has appointed Vinod K. Dasari as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

- 1) Hoff & Associates, Inc.
- 2) Royal Enfield
- 3) Eicher Polaris Private Ltd.
- 4) Design Intent Engineering Inc.
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Royal Enfield

Explanation:

Vinod K. Dasari has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Royal Enfield and also became an executive director in the board of Eicher Motors, parent organization of Royal Enfield. Vinod K. Dasari will replace Siddhartha Lal for CEO post. But Mr. Siddhartha Lal will continue as MD of Eicher Motors Ltd. Priorly, he was serving as the MD and CEO at Ashok Leyland since 2011.

19) Rakesh Malhotra has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which country?

- 1) Republic of Cameroon
- 2) Albania
- 3) Antigua and Barbuda
- 4) Azerbaijan
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Republic of Cameroon

Explanation:

Shri Rakesh Malhotra, currently serving as Consul General, Consulate General of India, Melbourne has

been appointed as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Cameroon.

20) Who was appointed as the Industry head of Google India recently?

- 1) Robert Ernest Andreatta
- 2) Mayoore kango
- 3) Hari Raju Mahadevu
- 4) Kenneth Hohee Yi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mayoore kango

Explanation:

Ex-Bollywood actress and Managing Director of Performics (A Performance Marketing Agency), Mayoore Kango has been appointed as the Industry head of Google India. She will lead Google engagement with Publicis (Parent Company of Performics) and DAN. Mayoore kango. Mayoore Kango started her career at the age of 15 and featured in Saeed Akhtar Mirza's National Award winning film, Naseem. Her other movies includes "Papa Kehte Hai (1996)", Betaabi (1997), Hogi Pyaar ki Jeet (1999) and Badal (2000). She quit her acting career and moved to USA after her marriage with NRI Aditya Dhillon.

21) Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of Haiti?

- 1) Jean-Henry Ceant
- 2) Jean Michel Lapin
- 3) Jovenel Moise
- 4) Miguel Díaz-Canel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Jean Michel Lapin

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, The acting Prime Minister of Haiti, Jean Michel Lapin confirmed as the country's new Prime Minister by the President Jovenel Moise. He succeeds Jean-Henry Ceant. Jean Michel Lapin. Lapin is the third Premier under President Moise since he came to office in February 2017. President Moise announced the appointment of the new head of government via Twitter. The establishment of a new government is an International Monetary Fund pre-requisite for the disbursement of the first tranche of a \$229 million loan to Haiti. Lapin, former culture and communications minister, is a native of Jacmel, a port city in the southeast.

22) Name the country, which has appointed Abdelkader Bensalah (77) as its new president in 20 years?

- 1) Syria
- 2) Libya
- 3) Algeria
- 4) Cyprus
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Algeria

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, the speaker of the upper house Abdelkader Bensalah (77) has been appointed as Algeria's first new president in 20 years by the Lawmakers of Algeria. He has been appointed as the interim President of the country. Lawmakers appointed Algeria's first new president after the resignation of veteran leader Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

23) Who was appointed as MD & CEO of Indian Overseas Bank?

- 1) Annie George Mathew
- 2) T C A Ranganathan
- 3) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 4) Karnam Sekar

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Karnam Sekar**

Explanation:

On 9th April, 2019, Centre made important management appointments to several public sector banks. According to the Department of Personnel and Training, Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Karnam Sekar as MD and CEO in Indian Overseas Bank. The new designation will be effective from July 1, 2019. Karnam Sekar is currently the CEO and MD of Dena bank. He will further work as officer on special duty and whole-time director with IOB till the end of June, 2019.

24) In which entity was Shiv Das Meena appointed as its Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD)?

1) Marsh & McLennan Companies

2) National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)

3) IPL Information Processing Limited

4) IBM Global Business Services

5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC)**

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, Additional Secretary of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA), Shiv Das Meena has been appointed as the Chairman cum Managing Director (CMD) of National Buildings Construction Corporation (NBCC). Shiv Das Meena, an Indian Administrative Service officer of Tamil Nadu cadre of 1989-Batch, will succeed Dr. Anoop Kumar Mittal. He takes charge as the 17th CMD of NBCC.

25) Who is the Brand Ambassador of Fantasy 11?

1) Ajit Agarkar

2) Lakshmipathy Balaji

3) Ramesh Powar

4) Murali Kartik

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Murali Kartik**

Explanation:

Fantasy 11, Gaming startup, has roped in Murali Kartik, former Indian Cricketer as its brand Ambassador. He was the 'official Fan Management Partner' for recently concluded Premier Badminton League (PBL). He will provide his expert opinions about cricket and will serve in marketing campaigns. Murali Kartik represented India in the duration 2000 to 2007.

26) Who was elected as the Prime Minister of Israel for the fifth term and thus making him the longest serving Prime Minister of Israel?

1) Yaakov Litzman

2) Benny Gantz

3) Benjamin Netanyahu

4) Avi Gabbay

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Benjamin Netanyahu**

Explanation:

Benjamin Netanyahu has secured a fifth term as the Prime Minister of Israel. The win was solidified by his rival, Benny Gantz, acknowledging defeat. The Prime Minister has been among the few world leaders who have seen the revolutionary power of blockchain and cryptocurrencies. Netanyahu has reached a point of giving traditional banks in Israel an early notice since they will soon be obsolete.

27) Who was appointed as the secretary of Defence Finance recently?

- 1) Anil Kumar Jha
- 2) Prem Kumar Kataria
- 3) Raj Kumar Goyal
- 4) Gargi Kaul
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Gargi Kaul

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, Gargi Kaul, a 1984-batch officer of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service (IA&AS) was appointed as the secretary, Defence Finance as part of a bureaucratic reshuffle. The senior bureaucrat, Kaul currently serving as Financial Advisor (Defence Services), Ministry of Defence. Gargi Kaul Other Appointments : Sumeet Jerath – Special Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat. Raj Kumar Goyal – Additional Secretary and Financial Advisor, Ministry of External Affairs. Prem Kumar Kataria – Additional Secretary, Ministry of Textiles. Anil Kumar Jha – Additional Secretary, Department of Revenue. S K G Rahate – Additional Secretary, Ministry of Power. Rajesh Kumar Chaturvedi – Additional Secretary & Financial Advisor, Ministry of Culture. Amitabh Kumar – Director General (Shipping), Ministry of Shipping.

28) Who was appointed as the first woman vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI)?

- 1) Najma Heptulla
- 2) Kafeel Ahmad
- 3) Najma Akhtar
- 4) Talat Ahmad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Najma Akhtar

Explanation:

On 11th April 2019, National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration Professor Najma Akhtar has been appointed as the first women vice-chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia University (JMI) for a period of five years by the President of India. She will succeed Talat Ahmad. Jamia Millia Islamia was founded in 1920 in Aligarh and this appointment took place under the Statutes of Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988.

29) Name the first Indian, who was appointed as Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee.

- 1) V.K.Malhotra
- 2) Neelam Kapoor
- 3) P.R. Sreejesh
- 4) Dr BK Nayak
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Dr BK Nayak

Explanation:

Col (Dr) Bibhu Kalyan Nayak, a native of the temple City, became the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body. He will serve a two-year cycle lasting until 2020. Dr. Nayak first Indian to have been nominated by FIH as the Medical Officer for a World Cup. From National Institute of Sports Medicine at Havana, Cuba & National Sports Centre at Madrid, Spain, he has tutored in Sports Traumatology and Sports & Exercise Physiology. He had worked as the Medical Officer for the 2018 Men's World Cup and chief team physician of Indian Contingent in Rio 2016 Paralympic Games.

30) Mohammed Ishtayeh was sworn in as the Prime Minister of which country?

- 1) Palestine
- 2) Israel

- 3) Russia
- 4) Venezuela
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Palestine**

Explanation:

On 14th April 2019, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas accepted the oath of office from the new 24-member cabinet headed by Prime Minister Mohammed Ishtayeh. Mohammed Ishtayeh is a veteran peace negotiator and harsh critic of Gaza's Hamas rulers. This move will deepen the rift between the Palestinian Authority and Hamas, the Islamic militant group that governs the Gaza Strip. The new 24 member cabinet replaces a technocratic government, which was formed by Rami Hamdallah in 2014.

31) Who was appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of Street Child Cricket World Cup 2019?

- 1) M.S. Dhoni
- 2) Sourav Ganguly
- 3) Mithali Dorai Raj
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Mithali Dorai Raj**

Explanation:

Ace cricketer Mithali Dorai Raj, Captain of the Indian women's cricket team, has been named as the goodwill ambassador of the Indian team for the Street Child Cricket World Cup (SCCWC) 2019. Mithali joins IPL franchise Rajasthan Royals and former captain Sourav Ganguly in supporting the team. This is the first cricket world cup for street-connected children and final will be played at Lord's in London on May 7. The tournament is being organised by Street Child United (SCU), a UK based organization. In the tournament, there are 10 gender equal national teams. i.e., boys and girls will play together.

32) In which public sector bank Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi was appointed as the Executive Director?

- 1) Punjab National Bank
- 2) Canara Bank
- 3) Bank of Baroda
- 4) Allahabad Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Punjab National Bank**

Explanation:

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has appointed Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi as the Executive Director of the bank. Rajesh Kumar Yaduvanshi had joined PNB as a management trainee in 1985. Currently, he is equipped with an experience of 34 years in the banking career and is a certified associate member of Indian Institute of Bankers. In the past, he had worked with Dena Bank in capacity of the Executive Director. Yaduvanshi holds a doctorate in science from Indian Agricultural Research Institute, (IARI) New Delhi. Currently PNB now has three Executive Directors, namely, Yaduvanshi, L V Prabhakar and A K Azad.

33) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of redBus?

- 1) Allu Arjun
- 2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni
- 3) Amitabh Bachchan
- 4) Mahesh Babu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni**

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Bus

ticketing platform redBus to strengthen the redBus brand. At present, Dhoni is the brand ambassador of sports firm Dream11, Colgate, MasterCard, Orient Fans, BharatMatrimony, Indigo Paints, SRMB Steel, and health supplement brand Revital H.RedBus started its operation in 2006, works with over 2500 bus operator and have sold more than 180 million bus tickets till date. It also a part of the MakeMyTrip group.

34) Name the first Indian, who was inducted into the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) of US recently.

- 1) Prashant Joshi
- 2) Sanjay Kumar
- 3) Narayanan
- 4) Anamika Das
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Sanjay Kumar**

Explanation:

The US Department of Interior inducted its very first Indian, Delhi-based Sanjay Kumar, CEO of Geospatial Media and Communications and Secretary General of World Geospatial Industry Council (WGIC), to its prestigious National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC). In November, 2018, Sanjay Kumar was honoured with the Global Geospatial Industry Ambassador award by the United Nations Global Geospatial Information Management (UN-GGIM). Kumar first joined the committee as a representative of the WGIC.

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36) Who was appointed as the chairman of India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) for the year 2019-20?

- 1) Rajesh Ram Mishra
- 2) Veerappan
- 3) Jitendra Chaddah
- 4) Satya Gupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Jitendra Chaddah**

Explanation:

The premier Industry body India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) committed to the development of a vibrant Indian Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) ecosystem, has appointed Jitendra Chaddah, Intel India senior director for operations and strategy, as its Chairman. Jitendra Chaddah. He succeeds Anil Kumar Muniswamy. IESA appointed Satya Gupta, CEO and Co-founder

of SezOpt Technologies India as Vice Chairman and Veerappan V, co founder and Director of Tessolve Semiconductor as Treasurer of the new Executive Concil (EC) for the year 2019-20.

37) Who was appointed as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon?

- 1) Lakshmi Kant Jha
- 2) Asaf Ali
- 3) Sanjiv Arora
- 4) Dr.Suhel Ajaz
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Dr.Suhel Ajaz**

Explanation:

Deputy chief of mission in the embassy of India in Riyadh, Dr.Suhel Ajaz khan has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Lebanon. He hails from Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He will succeed Sanjiv Arora. He completed MBBS from Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical college, Indore. From American University in Cairo, Dr Khan completed a high intermediate level course in Arabic Language. In 1997, he joined the Indian foreign service.

38) To which country, India has appointed Jaideep Sarkar as High Commissioner?

- 1) Armenia
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Brunei
- 4) Bahrain
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) South Africa**

Explanation:

A 1987-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer Jaideep Sarkar, currently serving as India's ambassador in Bhutan, appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of South Africa. He will succeed Ruchi Ghanashyam. Jaideep Sarkar Key Highlights After joining IFS service, Sarkar served in many different Indian missions in Tokyo, Seoul and Bangladesh. He also served in the Finance Ministry from 1992-1996. His responsibility is to deal with economic relations with European Union member countries. In 2004, Sarkar appointed as a director in Prime Minister's Office (PMO). As a director, he dealt with a number of ministries including MEA, Finance and Planning.

39) Who was the first Indian female scientist to be elected as a Fellow of the royal Society (FRS) in the UK?

- 1) Tessy Thomas
- 2) Rohini Godbole
- 3) Aditi Pant
- 4) Gagandeep Kang
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gagandeep Kang**

Explanation:

On 16th April 2019, Gagandeep Kang, 56 year old, executive director of Translational Health Science and technology Institute at Faridabad, has become the first Indian female scientist to be elected as a Fellow of the royal Society (FRS) in the UK in the 359 year history of the prestigious scientific academy. Gagandeep Kang. Dr. Kang, called India's vaccine "God Mother", developed a vaccine against Rota Virus and was first identified by AIIMS, New Delhi in 1985.

40) Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga is the Prime Minister of which country, who has resigned along with his entire government after Ogossagou massacre?

- 1) Mali
- 2) Senegal

- 3) Nigeria
- 4) Ghana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Mali**

Explanation:

On 18th April 2019, The Mali government resigned after criticism over the handling of the rising violence in the country and Ogossagou massacre that resulted in the deaths of 160 people on March 2019. Soumeylou Boubeye Maiga's Government came to power in December 31, 2017. Mali's Prime Minister, Soumeylou Boubeye Maigai. Maiga, the leader of "Alliance for Solidarity in Mali", From 2011-12, served as Foreign Minister of Mali under the President Amadou Toumani Toure and was the Secretary General of the Presidency from 2016 to 2017 and was Defence Minister from 2013 to 14.

41) Name the person who was designated as the member of Railway Board under Signal & Telecom department.

- 1) Girish Pillai
- 2) V.P. Pathak
- 3) N. Kashinath
- 4) Arun Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) N. Kashinath**

Explanation:

Shri N. Kashinath took over as Member (Signal & Telecom) of Railway Board on 16th April, 2019. He was associated with Train Describer Project, Survey for the Mobile Train Radio Communication in Northeast Frontier Railway, etc. V.P. Pathak took over as Member (Materials Management) Railway Board on 16th April, 2019. Previously, he had been working as Director General (RS), Railway Board since June 2018, and General Manager of Chittaranjan Locomotive Works since December 2016.

42) Who was appointed as the chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank for India Operations?

- 1) Garth Ritchie
- 2) Christian Sewing
- 3) Ravneet Gill
- 4) Kaushik Shaparia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kaushik Shaparia**

Explanation:

On 18th April 2019, Kaushik Shaparia has been appointed as chief executive officer of Deutsche Bank as India's head with effect from May 2019. He will succeed Ravneet Gill who is the MD & CEO of YES BANK. He has an experience as head of Asia Pacific Corporate Banking Coverage within Institutional and Treasury Coverage, Global Head of subsidiary Coverage and has a 30-year experience at Deutsche bank. Now he took over the position from Khurshed Dordi, as Chief Operating Officer for India, who was serving as Deutsche Bank's interim Chief Country Officer after Ravneet Gill's exit.

43) Which entity has appointed Ravinder Kumar Passi as Chairman?

- 1) India Trade Promotion Organisation
- 2) Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH)
- 3) Federation of Indian Export Organisations
- 4) UK Trade & Investment
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH)**

Explanation:

Recently, Export Promotion Council for Handicraft (EPCH) board has elevated Ravinder Kumar Passi (previously a vice chairman of EPCH), to the post of Chairman of EPCH. He will take charge for the post of

Chairman shortly from his predecessor O P Prahladka. Ravinder Kumar Passi had served EPCH in various important position including the post of chairman during 2001-2002. He has been a part of EPCH since its establishment in 1986-87.

44) Who has been inducted to board of directors in Paytm Payments Bank?

- 1) Vaibhav Goel
- 2) Sundararajan
- 3) Sairee Chahal
- 4) Ashit Ranjit Lilani
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sairee Chahal**

Explanation:

Sairee Chahal having extensive experience of customer service ecosystem has been appointed to Board of Directors in Paytm Payments Bank (PPB). Sairee Chahal is the founder and CEO of Sheroes which is a community platform for women. PPB was incorporated in August 2016 and formally began its operations in 2017. The founder of Paytm, Vijay Shekhar Sharma holds 51% stake in PPB and One97 Communications holds the rest of the stakes.

45) Name the person, who was appointed as the general secretary of Judo Union, Asian governing body.

- 1) Mukesh Kumar
- 2) Obaid Al-Anzi
- 3) Obaid Alenezi
- 4) Mohammed Bin Thaloub
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Mukesh Kumar**

Explanation:

Mukesh Kumar, chief of former Judo Federation of India was re-elected as general secretary of Judo Union, the Asian governing body, at its ordinary congress at Fujairah, UAE. Mukesh Kumar is also the Chairman of the Technical Conduct Committee of the 36th National Games that is allotted to Goa. The present President of Judo Federation of India, Partap Singh Bajwa was elected as Vice President of Judo Union of Asia and as president of South Asia Judo Federation.

46) Who was appointed as the Exclusive Corporate Ambassador to the Indian Business Community of Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ)?

- 1) Ravi Shastri
- 2) Suru Nayak
- 3) Arun Lal
- 4) Manoj Prabhakar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ravi Shastri**

Explanation:

Head Coach of the India National Cricket Team, former Indian Cricketer and TV commentator, Ravi Shastri, also known as “Champion of Champions” was appointed as Exclusive Corporate Ambassador to the Indian Business Community of Ras Al Khaimah Economic Zone (RAKEZ) in Dubai. RAKEZ in UAE is one of the leading hubs for businesses operating in commercial, service & consultancy field that uniquely offers customizable solutions to free zone and non-free zone businesses with Ramy Jallad as the CEO of RAKEZ Group.

47) Who was recommended for the Vir Chakra medal by Indian Air Force recently?

- 1) Birender Singh Dhanoa
- 2) Abhinandan Varthaman

- 3) Anil Khosla
- 4) Pradeep Padmakar Bapat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Abhinandan Varthaman**

Explanation:

India Air Force has recommended Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman for the Vir Chakra medal for shooting down an F-16 in an aerial engagement with the Pakistan Air Force on February 27. In the past, during wars, pilots who shot down enemy fighters were all given Vir Chakra medals. The Vir Chakra is the third highest gallantry award in the military during times of war after the Param Vir Chakra and the Mahavir Chakra. This comes even as the IAF fighter pilot was issued transfer orders out of Srinagar to another base in the western sector along the Pakistan border.

48) Which European country has recently elected the Political Neophyte and Comedian Volodymyr Zelensky as its President?

- 1) Iceland
- 2) Moldova
- 3) Ukraine
- 4) Belarus
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ukraine**

Explanation:

In Ukrainian presidential election 2019, Comedian Volodymyr Oleksandrovyh Zelensky defeated incumbent Petro Poroshenko of Petro Poroshenko Bloc “Solidarity” party. Mr. Zelensky, 41-year-old, received 73% of the vote. He becomes the sixth president of Ukraine, hailing from the south-eastern city of Kryvyi Rih. His term is expected to begin on 3 June 2019. His election campaign slogan was ‘unify Ukraine’. Neophyte Volodymyr Zelenskyi. Zelensky, a trained lawyer, is best known for his role in the television series ‘Servant of the People’ in which he played a history teacher who becomes president of Ukraine. The election was held between 31st March 2019 and April 21st.

49) Who was appointed as the Managing Director of Twitter India?

- 1) Rajiv Mehrishi
- 2) Manish Maheshwari
- 3) Desh Deepak Verma
- 4) Ajit Doval
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Manish Maheshwari**

Explanation:

On 22nd April 2019, Former Network 18 Digital CEO, Manish Maheshwari has been appointed as Managing Director of Twitter India with effect from 29th April 2019. He will succeed Balaji Krish who was serving as the interim head after Taranjeet Singh had stepped down from the same role. Maheshwari will be responsible for managing an integrated business strategy to stimulate Twitter’s audience and revenue growth in the country, overseeing Twitter India’s teams in Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru. He has served various roles at Flipkart, txtWeb, Intuit, McKinsey and P&G.

50) Former Chief Election Commissioner of India (ECI) and ex-civil aviation secretary, Nasim Zaidi has resigned from which Indian international airlines?

- 1) Jet Airways
- 2) Air India
- 3) SpiceJet
- 4) Etihad Airways
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Jet Airways**

Explanation:

On 22nd April 2019, Former Chief Election Commissioner of India (ECI), and ex-civil aviation secretary, Nasim Zaidi has resigned from the post of non-executive and non-independent director of Jet Airways with effect from 21st April 2019, due to personal reasons. Last week, Jet Airways temporarily ceased all its operations, and now is under the management control of State Bank of India-led consortium of lenders following a debt-recast plan approved by its board.

51) Name the eminent chef, who was appointed as the brand ambassador of Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC)?

- 1) Ranveer Brar
- 2) Vikas Khanna
- 3) Sanjeev Kapoor
- 4) Saransh Goila
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Vikas Khanna**

Explanation:

Vikas Khanna, Michelin-star chef has been named brand ambassador of Indo-American Arts Council (IAAC), a leading cultural organisation which will organise the annual New York Indian Film Festival (NYIFF) that would showcase the chef's film 'The Last Color' and Nawazuddin Siddiqui-starrer 'Photograph'. i. The New York Indian Film Festival is North America's longest-running and most prestigious Indian film festival that would be organised from May 7 to 12, 2019. This would be the 19th edition of the fest. ii. The festival will showcase 30 feature-length films, including 3 documentaries, 30 shorts and 19 regional films.

52) Which organization's Secretary General, Uday Kumar Varma has resigned recently?

- 1) All India Chain Association
- 2) All India Importers Association
- 3) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham)
- 4) All India Manufacturers Organisation
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham)**

Explanation:

Uday Kumar Varma, a former bureaucrat retired from the post of Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, resigned from the post of The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Assocham) Secretary-General. Currently, Assocham's Deputy Secretary-General Saurabh Sanyal is discharging the duties of secretary general. Uday Kumar Varma. Last year U K Varma took over Assocham's General Secretary. He had succeeded D S Rawat.

53) Who has been appointed as the 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)?

- 1) Vinakshi Gupta
- 2) Anuradha Mitra
- 3) Madhulika P Sukul
- 4) Rajendra Kumar Nayak
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rajendra Kumar Nayak**

Explanation:

On 22nd April 2019, Shri. Rajendra Kumar Nayak has been appointed as the 52nd Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA). Nayak, who is from the Indian Defence Accounts Service of 1983 batch, will succeed Smt. Madhulika P Sukul. He has experience in handling Finance, Personnel, Pay & Budget matters of the Ministry of Defence. Nayak has held important assignments in the Defence Accounts Department and on deputation in the Government of India during over 35 years of his career span.

54) Which transport firm has recently appointed Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty as head of Asia-Pacific region?

- 1) Lyft
- 2) Cabify
- 3) Uber
- 4) Ola
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Uber**

Explanation:

Amit Jain, Uber's Asia-Pacific region (APAC) Head, announced his resignation at the end of May 2019 after four-year service to spend time with his family. Uber's head of Europe, Middle East and Africa, Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty will take over the additional charge of APAC. In June 2015, he had joined Uber as India head and become APAC chief in May 2018.

55) Who was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank?

- 1) Ajay Kumar Srivastava
- 2) Karnam Sekar
- 3) T.C.A.Ranganathan
- 4) K. Swaminathan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Karnam Sekar**

Explanation:

Karnam Sekar, Dena Bank's former Managing Director has been newly appointed as the new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Indian Overseas Bank. He would take up the position from July 1, 2019. He has been working as an officer on special duty and Whole Time Director in IOB (Indian Overseas Bank) from April 1 till the time of taking over charge from R Subramaniakumar who was the erstwhile CEO and MD. R Subramaniakumar had initiated measures to uplift IOB from losses due to high Non-Performing Assets.

56) Who was appointed as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles?

- 1) Lalit Mansingh
- 2) Salman Haidar
- 3) Ausaf Sayeed
- 4) Dalbir Singh Suhag
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Dalbir Singh Suhag**

Explanation:

General (Retd.) Dalbir Singh Suhag has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles. He will succeed Ausaf Sayeed. General Suhag was the 26th Army Chief of the Indian Army from July 2014 to December 2016. The General participated in the Indian Peace Keeping Force operation named Operation Pawan in Sri Lanka in 1987 and served as a Company commander in it. He was the Eastern Army Commander in the year 2016 when Indian soldiers were subjected to a surgical strike against Pakistan at terrorist launch pads inside Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoK).

57) Who has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of LIC Housing Finance?

- 1) Koteswara Rao
- 2) Jagdish Capoor
- 3) Siddhartha Mohanty
- 4) Savita Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Siddhartha Mohanty**

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, former executive director of LIC of India, Siddhartha Mohanty has been appointed as Chief Operating Officer (COO) of LIC Housing Finance. He started his career with LIC of India in 1985. He also served as Chief of Investments (Monitoring), Regional Head of marketing channel in Western Zone spanning the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Goa and was the Senior Divisional Manager in-charge of Raipur and Cuttack divisions of LIC.

58) Who was appointed as the technical director for All India Football Federation (AIFF)?

- 1) Manvendra Singh
- 2) Dorulsac
- 3) Gairoz Darsadze
- 4) Subrata Dutta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dorulsac**

Explanation:

Romanian football manager, Dorulsac has been appointed as the new technical director for Indian football team. He succeeds Savio Madeira, who has been the interim technical director since 2017. All India Football Federation (AIFF) interviewed Isac, Jorge Castelo and Gairoz Darsadze on 22 April 2019 for the post, but Isac, 56-year-old emerged as the number one choice because of his youth-oriented approach.

59) Who has been elected as general secretary of the All India Federation of PTI Employees' Unions (AIFPTIEU)?

- 1) M S Yadav
- 2) Vijay Kumar Chopra
- 3) Viveck Goenka
- 4) Vineet Jain
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) M S Yadav**

Explanation:

On 27th April 2019, M S Yadav has been elected as general secretary of the newly formed, All India Federation of PTI Employees' Unions (AIFPTIEU) by the 45 elected council members from different centres of PTI (Press Trust of India) during the two days meeting in Lucknow. Key Points: i. In other appointments, Bhuwan Choubey was elected as president, P C Maity was elected as treasurer, Md. Sallimuddin and O J Tomy were elected vice-presidents, M S Hasan and B T Mohan Rao were elected assistant general secretaries.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1) Which global IT Service company has acquired 75% stake in Starter NV, a subsidiary of Dutch based ABN AMRO Bank for \$144 million (approx. Rs 999 crore)?

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

Answer – **3) Infosys**

Explanation:

Consulting arm of Global IT Services major, Infosys will buy 75% stake in Starter NV which is a subsidiary of Dutch based ABN AMRO Bank for \$144 million (approx. Rs 999 crore) in an all-cash deal. This move is aimed at strategic partnership in Netherlands. ABN Amro which is the third largest bank of Netherlands will hold the remaining 25 per cent stake in Starter NV.

2) Which company acquired the chatbot making startup firm Haptik for Rs.700 Crore?

- 1) DoubleClick
- 2) Kaggle
- 3) Google LLC
- 4) Reliance Jio Digital
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Reliance Jio Digital

Explanation:

Reliance Jio Digital, a subsidiary of Reliance Industries has acquired a chatbot making startup firm Haptik for Rs.700 Crore. In this Rs.700 Crore deal, Rs.230 Crore will be used for business transaction and Rs.470 Crore will be used for business expansion. After this acquisition, Reliance Jio Digital now hold 87% stake in Haptik, while Existing investor Times Internet which held 70% stake will exit the company. Haptik Co-founders Aakrit Vaish and Swapan Rajdev will have a minority stake of 13% in Haptik.

3) Name the bank recently approved the merger of the private sector lender with Indiabulls Housing Finance (IBH).

- 1) DCB Bank
- 2) City Union Bank
- 3) Federal Bank
- 4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Lakshmi Vilas Bank

Explanation:

On 5th April, 2019, Lakshmi Vilas Bank, Private sector lender announced to approved a merger with Indiabulls Housing Finance Ltd, mortgage financier in an all-stock deal. The merged entity will be known as 'Indiabulls Lakshmi Vilas Bank'. This merged bank will be among the top 8 private banks in India by size and profitability. As per the share swap ratio, for every 100 shares of Lakshmi Vilas Bank shareholders will get 14 shares of Indiabulls Housing Finance.

4) Which organisation has received the approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) to acquire Bengaluru-based IT services firm Mindtree?

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) Larsen and Toubro(L&T)
- 3) Infosys
- 4) Wipro
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Larsen and Toubro(L&T)

Explanation:

On 6th April 2019, Larsen and Toubro (L&T) has received the approval to acquire up to 66.15 percent stake in the Bengaluru-based IT services firm Mindtree from Competition Commission of India (CCI). Around Rs 10,800 crore is the estimated total deal value. After the announcement, Mindtree board constituted a committee of four independent directors headed by Apurva Purohit to review the open offer and advise stakeholders whether to go for open offer or not.

5) Name the digital payment entity that acquired a US-based financial technology, Wibmo for USD 70 million(Rs.484 Crore).

- 1) PayU
- 2) PayPal
- 3) Razorpay
- 4) Paytm
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) PayU

Explanation:

On 12th April, 2019, PayU, Digital payments security and payment facilitator has acquired Wibmo, a US-based financial technology for USD 70 million (Rs.484 Crore) to assist the company scale-up its business. Under the agreement, Wibmo will continue to serve all of its clients as a wholly-owned subsidiary of PayU. The accession integrates PayU's strong merchant network and Wibmo's leadership for digital transaction security solutions to offer payments solutions in India for growth markets.

6) Which telecommunication company has received approval from the telecom department for merger with Tata Teleservices Ltd.?

- 1) Vodafone Idea Ltd.
- 2) Bharti Airtel
- 3) MTNL
- 4) Jio
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bharti Airtel**

Explanation:

The Telecom Department has sanctioned the merger of TTSL (Tata Teleservices Limited) consumer mobility business with Bharti Airtel, subject to the condition that Sunil Mittal's firm provides bank guarantees of about Rs. 7,200 crore. The contract is mostly associated with one-time spectrum charges (OTSC) and some deferred airwave charges. Manoj Sinha, telecom minister has conditionally approved the merger and that letters mentioning the guarantees were sent to Tata Teleservices Limited and its listed unit Tata Teleservices Maharashtra (TTML).

7) Which bank has got the approval from Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the acquisition of Gruh Finance, an arm of HDFC?

- 1) Karnataka Bank
- 2) DCB Bank
- 3) Bandhan Bank
- 4) RBL Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bandhan Bank**

Explanation:

On 16th April 2019, Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank has received the approval of the Competition Commission of India (CCI) for the acquisition of Gruh Finance which is the affordable housing finance arm of HDFC Ltd in a share-swap deal. The approval has been given under the sub-section (1) of Section 31 of the Competition Act, 2002. Bandhan Bank has transferred 14.9 percent stake to HDFC for this acquisition. For this merger, the shareholding of Bandhan Financial Holdings came down to about 61 percent from about 82 percent, and HDFC held around 15 percent in the merged entity from about 57 percent in Gruh Finance.

8) Name the private sector bank which has received National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) nod to merge with a microfinance company, Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL).

- 1) IndusInd Bank
- 2) Axis Bank
- 3) Federal Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) IndusInd Bank**

Explanation:

Recently, National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) approved merger of private sector lender IndusInd Bank with Bharat Financial Inclusion (BFIL), a microfinance company. Now, BFIL become the subsidiary

of IndusInd Bank. Last year, IndusInd Bank had received 'No Objection' from Reserve Bank of India, National Stock Exchange and Bombay Stock Exchange.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1) Name the Electronic intelligence satellite launched by ISRO along with 28 co-passenger satellites using Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45) recently.

- 1) Microsat-R
- 2) Emisat
- 3) IRNSS-1I
- 4) Cartosat-2
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Emisat**

Explanation:

ISRO's workhorse launch vehicle Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV C-45), in its 47th mission, has successfully launched the 436 kg Electronic intelligence satellite EMISAT and 28 co-passenger satellites into their designated orbits from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This was the 71st launch vehicle mission for Sriharikota. The military satellite, EMISAT, was successfully injected into intended sun-synchronous polar orbit of 748 km height. The foreign satellites have been launched under an agreement with the Antrix Corporation, the commercial arm of ISRO, consisting of 24 from the US, two from Lithuania and one each from Spain and Switzerland. Emisat is a satellite based on ISRO's Indian Mini Satellite -2 (IMS-2) bus platform. The satellite is aimed at electromagnetic spectrum measurement.

2) Which country launched second generational data relay satellite named Tianlian II-01 with the help of a Long March-3B Carrier rocket?

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

Answer – **4) China**

Explanation:

On 31st March 2019, China successfully launched its first second generational data relay satellite named Tianlian II-01 with the help of a Long March-3B Carrier rocket from Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in Sichuan Province. It was the 301st mission of the Long March carrier rocket series. The Satellite will provide, data relay, transmission services, measurement and control for China's manned spacecraft, satellites and carrier rockets along with other non-spacecraft users. China Academy of Space Technology which is under China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation has developed this satellite.

3) Name the telescope used by astronomers to discover a new exoplanet named as TOI-197.0 or "hot Saturn".

- 1) Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)
- 2) Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope (HXMT)
- 3) Hubble Space Telescope
- 4) Lunar-based ultraviolet telescope (LUT)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)**

Explanation:

Astronomers have discovered a new exoplanet using NASA's exoplanet-hunting space telescope, Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS). The exoplanet is said to be 60 times bigger than our planet and is five-billion-year-old planet. The exoplanet is dubbed TESS Object of Interest (TOI)-197.0 or "hot

Saturn” because of its size and hot temperature. Scientists are gaining valuable insights into other solar systems by studying the data sent by TESS. The discovery will be published in The Astronomical Journal. It completes its orbit in 14 days, because the planet is very close to its host star.

4) Name the enzyme discovered by Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists which helps to cut bacterial cell walls.

- 1) Xanthine dehydrogenase
- 2) Murein EndopeptidaseK
- 3) Firefly luciferase EC
- 4) Ribonucleotide reductase
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Murein EndopeptidaseK

Explanation:

The Center for Cell and Molecular Biology (CCMB) scientists have discovered a new enzyme called “Murein EndopeptidaseK” while studying the cell growth in bacteria. This new discovery has paved the way for a new drug treatment that prevents anti-bacterial resistance by existing antibiotics. It would act on the protein of cell wall in Escherichia coli (E. coli), a bacterium found in the lower intestine of warm-blooded organisms. Pavan Kumar Chodiseti, research student and his mentor Dr. Manjula Reddy were the backbone of this discovery. The finding has been published in the latest issue of Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences, USA.

5) Find the messaging app, which unveiled a platform named ‘Checkpoint Tipline’ to tackle fake news during the Lok Sabha Election?

- 1) WhatsApp
- 2) Facebook
- 3) Instagram
- 4) Twitter
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) WhatsApp

Explanation:

In order to check the authenticity of information during Lok Sabha Election, Messaging app WhatsApp unveiled a platform named “Checkpoint Tipline”, which can review the content in the form of pictures, video links or text. This tipline is unveiled by an India-based media skilling start-up, Proto. Subscribers in India can submit misinformation or rumours they receive to the Checkpoint Tipline on WhatsApp (+91-9643-000-888). After sharing the information, the app will check with the checkpoints and inform the user whether the submitted information is fake or not using the key terms – true, false, misleading, disputed or out of scope and include any other related information that is available. The platform can review the text in English as well as in four regional languages viz-Hindi, Telugu, Bengali and Malayalam can also be reviewed. This newly launched platform will form a database of rumours to study misinformation during elections for the research project Checkpoint, technically assisted by WhatsApp.

6) Which country has unveiled the world’s first nationwide 5G mobile networks?

- 1) China
- 2) US
- 3) Japan
- 4) South Korea
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) South Korea

Explanation:

South Korea has unveiled the world’s first nationwide 5G mobile networks. This has made South Korea to be the first providers of the super-fast wireless technology. Top 3 telecom providers namely SK Telecom, KT, and LG Uplus have begun their 5G services on 3rd April. This 5G service will bring smartphones to

instantaneous connectivity which will be 20 times faster than 4G. allowing users to download entire movies in less than a second. This service is important for the future development as it is expected to bring about \$565 billion in global economic benefits by 2034.

7) Researchers from Queen's University Belfast and Aberystwyth University had used which telescoped during the study of magnetic field of the sun, which came out to be ten times stronger than previously thought?

- 1) Daniel K. Inouye Solar Telescope
- 2) 1-m Solar Telescope
- 3) Chinese Giant Solar Telescope
- 4) New Vacuum Solar Telescope (NVST)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 1-m Solar Telescope

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, the magnetic field of the sun is ten times stronger than previously thought according to a new study by the Queen's University Belfast and Aberystwyth University. The Sun's corona extends millions of kilometers above the surface about 1,400,000 kilometers across and 150,000,000 kilometers from Earth. For this research, the researchers use the Swedish 1-m Solar Telescope at Roque de los Muchachos Observatory, La Palma in the Canary Islands. This study can not only potentially change our understanding of the solar atmosphere but also its effects on Earth. This magnetic field has direct effects on Earth. It can affect terrestrial weather, magnetic compasses, GPS, and radio communications. Also, it can lead to an electromagnetic pulse event that could knock out the power grid of an entire continent.

8) To which country Hayabusa2 spacecraft belongs, which recently dropped an explosive on asteroid for the first time to form a crater?

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

Answer – 3) Japan

Explanation:

On 5th April, 2019, Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, or JAXA has dropped an explosive from its Hayabusa2 spacecraft. It has successfully blasted the surface of an asteroid for the first time to form a crater. The mission has paved the way for the collection of underground samples for clues to the origin of the solar system. The Hayabusa2 has dropped a small explosive box which sent a copper ball the size of a baseball weighing 2 Kg into the asteroid.

9) Which telescope was used to determine that, dark matter is not made up of tiny primordial black holes as stated by Stephen Hawking?

- 1) Hobby-Eberly Telescope
- 2) Subaru telescope
- 3) Large Binocular Telescope
- 4) Large Zenith Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Subaru telescope

Explanation:

An international research team including Dr. Surhud More and Dr. Anupreeta More from Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune has ruled out the possibility of primordial black holes being a major constituent of dark matter using Subaru telescope. This finding disproves a theoretical claim of Prof Stephen Hawking. In the solar system, Mercury, the planet closest to the Sun,

takes just 88 days to make one revolution around the sun, while Neptune, the farthest one, takes 165 years to make one round. In like manner, laws of gravity expect us to see stars closer to the centre of galaxies rotating faster than the stars on the edge.

10) Which Indian Institution has tied up with General Electric to establish India's first 'Cold Spray' SMART Lab?

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

Answer - 4. IIT Madras

Explanation:-

American conglomerate, General Electric in association with IIT Madras, established India's first 'Cold Spray' SMART (Surface Modification and Additive Research Technologies) Laboratory in the institution. And thereby IIT-M became the only academic institution with High-Pressure Cold Spray (HPCS) facility in India.

11) Which state government was penalized by National Green Tribunal (NGT) for illegal sand mining?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On 8th April 2019, National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a penalty of Rs 100 crore on the Andhra Pradesh government for illegal sand mining in the state. Penalty has been imposed on the lines of plea filed by Andhra Pradesh resident Anumolu Gandhi, alleging illegal sand mining was causing damage to Krishna, Godavari rivers and their tributaries in the state. The tribunal headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel who is the chairperson of NGT directed the state government to deposit Rs 100 crore 'environment compensation' with the Central Pollution Control Board (CPSB) within a month. Also, a committee has been formed consisting of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), National Institute of Mines, Dhanbad, IIT Roorkee and Madras School of Economics for the evaluation of environment damage within three months and to provide a report to this Tribunal.

12) Periyar River is recently in news for its discolouration. It is located in which Indian state?

- 1) Karnataka
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Kerala

Explanation:

Kerala's Periyar River has turned black near the Pathalam Regulator cum Bridge. This discolouration of Periyar and fish kills have been a serious issue for last couple of years. About hundred Indian anchovies (Kozhuva) fishes were found dead along the banks of the Muttar river, a tributary of the Periyar. According to PCB (Pollution Control Board), the discolouration was due to the poor quality of water as a result of eutrophication.

13) Google has launched which cloud platform to run and manage apps from anywhere?

- 1) Anthos
- 2) Stackdriver
- 3) Apigee
- 4) Lambda
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Anthos**

Explanation:

Google has launched a new open platform named 'Anthos' to run and manage apps from anywhere. It lets users run applications on the public cloud or on existing on-premise hardware investments. It helps the users to manage workloads running on third-party clouds like Microsoft Azure and Amazon AWS. Google also announced "Anthos Migrate" in beta, which auto-migrates virtual machines from on-premises, or other clouds directly into Kubernetes Engine with minimal effect. VMware, Dell EMC, HPE, Intel and Lenovo have committed to deliver Anthos.

14) What is the new form of state of matter which can be solid and liquid at the same time as per the journal named 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.'?

- 1) Plasma
- 2) Solidified liquid
- 3) Chain-melted state
- 4) Solid in melted state
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Chain-melted state**

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, a new state of matter which can be solid and liquid at the same time has been discovered by scientists of the University of Edinburgh. The study was led by Dr. Andreas Hermann of the university's School of Physics and Astronomy and was published in the journal named 'Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.' This distinct state of matter named as the "chain-melted state".

15) SpaceX's Falcon Heavy rocket carried out its first commercial launch by launching which country's telecom satellite?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Saudi Arabia
- 3) US
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Saudi Arabia**

Explanation:

On 11th April, 2019, SpaceX carried out its first commercial operational mission by launching its Falcon Heavy rocket to place a Saudi telecoms satellite into orbit operated by Arabsat. The Saudi telecoms shiny silver satellite was successfully deployed after lift-off of about 34 minutes from Cape Canaveral, Florida. The satellite is designed to provide television, internet, telephone, and secure communications to customers in the Middle East.

16) Name the telescope, which is used by astronomers to capture the first image of Black Hole?

- 1) Event Horizon Telescope
- 2) Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope
- 3) Hard X-ray Modulation Telescope
- 4) Lunar-based ultraviolet telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Event Horizon Telescope**

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, Astronomers Captured the First Image of a Black Hole which was a halo of dust and gas, tracing the outline of a colossal black hole at the center of the galaxy M87 (Messier 87) with the help of The Event Horizon Telescope (EHT) observations. Black Holes were first predicted by Einstein's theory of relativity and these are the extreme cosmic objects, containing incredible amounts of mass within a tiny region. The galaxy is 55 million light-years away from Earth.

17) Where did scientists discover the new species named "Homo luzonensis", that inhabited the Earth nearly 67,000 years ago?

- 1) Thailand
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Manila
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Philippines**

Explanation:

The archaeologists unearthed the remains of at least 2 adults and 1 juvenile (a species of Homo luzonensis) within the archaeological deposits in the Philippines. Researchers from Australian National University (ANU) thus proclaimed the findings to prove that the region of Southeast Asia played a major role in hominin evolutionary history. This discovery has been published in Nature, an International journal of science. The new species, Homo luzonensis is named after Luzon Island (the largest island in the country). This is where, at the Callao Cave, fossils older than 50,000 years were discovered.

18) Name the twin astronauts, who were used as subjects for the research titled 'NASA Twins' published in the journal, Science.

- 1) Linda Hamilton and Leslie Hamilton
- 2) Scarlett Johansson and Hunter Johansson
- 3) Scott Kelly and Mark Kelly
- 4) Rami Malek and Sami Malek
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Scott Kelly and Mark Kelly**

Explanation:

A paper on 'NASA Twins' has revealed that spaceflight has an effect on the gut microbiome; the effects however appear to be significant and temporary. The research findings have been published in the journal named 'Science' in which results from 10 other research teams are there that examined the nature of the human body's response to spaceflight. The twins involved in the study were 2 fifty-year old astronauts (at the time of the study): Scott Kelly (he flew a 1-year mission aboard the International Space Station which ended in March 2016) and his twin brother, Mark Kelly who stayed on Earth while his brother was in orbit. Stefan Green was the 1st author of the research study managed the genetic sequencing and analysis of the gut microbes.

19) In which Journal, does the discovery about the spectrometer that is used to detect dangerous chemicals was published recently?

- 1) JAMA
- 2) Discovery
- 3) Science
- 4) Nature Communications
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Nature Communications**

Explanation:

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the US have manufactured a tiny spectrometer that can be used in smartphone-sized devices to identify dangerous chemicals based on a unique

“fingerprint” of emitted and absorbed light. The study has been published in the Journal Nature Communications. This single shot spectrometer has an advanced capability called hyperspectral imaging, i.e., the device can collect every information about each individual pixel in an image to identify materials.

20) Name the World's largest airplane, that made its first test flight in California.

- 1) Spruce Goose
- 2) Roc
- 3) Tupolev Tu-160
- 4) Antonov An-124
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Roc

Explanation:

On 14th April 2019, the world's largest airplane a Stratolaunch's behemoth named “Roc” has made its first test flight in California, over the Mojave Desert. It has two fuselages and six Boeing 747 engines and is designed to carry into space, and drop a rocket that would in turn ignite to deploy satellites. An engineering company named ‘Scaled Composites’ built this airplane for Stratolaunch Systems and was financed by Late Paul Allen who was the co-founder of Microsoft.

21) Find the mobile app, which was launched by Bharti Airtel in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) to assist for women safety ?

- 1) Shout
- 2) Help
- 3) My Circle
- 4) Reach
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) My Circle

Explanation:

On 14th April, 2019, Bharti Airtel has launched a mobile app, “My Circle” in collaboration with FICCI Ladies Organisation (FLO) to assist women in case they face any panic situation or problem. The application will allow women to send SOS alerts to any five of their family or friends in 13 languages by pressing the SOS prompt on the app. The app has been developed by Airtel X labs and was conceptualised by an all-women cross-functional team.

22) Name the Israel Spacecraft that crashes the moon recently.

- 1) Beresheet
- 2) Galileo
- 3) Huygens
- 4) Rosetta
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Beresheet

Explanation:

The Israeli spacecraft - called Beresheet - attempted a soft touchdown, but suffered technical problems on its descent to the lunar surface. The first privately funded mission to the Moon has crashed on the lunar surface after the apparent failure of its main engine. The aim of the mission was to take pictures and conduct experiments. Only government space agencies from the former Soviet Union, the US and China have achieved soft lunar landings. Israel hoped to become the fourth country to do this.

23) Which country has developed World's first armed amphibious drone boat ‘Marine Lizard’?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) Russia
- 4) India

5) None of these

Answer – **2) China**

Explanation:

The world's first armed amphibious drone boat named "Marine Lizard", which is guided by China's BeiDou Navigation Satellite System has been successfully tested by China. With a capability of forming a combat triad with aerial drones and other drone ships, it could be used in land and sea assault operations. The drone ship has been built by Wuchang Shipbuilding Industry Group under China Shipbuilding Industry Corporation (CSIC). It has a maximum operation range of 1,200 kms and can be remotely controlled with the help of satellites. iii. Marine Lizard, 12-metres-long, is shaped in the form of a ship. It is a trimaran and is driven by a diesel-powered hydrojet that can reach a maximum speed of 50 knots while maintaining its furtiveness.

24) What is the name of India's first indigenously designed and developed long range sub sonic cruise missile, which is developed by Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE) ?

1) Shaurya

2) Helina

3) Nirbhay

4) Prahaar

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Nirbhay**

Explanation:

Nirbhay', long range sub sonic cruise missile indigenously designed and developed by Bengaluru – based Aeronautical Development Establishment (ADE), a lab under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) was test fired from launch complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur, Odisha. This all-weather missile can be launched from multiple platforms. It is India's first indigenously designed and developed long-range cruise missile. The missile is nuclear capable, can be equipped with 300kg warhead. It can strike land targets at a distance up to 1000 km at an altitude as low as 100 metre so that missile can avoid detection by enemy radar. It has an ability to reach speed of 0.6-0.7 Mach and can be deployed from multiple platforms. The missile weighs 1,500 kg, width of 0.52 meters and has a wingspan of 2.7 metre.

25) Name the space telescope which has discovered an Earth-sized planet, HD 21749b and a "sub-Neptune" world, revolving around the star, HD 21749.

1) Swift Gamma Ray Burst Explorer

2) Hubble Space Telescope

3) Near Earth Object Surveillance Satellite (NEOSSat)

4) Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)**

Explanation:

The Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS) has discovered an Earth-sized planet, HD 21749b and a "sub-Neptune" world, revolving around the star, HD 21749. The star lies 53 light-years from Earth. The research study has been published on 15th April, 2019 in 'The Astrophysical Journal Letters'. TESS was launched to Earth orbit in April 2018 on a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket. One tool termed as 'Planet Finder Spectrograph' (PFS) on the 'Magellan II telescope' in Chile helped to confirm the planetary nature of the TESS signal and measure the mass of HD 21749b. HD 21749b is about 23 times heavier and 2.7 times wider than Earth. It is gaseous, has a substantial atmosphere but not as puffy as Uranus and Neptune. HD 21749b has an orbital period of 36 Earth days. HD 21749b's surface temperature is mostly around 300 degrees Fahrenheit (150 degrees Celsius).

26) What is the name of the device, discovered by the researchers from University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) that produces electricity from snowfall ?

- 1) Snow Tribo electric nano motor
- 2) Snow Tribo electric nano ammeter
- 3) Snow Tribo electric nano generator
- 4) Snow Tribo electric nano galvanometer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Snow Tribo electric nano generator

Explanation:

The researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), US created a 3D-printed device that can produce electricity from falling snow. The device is small, inexpensive, thin, flexible like a plastic-sheet and can work anywhere because it provides its own power and does not need batteries. The research study was published in the journal 'Nano Energy' and UCLA's Richard Kaner is the senior author of it. The device termed as snow-based triboelectric nanogenerator or snow TENG, generates charge through static electricity and produces energy from electron-exchange.

27) Where was the Indian Coast Guard offshore patrol vessel 'Veera' commissioned?

- 1) Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Kochi, Kerala
- 4) Vijayanarayanapuram, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard vessel Veera has been commissioned by General Bipin Rawat, Chief of Army Staff in the presence of Director General of Indian Coast Guard Rajendra Singh, Chief of Eastern Naval Command Vice Admiral Karambir Singh and other senior dignitaries of the central and state government in a ceremony organised at Eastern Naval Command in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Veera, the third in the series of the new generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) is indigenously designed and built by Larsen & Toubro Ltd. at its shipbuilding facility at Kattupali in Chennai. It is commanded by Commandant Girish Datt Raturi and managed by 12 officers and 94 men.

28) Name the space agency, that is set to launch the first-ever "Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART)" mission to redirect an asteroid in 2021.

- 1) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 2) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- 3) China National Space Administration (CNSA)
- 4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Explanation:

SpaceX, a private Aerospace company, will provide launch services for NASA's Double Asteroid Redirection Test (DART) mission, the first-ever mission to redirect an asteroid. DART mission, \$69 million contract, will blast off aboard a Falcon 9 rocket from Vandenberg Air Force Base, California in June 2021. In October 2022, the spacecraft will smash into "Didymoon," the 540-foot-wide (165 meters) satellite of Didymos, a near-Earth asteroid. If all goes with no trouble, the observation about the collision will help researchers to evaluate the kinetic impactor strategy of hazardous-asteroid deflection.

29) What is the name of the third transiting planet in the Kepler-47 Circumbinary System discovered by astronomers from San Diego State University?

- 1) Kepler-47d
- 2) Kepler-47b

- 3) Kepler-47a
- 4) Kepler-47c
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kepler-47d**

Explanation:

A group of researchers, led by astronomers at San Diego State University, by using data from NASA's Kepler Space Telescope, detected the new Neptune-to-Saturn size planet orbiting between two previously known planets Kepler-47b and Kepler-47c. This new planet named as Kepler-47d. The research was recently published in the Astronomical Journal. According to a new study, Kepler-47d is about seven times larger than Earth and also the largest of the three planets in the Kepler-47 circumbinary system. The Kepler-47 system is approximately 3.5 billion-years-old and it is 3,340 light years away in the direction of the constellation Cygnus.

30) Name the Indian origin student, who was appointed to lead the team of CubeSat BLAST, a mini research satellite to be sent to space to detect cosmic rays.

- 1) Avnish Agarwal
- 2) Rajeev Varshney
- 3) Keshav Raghvan
- 4) Surendra Adhikari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Keshav Raghvan**

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has chosen a team led by an Indian American student, Keshav Raghvan to have its CubeSat which is a mini research satellite to be sent to space to detect cosmic rays. 21 year old Keshav Raghavan, led the researchers from the Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association (YUAA) which is among the 16 teams across the country whose CubeSats will be flown into space on missions planned to launch in 2020, 2021 and 2022. The team's CubeSat BLAST (Bouchet Low-Earth Alpha/Beta Space Telescope) is named after physicist Edward A Bouchet who was the first African American to receive a Ph.D. in America.

31) Name the first ever satellite of Nepal launched by CygnusNG11 in Virginia, USA.

- 1) NepaliCube-1
- 2) NepaliQAF-1
- 3) Nepalicom-1
- 4) NepaliSat-1
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) NepaliSat-1**

Explanation:

Nepal has launched its first satellite "NepaliSat-1" into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's East Shore. It was bordered to the Antares rocket carrying Cygnus cargo spacecraft. The outlay of the satellite is 20 million Nepalese rupees. It was launched under the 'Birds-3 satellite launch to International Space Station project'. NepaliSat-1 satellite was developed by two Nepalis engineers namely Abhas Maskey and Hariram Shrestha at Japan's Kyushu Institute of Technology. The satellite is equipped with a five megapixel camera to capture Nepal's topography and a magnetometer to collect data related to the earth's magnetic field.

32) Which country launched its first ever satellite 'Raavana-1' from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's East Shore?

- 1) Srilanka
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Myanmar

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Srilanka**

Explanation:

On April 18, 2019 Sri Lanka launched its first satellite 'Raavana-1' weighing 1.05 kg into space from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Virginia's East Shore. Raavana 1 was bordered to the Antares rocket carrying Cygnus cargo spacecraft. The satellite is expected to orbit 400 km away from earth and will have the lifespan of an estimated 1.5 years. Ravana 1, is part of third phase of the project 'BIRDS' which is led by the Kyushu Institute of Technology in Japan. The aim of the project is to help countries to build their first satellite with the assistance of the United Nations.

33) Research team of which institute has identified a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer recently?

1) IIT Delhi

2) IIT Roorkee

3) IIT Kharagpur

4) IIT Kanpur

5) None of these

Answer – **2) IIT Roorkee**

Explanation:

On 17th April 2019, the Research team led by Kiran Ambatipudi from the Biotechnology Department at the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee has identified a new method to detect breast and ovarian cancer. The research published in the journal, 'FASEB Bioadvances'. They identified certain proteins present in the saliva that could act as salivary biomarkers in the diagnosis of breast and ovarian cancers.

34) Name the journal, which has published about the first molecule of the universe- Helium hydride ion (HeH+) that is formed 380,000 years after the big bang (Era : Recombination Epoch).

1) Journal of Biology

2) Science

3) The Lancet

4) Nature

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Nature**

Explanation:

Scientists have discovered the most ancient type of molecule in our universe, Helium Hydride ion (HeH+) in space, which supports the theories assumed to have formulated the universe after the Big Bang Theory. This molecule is believed to occur when a helium atom shares its electron with a hydrogen nucleus or a proton. This positive ion is considered the first molecule in the universe formed 380,000 years after the big bang (Era : Recombination Epoch) and is regarded as the first Molecular Bond. The latest news was published by Journal Nature.

35) Which rocket launched the Cygnus Cargo Ship to International Space Station from NASA's Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia?

1) Thor-Delta

2) Rehbar-I

3) Scout

4) Antares Rocket

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Antares Rocket**

Explanation:

The Northrop Grumman Antares rocket and its unscrewed Cygnus Spacecraft launched which contains tons of NASA's supplies and 40 live mice to the International Space Station (ISS), from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spacecraft at NASA's Wallops Flight Facility on Wallops Island in Virginia. The first stage of

rocket was developed by the Ukrainian Yuzhnoye State Design Office. The mission named NG-11, is the 11th cargo flight for NASA by Northrop Grumman, to deliver 7600 lbs. (3,447 kg), the heaviest load for Cygnus till date which contains science gear and supplies to the six person crew of the ISS. This mission will be the Northrop Grumman's longest one till date.

36) Name the indigenously designed and constructed guided missile destroyer launched by Navy chief Admiral Sunil Lamba recently.

- 1) INS Chennai
- 2) INS Imphal
- 3) INS Kochi
- 4) INS Kolkata
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) INS Imphal

Explanation:

Indigenously designed and constructed third ship under Project 15B, 'INS Imphal' a guided missile destroyer launched by Navy Chief at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL) in Mumbai. This ship is designed by the Indian Navy's Directorate of Naval Designs, New Delhi. INS Imphal. Each ship weight 3,037 tonnes, spans 163 metres in length, 17.4 metres at beam and can displace 7,300 tonnes. The ships will be propelled by four gas turbines which can achieve speed of more than 30 knots. The guided missile destroyer has incorporated several modern concept of new design which helped in improved survivability, sea keeping, stealth and manoeuvrability. The ships use radar transparent deck fittings due to which enemy can't detect this ship easily.

37) Name the combined immune deficiency disorder which is cured by gene therapy developed by HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus).

- 1) Lupus
- 2) Inflammatory bowel disease
- 3) Multiple sclerosis
- 4) Bubble boy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bubble boy

Explanation:

US researchers have used HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) to develop a gene therapy that cured 8 infants who were treated at St. Jude and at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, San Francisco of a rare combined immunodeficiency disease termed as "bubble boy" disorder. Results of the research were developed at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee hospital and were published in the New England Journal of Medicine.

38) Which planet in the solar system has a massive solid inner core according to NASA's recent report?

- 1) Mercury
- 2) Saturn
- 3) Mars
- 4) Venus
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mercury

Explanation:

NASA (The National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has revealed that Mercury, the smallest planet in the solar system has a massive solid inner core. The final trip around Mercury before crash-landing in 2015 was made by NASA's 'MESSENGER'. The spacecraft orbited Mercury for around 2011 to 2015 and it was its second mission to Mercury. According to NASA's information, both Mercury and the Earth have metallic cores and like Earth, Mercury's outer core is of liquid metal. But there are indications

that Mercury's innermost core which is nearly 85% of Mercury's volume is solid and it is nearly of the same size as Earth's inner core. The new mission is on its way to Mercury. It is termed 'BepiColombo' and is a joint mission by the European Space Agency (ESA) and the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) to explore Mercury from 2 unique vantage points.

39) Name the money lending platform, which has launched an application that offers loan to salaried professionals within 5 minutes with flexible repayment options.

- 1) Peerform
- 2) Funding Circle
- 3) Money Loji
- 4) Upstart
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Money Loji**

Explanation:

On 23rd April 2019, a modern money lending platform named Money Loji has launched an application which offers loan to salaried professionals within 5 minutes with flexible repayment options starting from 7 days to a maximum of 90 days. It follows a three-step process which is – application, approval, and disbursement and the app requires the users to upload an identity proof, an address proof, last 3 months bank statement alongside the salary slips. The eligibility criteria to avail this benefit is a minimum in-hand salary of Rs 20,000 per month and a minimum age of 23 years.

40) Solar power capacity addition in 2019-20 was estimated 7-7.5 GW by which rating agency?

- 1) Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited (CRISIL)
- 2) Investment Information & Credit Rating Agency (ICRA)
- 3) Credit Analysis and Research limited (CARE)
- 4) Small and Medium Enterprises Rating Agency of India (SMERA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Investment Information & Credit Rating Agency (ICRA)**

Explanation:

On 23rd April 2019, rating agency ICRA (Investment Information & Credit Rating Agency) has estimated 7-7.5 GW solar power capacity addition in 2019-20, which includes 1 GW of rooftop solar based on tendering and awards of projects in the last 12-15 months. By contrast, solar capacity addition is estimated to have remained subdued at around 6 GW to 6.5 GW 2018-19 due to weak trend in award of solar projects in the year 2017. Tendered project awards for solar PV (photovoltaic) projects during 2018 stood at about 11 GW against 4.5 GW in 2017, and nearly 56 percent of the capacity auctioned in 2018 has been accounted by central agencies, such as Solar Energy Corporation of India and NTPC Ltd.

41) Which country has become the first East African nation to launch the world's first malaria vaccine RTS,S also known as Mosquirix?

- 1) Mali
- 2) Malawi
- 3) Mozambique
- 4) Zimbabwe
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Malawi**

Explanation:

The world's first malaria vaccine RTS, S is also known as Mosquirix has launched in Malawi, one of three countries in Africa in a landmark pilot programme coordinated by the World Health Organisation (WHO). The other two African countries are Ghana and Kenya. This vaccine has been created by British Pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) in 1987 and after that vaccine has undergone 30 years of testing which was supported by many organizations including a non-profit organization PATH. This pilot project aims to reach 360,000 children per year in all three countries. The malaria vaccine will be

provided to children up to 2 years of age and it will be given in a total of 4 doses, first three doses between five and nine months of age and the fourth doses will be given around 2nd birthday.

42) Name the Pakistan navy ship (PNS), which is used for test firing the indigenously developed cruise missile recently.

- 1) PNS Aslat (252)
- 2) PNS Zulfiqar (251)
- 3) PNS Himmat (1027)
- 4) PNS Shamsheer (252)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) PNS Himmat (1027)

Explanation:

An indigenously developed cruise missile successfully test fired by Pakistan Navy from its latest Azmat-class Patrol Craft, PNS Himmat (1027) in North Arabian Sea. The cruise missile has capability of anti-ship missile and land attack. The media arm of the Pakistan Armed Forces, Inter Services Public Relations (ISPR) has not revealed the missile type which Pakistan Navy has tested.

43) Where was the Indian Coast Guard Vessel ICGS C-441 commissioned?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Paradip, Odisha
- 4) Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vizhinjam, Thiruvananthapuram

Explanation:

On 24th April 2018, The newly built Coast Guard Vessel ICGS C-441 was commissioned into the service by Tom Jose, Chief Secretary of Kerala at Vizhinjam Harbour, Thiruvananthapuram. It is the seventh Interceptor vessel amongst the series which is built by M/s. L&T Ltd (Larsen & Toubro Limited), Surat. Inspector General Vijay D Chafekar, PTM, TM, Commander coast guard Region (West) Mumbai have attended the commissioning ceremony. It is 27.4 metres long and has 106 tonnes displacement capacity and can achieve a maximum speed of 45 knots (83 km/hr). The vessel is powered by twin diesel engines and twin water-jet propulsion systems and has an endurance of 500 NM at 25 knots of speed.

44) Name the country, that has created the first-ever artificial crater on an asteroid.

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

Answer – 1) Japan

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, Japanese scientists have successfully created the first-ever artificial crater on an asteroid, which gave some clue on how the solar system evolved. Japan creates world's 1st artificial crater on asteroid. Yuichi Tsuda, who is the project manager of Hayabusa2 confirmed the crater from images captured by the probe located 1,700 meters (5,500 feet) from the asteroid's surface. Hayabusa2 space probe shot a projectile at the Ryugu asteroid around 340 million kilometers from Earth, as part of the probe's mission to explore the origin of life and the evolution of the solar system.

45) Which space agency has recorded the first "marsquake," quake on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land tides?

- 1) JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)
- 2) NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)

- 3) ISRO (Indian Space Research Organisation)
- 4) Italian Space Agency
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)**

Explanation:

Mars InSight lander of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has recorded first “marsquake,” quake on the mars due to volcanic eruptions or land tides. The first faint signal, equal to a 2.5 magnitude earthquake came on April 6, the lander’s 128th Martian day, or sol. It has been detected by lander’s Seismic Experiment for Interior Structure (SEIS) instrument. The scientists believe that the tremble comes from the Martian interior, rather than from surface forces. It has been observed that Mars is still seismically active.

46) What is the name of the world’s first floating nuclear power plant that is tested by Rosenergoatom of Russia?

- 1) Bashkir
- 2) Balakovo
- 3) Akademik Lomonosov
- 4) Beloyarsk
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Akademik Lomonosov**

Explanation:

The 70 MW ‘Akademik Lomonosov’, world’s first floating nuclear power plant successfully tested by Rosenergoatom, operator subsidiary of Rosatom, state owned atomic energy cooperation of Russia. The ship was named after famous academician Mikhail Lomonosov. It will replace the four-unit Bilibino plant, with an aggregate 48 MW capacity. The nuclear power plant powered by its twin KLT-40S reactor system. This nuclear reactor was developed by OKBM Afrikantov and assembled by Nizhniy Novgorod Research and Development Institute Atomenergoproekt. The floating nuclear power plant is 144 metres in length, 30 metres wide and has a displacement capability of 21,000 tonnes.

47) Which telescope is used by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) for confirming that the Universe is expanding about 9% faster than expected?

- 1) Keck Observatory
- 2) Galileo National Telescope
- 3) Spitzer Space Telescope
- 4) Hubble Space Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Hubble Space Telescope**

Explanation:

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)’s Hubble Space Telescope ejected measurements validate that the Universe is expanding about 9% faster than expected based on its trajectory seen shortly after the big bang. It was published in Astrophysical Journal Letters on April 25. The researchers using Hubble as a “point-and-shoot” camera to look at groups of Cepheids using a new method called DASH (Drift And Shift), while Hubble can observe one star for every 90-minute orbit around Earth. Adam Riess, Bloomberg Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy at The Johns Hopkins University, Nobel Laureate and the project’s leader, is the first author of the research.

48) Who led the team of scientists at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi to develop the ultrasensitive quantum thermometer by using graphene quantum dots?

- 1) Saikh S. Islam
- 2) Tokeer Ahmad
- 3) Arshad Khan
- 4) Manoj Kumar Jena

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Saikh S. Islam**

Explanation:

On 27th April 2019, Researchers at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, have developed an ultrasensitive quantum thermometer by using graphene quantum dots. It can precisely measure a wide range of temperature from 27 degree C to –196 degree C. It has high sensitivity in different temperatures and can measure every little (micro Kelvin) changes in temperature and has an extremely quick response time of just about 300 milliseconds. The team led by Saikh S. Islam, Director of the Centre for Nanoscience and Nanotechnology developed the thermometer. The results of the study were published in the journal Nanoscale Advances.

49) Researchers from which institute, used a multi-lingual Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scheme to develop a method for reading documents in Bharati script?

1) IIT Roorkee

2) IIT Madras

3) IIT Delhi

4) IIT Kanpur

5) None of these

Answer – **2) IIT Madras**

Explanation:

The research team from IIT Madras has used a multi-lingual Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scheme to develop a method for reading documents in Bharati script. The researchers have also developed a finger-spelling method that can be used by hearing-impaired persons to generate sign language, in collaboration with TCS Mumbai. The Bharati script is a conglomeration of 9 Indian languages, namely, Devnagari, Bengali, Gurmukhi, Gujarati, Oriya, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam and Tamil. In the last 10 years, Professor V. Srinivasa Chakravarthy's research team at IIT Madras has worked on developing this script. The OCR scheme first segments the document into 2 parts, text and non-text. After this, the text is separated into paragraphs, sentences words and letters, where every letter is recognised as a character in ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) or Unicode. The letter again has several components, namely, the basic consonant, consonant modifiers, vowels

ENVIRONMENT

1) Name the freshwater species, which is added in the Critically Endangered list by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) recently.

1) Tor remadevii

2) Siamese

3) Northern pike

4) Wels catfish

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tor remadevii**

Explanation:

International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species added hump-backed mahseer, also known as 'Tor remadevii' or 'tiger of water' in critically endangered species list. It is a freshwater fish endemic to the Western Ghats of South India and only found in Kaveri River basins including Kerala's Pambar, Kabini and Bhavani rivers. The maximum length of this fish can reach up to 150 cm and maximum weight till 90 kg. The fish is considered as one of the 229 species from recent Red List which updated in November 2018 and also disclose the threat status of 12 other Indian species, including great hornbill. The headquarters of IUCN Red List is in United Kingdom. The headquarters of IUCN is in Gland, Switzerland.

2) According to the 19th bird survey, which of the following new bird species is spotted in North Kerala's Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary?

- i. Woolly-necked Stork
- ii. Wilson's storm petrel
- iii. Tundra bean-goose
- iv. White-bellied Drongo

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

Answer – 2) Option i & iv

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, The Woolly-necked Stork and White-bellied Drongo, both dry-land species of birds have been spotted in North Kerala's Aralam Wildlife Sanctuary during The 19th bird survey. Besides the new species, a total of 152 species were spotted in that survey. The survey was conducted jointly by the forest and wildlife department and the Malabar Natural History Society (MNHS).

3) Which village was tagged as India's first carbon-positive settlement recently?

- 1) Phayeng, Manipur
- 2) Mawlynnong, Meghalaya
- 3) Saiha, Mizoram
- 4) Lunglei, Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Phayeng, Manipur

Explanation:

On 1st April 2019, Phayeng, a scheduled caste village of the Chakpa community in Imphal West district of Manipur has been tagged as India's first carbon-positive settlement. The village is surrounded by three densely forested hillocks with fruit trees at centre and a stream flowing through it. Also, it has been revived from the dry and denuded village through the sheer determination of its residents and funding under National Adaptation Fund for Climate Change (NAFCC), which is a central scheme launched in 2015-16 to support adaptation for climate change impact in various states.

4) Where did palaeontologists, found a whale-with-four-legs, webbed feet and hooves of biological group "Achoecetes"?

- 1) Guyana
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Argentina
- 4) Peru
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Peru

Explanation:

A 40 million-year-old fossil of a whale-with-four-legs, webbed feet and hooves has been excavated by palaeontologists from the marine sediments inland from Peru's Pacific coast at Playa Media Luna. The whale belongs to a biological group of ancient sea mammals, termed as *Achoecetes*. The 13 feet long mammal has been named as "*Peregocetus pacificus*". It is believed to be the first ancestor of whales and dolphins to reach the Pacific Ocean after crossing the Atlantic. The findings have been published in the scientific journal *Current Biology*. Over the passage of time, whales have lost connection between their backbone and hind legs, which again through evolutionary transformation have led to their losing of their hind legs completely.

5)CO2 level of earth is ____parts per million(ppm), according to the Germany's Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research?

- 1) 380 ppm
- 2) 410 ppm
- 3) 350 ppm
- 4) 450 ppm
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 410 ppm**

Explanation:

Germany scientists have warned that there is more Carbon dioxide (CO2) in our atmosphere than in the past three million years. The amount of CO2 in the atmosphere has gone “unnatural”.Research was made by using a new computer simulation at the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research in Germany.CO2 levels should not be higher than 280 ppm without human activity, but currently it's 410 ppm and rising.

6)Which Indian forest has become home to group of jumping spiders named “Habrocestum longispinum” recently?

- 1) Ernakulam Illithodu forests, Kerala
- 2) Sundarbans, West Bengal
- 3) Khasi hills, Meghalaya
- 4) Vandalur Reserve forest, Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ernakulam Illithodu forests, Kerala**

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, a new species of jumping spiders named “Habrocestum longispinum” has been spotted in Ernakulam's Illithodu forests, Kerala by the arachnologists from Kochi's Sacred Heart College, Thevara.This new species belong to the genus Habrocestum, is being found in Eurasia and Africa.The survey was funded by the Department of Science and Technology – Science and Engineering Research Board. The study has been published in the Journal of Natural History.

7)Which state was notified with yellow weather warning by Meteorological Department recently?

- 1) Uttarakhand
- 2) Himachal Pradesh
- 3) Jharkhand
- 4) Bihar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

On 7th April, 2019, The Meteorological Department issued a yellow weather warning for rain in Himachal Pradesh by forecasting thunderstorm with hail in isolated places over the state.Meteorological Department has issued colour-coded warnings to alert people ahead of severe or hazardous weather.Code color yellow is the least dangerous weather warning which indicates the possibility of severe weather over the next few days that could affect people.

8)Name the cyclone which hit southern Africa recently?

- 1) Cyclone Phailin
- 2) Cyclone Idai
- 3) Cyclone Hudhud
- 4) Cyclone Nilofar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cyclone Idai**

Explanation:

The death toll from the cyclone idai that crashed southeast Africa last month has risen above 1000, while more than 4000 cholera cases and seven deaths from the illness reported. The Cyclone hit Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi on March 14. On 10 April 2019, The number of death updated to 344 in Zimbabwe, 602 in Mozambique, 59 in Malawi and 257 people were listed as missing. The United Nations has defined Cyclone Idai as “one of the deadliest storms on record in the southern hemisphere”.

9) Name the world's rarest giant softshell turtle that passed away in Suzhou Zoo, China.

- 1) Yangtze
- 2) Iberian
- 3) Coahuilan
- 4) Alpaca
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Yangtze**

Explanation:

On 13th April 2019, the last known female member of Yangtze giant softshell turtle, 90 years old, died in Suzhou Zoo, China. Now, there are only three left in the world. The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) declares the Yangtze giant softshell turtle the world's most critically endangered turtle species. One male Yangtze giant softshell turtle lives in Suzhou Zoo and the other two in Vietnam.

10) Name the Spacecraft, which is used by NASA to find “Ligeia Mare”, the second largest known body of liquid on Saturn's moon Titan.

- 1) Voskhod
- 2) Cassini
- 3) Space Shuttle
- 4) Vostok
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cassini**

Explanation:

NASA's (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) Cassini spacecraft has made an incredible observation about the extraordinary deep lakes filled with methane in the Saturn's moon, Titan. This new study has been published in the scientific journal Astronomy. Titan, Saturn's largest moon has methane rain that can fill lakes as much as 330 feet deep. Titan has become only planetary body known to have stable liquid on its surface, apart from Earth.

11) Which Indian accident was inducted into the International Labour Organisation (ILO) report titled “The Safety and the Health at the Heart of the Future of Work- Building on 100 years of Experience” recently?

- 1) Bhopal Gas Tragedy
- 2) Floods in Tamil Nadu
- 3) Heatwaves in Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Bihar Nor'wester Storm
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bhopal Gas Tragedy**

Explanation:

UN labour agency International Labour Organisation (ILO) in its recent report titled “The Safety and the Health at the Heart of the Future of Work- Building on 100 years of Experience” termed Bhopal Gas Tragedy as one of the world's ‘major industrial accident’ which killed more than 15,000 people due to the result of at least 30 tons of highly toxic Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) gas leak in Union Carbide pesticide plant in Bhopal in 1984. In the report, ILO has reported that more than 600,000 workers were affected due to leak of toxic gas from Union Carbide plant. Other major industrial accident after 1919 which ILO

talked about in its report are Chernobyl nuclear disaster of Ukraine in 1986, Fukushima nuclear disasters of Japan in 2011 and Rana Plaza building collapse of Bangladesh in 2013.

12)Where was the new species of East Asian birds named 'Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo' (Chalcites basalis) spotted recently?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Andaman And Nicobar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Andaman And Nicobar**

Explanation:

A new species of East Asian birds 'Horsfield's Bronze Cuckoo' (Chalcites basalis) have been spotted at Andaman And Nicobar. This species is a native of Australia and New Guinea. According to the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) sighting of these birds have increased ever since the 2004 Indonesian tsunami. They are differentiated by their green and black feathers at their back. The tiny bird measures roughly about 15 cm and weighs 22 g.

13)Mount Agung erupts recently, it is located in which country?

- 1) Indonesia
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Philippines
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Indonesia**

Explanation:

Mount Agung on Indonesia's resort island of Bali erupted again, spewing volcanic ash into the sky to a height of 2km, an official said. The active volcano erupted at 3.21am and the thick ash column was blown to the south-west, causing a drizzle of volcanic ash in Karangasem, Bangli and Klunglung districts, said Mr Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, a spokesman for the national disaster mitigation agency (BNPB). No flights were grounded at Bali's Ngurah Rai International Airport, Mr Sutopo said, adding that there were no immediate reports of casualties. The volcano's status remains on level three of four possible levels and the authorities continue to impose a 4km exclusion zone.

14)Two new bird species named as 'Wakatobi white-eye' and 'Wangi-Wangi white-eye' was found in which country?

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

Answer – **4) Indonesia**

Explanation:

On 24th April 2019, Zoologists at Trinity College Dublin have discovered two new bird species named as the Wakatobi white-eye and the Wangi-Wangi white-eye in the Wakatobi Archipelago of Sulawesi, Indonesia. Details of their discovery were published in the Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society. The discovery revealed the fact of how these species developed. In the same journal, Alfred Wallace and Charles Darwin published their game-changing original ideas about speciation in 1858. A team led by Professor Nicola Marples has been studying birds on Sulawesi Island since 1999. The Wakatobi white-eye also called as Zosterops Chloris flavissimus.

15) Name the 95 million-year-old coin-sized 'cartoon-eyed' crab species that is found in Columbia recently.

- 1) Dungeness
- 2) Florida stone
- 3) Callichimaera perplexa
- 4) Callinectes sapidus
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Callichimaera perplexa

Explanation:

Alberta University paleontologists have discovered 95 million-year-old coin-sized 'cartoon-eyed' crab species called Callichimaera perplexa, name is an allusion to a Greek mythological creature & means "perplexing beautiful chimera". It was published in the journal, Science Advances. i. Dr Javier Luque, postdoctoral paleontologist at Yale University & the University of Alberta made the discovery in 2005 in the mountains of Pesca, Boyaca in Columbia while hunting for fossils as an undergraduate geology student. ii. It is believed that the crab is from mid-cretaceous period & it must have hailed from what is now Colombia, Northern Africa & Wyoming.

16) Which Intergovernmental Organization has released a report indicating one million world species are at risk of extinction due to human activity?

- 1) Southeast Asia Treaty Organization
- 2) European Union
- 3) North Atlantic Treaty Organization
- 4) United Nations
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) United Nations

Explanation:

According to a draft United Nations report, which is to be published on 6 May 2019 in Agence France-Presse (AFP), up to one million world species are at risk of extinction due to human activity. The 44-page draft report has summarized 1,800-page U.N. assessment of scientific literature on the state of nature. On 29th April 2019, it will vet in a 130 nations meeting in Paris, France. Causes for mass extinction event: shrinking habitat, land-use change, hunting for food or illicit trade in body parts, climate change, pollution, and alien species such as rats, mosquitoes, and snakes that hitch rides on ships or planes.

SPORTS

1) Who won the Men's Single title in YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2019 organized by the Badminton Association of India?

- 1) Ricky Karanda Suwardi
- 2) Kidambi Srikanth
- 3) Viktor Axelsen
- 4) Lee Yang
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Viktor Axelsen

Explanation:

2019 India Open which is officially known as YONEX-SUNRISE India Open 2019 was organized by the Badminton Association of India at the K.D. Jadhav Indoor hall in New Delhi from 26th March to 31 March 2019. It was the eighth tournament of 2019 BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour. The Total Prize money of the tournament was \$350,000. ii. KD Jadhav Indoor Hall is an indoor arena located north of the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium (or India Gandhi Arena) in Delhi. India Gandhi Indoor Stadium is the the largest indoor sports arena in India and third largest in Asia. Danish Player, Viktor Axelsen defeated India's top shuttler, Kidambi Srikanth by 21-7 and 22-20 in the final to win his second India Open title.

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Single	Viktor Axelsen (Denmark)	Kidambi Srikanth (India)
Women's Singles	Ratchanok Intanon (Thailand)	He Bingjiao (China)
Men's Doubles	Lee Yang (Taiwan) and Wang Chi-lin (Taiwan)	Ricky Karanda Suwardi (Indonesia) and Angga Pratama (Indonesia)
Women's Singles	Greysia Polii (Indonesia) and Apriyani Rahayu (Indonesia)	Chow Mei Kuan (Malaysia) and Lee Meng Yean (Malaysia)
Mixed Doubles	Wang Yilu (China) and Huang Dongping (China)	Praveen Jordan (Indonesia) and Melati Daeva Oktavianti (Indonesia)

2) Name the person, who won women's singles title in the 35th edition of Miami Open and become the first ever Australian winner of the tournament in Women's Singles category.

- 1) Samantha Stosur
- 2) Ashleigh Barty
- 3) Karolina Pliskova
- 4) Elise Mertens
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ashleigh Barty

Explanation:

2019 Miami Open which was the 35th edition of Miami Open, held at Miami Gardens in Florida, USA from 18th March to 31st March 2019. It was a part of Masters 1000 category of 2019 ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) Tour and Premier mandatory Category of 2019 WTA (Women Tennis Association) Tour. For the first time the tournament took place on the hard Rock Stadium. Roger Federer won his 4th ATP Miami title in Men's Single Category. Former Australian Cricketer, Ashleigh Barty became the first ever Australian winner of the tournament in Women's Singles category.

Category	Winner	Runner Up
Men's Single	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	John Isner (USA)
Women's Single	Ashleigh Barty (Australia)	Karolina Pliskova (Czech Republic)
Men's Double	Bob Bryan (USA) and Mike Bryan (USA)	Wasley Koolhof (Netherlands) and Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's Doubles	Elise Mertens (Belgium) and Aryna Sabalenka (Belarus)	Samantha Stosur (Australia) and Zhang Shuai (China)

3) Who won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2019?

- 1) Max Verstappen
- 2) Charles Leclerc
- 3) Valtteri Bottas
- 4) Lewis Hamilton
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Lewis Hamilton

Explanation:

Five times world champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes captured Bahrain Grand Prix 2019 title by

beating Mercedes Valtteri Bottas of Finland who secured second position. Charles Leclerc was finished with third position and became Ferrari's youngest ever race winner at the age of 21. It was Hamilton's 74th win of his career and 1st of this season. The Bahrain Grand Prix is a Formula One Championship race in Bahrain which is sponsored by Gulf Air.

4)Olympic swimmer Hiromasa Fujimori of which country was temporarily suspended after failing a drugs test?

- 1) Japan
- 2) China
- 3) Thailand
- 4) Bhutan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Japan**

Explanation:

27-year-old tested positive for the banned stimulant ephedrine at last December's short course world championships in China. Fujimori, a former Asian Games silver medallist, will now miss next month's national championships, which serve as qualifiers for the world championships in South Korea this summer. A formal hearing by swimming's governing body FINA will determine the length of ban Fujimori will receive, after both his 'A' and 'B' samples tested positive.

5)Recently International Olympic Committee(IOC) disqualified 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Valentin Hristov of which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Weightlifting
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Decathlon
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Weightlifting**

Explanation:

The IOC disqualified three athletes, including Valentin Hristov bronze medalist weightlifter from Azerbaijan, for doping at the 2012 London Olympics. Two athletes from Belarus also tested positive for anabolic steroids in reanalysis of their London samples, the IOC said. Men's 800-meter runner Anis Ananenka and women's hammer thrower Alena Matoshka both failed to reach the final of their events.

6)Where did 12th Asian Airgun Championship held recently?

- 1) Kanchanaburi, Thailand
- 2) Sapporo, Japan
- 3) Chiang Mai, Thailand
- 4) Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei**

Explanation:

From 25th March to 2nd April 2019, 12th Asian Airgun Championship 10m, Rifle/Pistol took place at the National Sports Training Center, Gongxi Shooting Range in Taoyuan City, Chinese Taipei. India topped the medal tally by winning 25 medals viz, 16 gold, 5 silver and 4 bronze medals. Republic of Korea followed the India by winning 16 medals while Chinese Taipei won 11 medals and attained 3rd spot.

7)Name the Rifle Shooter, who won gold medal, broke Junior World Record and Asian Record in 10m Air Rifle Women Junior event.

- 1) Manu Bhaker
- 2) Shreya Agarwal
- 3) Mehuli Ghosh

- 4) Esha Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shreya Agarwal**

Explanation:

In 12th Asian Airgun Championship, Shreya Agarwal won gold medal and breaks Junior World Record and Asian Record in 10m Air Rifle Women Junior event by scoring 252.5 points surpassing China's Rooseux Zhao who set record last year by scoring 252.4.

8) Which country won the ICC Test Championship mace for the third year in a row?

- 1) India
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) South Africa
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) India**

Explanation:

India has retained ICC Test Championship mace for the third year in a row after finishing at the top of ICC Test team rankings on the cut-off date of April 1. It has also won the purse of USD 1 million. The runner up, New Zealand has won \$500,000 prize money after finishing with 108 points. South Africa finished 3rd with 105 points to clinch the award money of \$200,000. 9 nations will compete across 27 series and 71 Test matches to reach the ICC World Test Championship Final in 2021.

9) Who became the first Indian male Squash player to break into top-10 of Professional Squash Association world ranking?

- 1) Abhishek Pradhan
- 2) Vikram Malhotra
- 3) Saurav Ghosal
- 4) Ramit Tandon
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Saurav Ghosal**

Explanation:

On 1st April 2019, Saurav Ghosal moved up two places to become the first Indian male squash player to break into the top 10 of the latest PSA (Professional Squash Association) world ranking. He is ranked at 10th Place which is his career best ranking. Saurav Ghosal performed brilliantly in the 2018-2019 PSA World Championship which was held in Chicago, USA and reached up to the quarter finals. Two Indian Women Squash player named Joshna Chinappa and Dipika Pallikal had entered into top 10 of PSA World ranking earlier. At Present, Joshna Chinappa is India's best female squash player (Ranked 15th) and Saurav Ghosal is India's best Male Squash Player (Ranked 10th).

10) Which sport league match was launched in India after kabaddi and football recently?

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Golf
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Kho-Kho
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kho-Kho**

Explanation:

The Kho-Kho Federation of India (KKFI) launched an ambitious franchise-based league for the sport named Ultimate Kho-Kho. There will be an initial draft of players where athletes from across the world, including England, South Korea, Iran, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka, will be part of the eight franchise. KKFI and Dabur have together appointed Tenzing Niyogi (former sports advisory leader at

Ernst and Young) as the CEO of the league. Indian Olympic Association Secretary General and former KKFI president Rajeev Mehta is the chairman of the league.

11)What is the rank of India in the FIFA(Federation Internationale de Football Association)ranking 2019?

- 1) 100
 - 2) 101
 - 3) 103
 - 4) 105
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) 101**

Explanation:

On 4th April 2019, in the latest release of FIFA (The Federation Internationale de Football Association) world football rankings, Belgium has edged the World Cup winners France to retain at the first rank. Meanwhile, Indian football team also mounted two places to rank at 101. With 1219 total ranking points, the Indian team lies 18th among the Asian countries while Iran has topped it. Belgium has been followed by France, Brazil, England and Croatia at 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th position respectively.

12)Which command won the 15th edition of General J J Singh air weapon championship held in Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow?

- 1) Northern Command, Udhampur
- 2) Western Command, Chandimandir Cantonment
- 3) Eastern Command, Lucknow
- 4) Central Command, Lucknow
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Northern Command, Udhampur**

Explanation:

For the 4th consecutive time, the Northern Command based in Udhampur has won the 15th edition of General J J Singh air weapon championship. i. Between 25th March to 3rd April, the championship was conducted at Army Marksmanship Unit, Mhow in Madhya Pradesh. The objective of the competition was to train young male and female army-officers for effective participation in national and international shooting competitions. More than 100 male and female Indian-Army shooters competed in the 10-metre air rifle and air pistol categories. The winning team bagged the overall inter command championship by clinching “Burma Shell Trophy” after competing against 9 other teams. The winning team also won the women’s overall trophy with 1 gold and 3 silver medals individually.

13)Who won the Men’s Singles title in the 2019 Malaysia Open, officially known as the CELCOM AXIATA Malaysia Open 2019?

- 1) Liu Yuchen
- 2) Li Junhui
- 3) Chen Long
- 4) Lin Dan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Lin Dan**

Explanation:

Lin Dan of China has claimed title in Men’s Singles category by defeating China’s Chen Long, whereas Tai Tzu-ying of Chinese Taipei has claimed the title in Women’s singles by defeating Akane Yamaguchi of Japan.

The Complete list of winners is given below:

EVENT	WINNER	RUNNER UP
Men’s Singles	Lin Dan (China)	Chen Long (China)
Women’s Singles	Tai Tzu-Ying (Chinese Taipei)	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)

Men's Doubles	Li Junhui and Liu Yuchen (China)	Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda (Japan)
Women's Doubles	Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan (China)	Du Yue and Li Yin-hui (China)
Mixed Doubles	Zheng Siwei and Huang Ya-qiong (China)	Wang Yilu and Huang Dongping (China)

14) Tai Tzu Ying, women's singles world No.1 shuttler has decided to retire after 2020 Tokyo Olympics, she belongs to which country?

- 1) China
- 2) Taiwan
- 3) Japan
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Taiwan

Explanation:

Taiwanese badminton star Tai Tzu Ying has announced that she would be retiring from badminton after 2020 Tokyo Olympics. The Chinese Taipei player is the Undisputed top shuttler in women's singles circuit and has proved one of the dominant players. But she has not won a medal at World Cup or Olympics, yet. Though the world No. 1 has been highlighted by winning six titles on the Badminton World Federation (BWF) World Tour in the past year and she also reigning Asian Games and two-time Asian champion, but is yet to secure a medal at either the Olympic Games or World Championships.

15) 'Dream11' became the India's first gaming unicorn startup company. What is the term 'Unicorn Company' refers here?

- 1) Privately held startup company valued at over \$1 billion
- 2) Privately held startup company valued at over 1 million
- 3) Privately held startup company valued at over \$ 1 million
- 4) Privately held startup company valued at over 1 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Privately held startup company valued at over \$1 billion

Explanation:-

Dream11 has just become a Unicorn, that is a billion-dollar startup. Few exciting developments have made Dream11 to be the India's first gaming startup to join the elite club of privately-held startups. The term "Unicorn" refers to the tech startups with the market valuation of \$1 billion.

16) Spain's Garbine Muguruza won 11th edition of 2019 Monterrey Open title. Where was the 2019 Monterrey Open aka 2019 Abierto GNP Seguros held?

- 1) Canada
- 2) Serbia
- 3) Germany
- 4) Mexico
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Mexico

Explanation:-

The 2019 Monterrey Open aka 2019 Abierto GNP Seguros was the 11th edition of Monterrey Open, held at Monterrey in Mexico. It was a women's tennis tournament played on outdoor hard courts. The prize money of the tournament was \$250,000.

17) Dave Bautista of USA has officially retired from _____.

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Golf
- 3) Wrestling

4) Mixed Martial Arts

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Wrestling

Explanation:-

Dave Bautista has officially retired from wrestling aftermath of a defeat at the WWE's (World Wrestling Entertainment) Wrestlemania event on 7th April, 2019. Dave Bautista was born on 18th January 1969 in Virginia, USA.

18) Asian champion & woman professional Olympian, Manpreet Kaur has been banned from which sport after failing dope tests?

1) Hurdling

2) Javelin throw

3) Shot Put

4) Long Jump

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Shot Put

Explanation:

A National Anti-Doping Agency disciplinary panel has banned Asian champion woman professional Olympic shot putter, Manpreet Kaur for four years for failing dope tests on four occasions over a period of 84 days during 2017. She had failed for an anabolic steroid in the Asian Grand Prix and for a stimulant in the Federation Cup, Asian championships and National inter-state championships.

19) Which Tennis federation has collaborated with All India Tennis Association to train Indian junior players?

1) Tunisian Tennis Federation

2) Israel Tennis Association

3) International Tennis Federation

4) Serbian Tennis Federation

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Serbian Tennis Federation

Explanation:

On 10th April, 2019, All India Tennis Association (AITA) has collaborated with Serbian Tennis Federation (STF) to train Indian junior players under world renowned Serbian coaches, at the RK Khanna Stadium, New Delhi. This pact will aim to cooperate within the sphere of competence to work towards the development of junior tennis players in India. Serbia's trainers and coaches will come to India for a camp for the under 12, 14, 16 and 18 categories. Then in the latter half of the year, preparation camp will also be conducted in Serbia for 8-10 players in the age group of 15-18 and 3-4 trainers.

20) Pakistan's Inzamam-ul-Haq and Mark Boucher were inducted into MCC (the Marylebone Cricket Club) for their exemplary achievements in the field of cricket recently. Mark Boucher belongs to which country?

1) South Africa

2) Russia

3) Bangladesh

4) New Zealand

5) None of these

Answer – 1) South Africa

Explanation:

MCC (the Marylebone Cricket Club) has bestowed the honour of 'Honorary Life Members' to Pakistan's Inzamam-ul-Haq and South Africa's Mark Boucher for their exemplary achievements in the field of cricket. Former Pakistan skipper and batsman, Inzamam-ul-Haq played 119 Test matches, captained them from 2001-07 and scored 8,829 runs at an average of 50.16, inclusive of 25 centuries. Inzamam-ul-

Haq made his international debut in 1991 and featured in Pakistan's successful 1992 World Cup campaign. Former South African wicketkeeper and batsman, Mark Boucher was the first glovesman to take 500 catches in the longest format in Test Cricket. He made his debut in 1997, after which he went on to play 146 Test matches and scored 5498 runs, taking 530 catches and 23 stumpings. He holds the combined-format international record for wicket-keeping dismissals- total of 998.

21) Where was Boxing World Cup 2019 held recently?

- 1) Manila, Philippines
- 2) New York, US
- 3) Washington DC, US
- 4) Cologne, Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Cologne, Germany**

Explanation:

Boxing World Cup 2019 held in Cologne, Germany. Indian pugilists finished with a total of 5 medals.

22) Meena Kumari Maisnam belongs to which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Cricket
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Boxing**

Explanation:

Meena Kumari Maisnam has clinched gold medal under 54 kg. 18-year old Sakshi Choudhary came up with silver medal under 57 kg category. Pwila Basumatary, India Open gold medallist came up with silver medal under 64 kg category after getting short against China's Chengyu Yang, who was declared the winner on points. Pinki Rani and Parveen clinched Bronze medals. Pinki Rani settled for bronze medal under 51 kg category after getting defeated the hands of Ireland's 2018 Commonwealth Games silver medallist Carly McNaul. Praveen clinched Bronze medal under 60 kg category after getting defeated by English pugilist Paige Murney.

23) Who won the Chinese Grand Prix 2019 which is Formula One's 1000th race?

- 1) Charles Leclerc
- 2) Lewis Hamilton
- 3) Valtteri Bottas
- 4) Sebastian Vettel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Lewis Hamilton**

Explanation:

British racing driver, Lewis Hamilton has achieved his 75th career victory in Formula One's 1000th race at the Chinese Grand Prix on 14th April, 2019. He has delivered a crushing performance to win this title. His Mercedes came up with a 1-2 finish. Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes has achieved Chinese Grand Prix by defeating Valtteri Bottas, his teammate and pole sitter with a quick start from his No. 2 spot on the grid.

24) Paul Barbieri, popularly known as "Ian Cognito", passed away recently. He is _____?

- 1) Comedian
- 2) Actor
- 3) Politician
- 4) Producer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Comedian

Explanation:

British comedian, Paul Barbieri, who is popularly known by his stage name Ian Cognito, died on stage while performing a stand-up set in Bicester, England. The comedian who was in his early 60's, fell ill during a performance at the Atic Bar in a small English town north of Oxford.

25) Who clinched the fifth Masters and 15th major title at Augusta National Golf Club recently?

- 1) Anirban Lahiri
- 2) Arjun Atwal
- 3) Shiv Kapur
- 4) Tiger Woods
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Tiger Woods

Explanation:

On 14th April 2019, Golfer Tiger Woods clinched his fifth US Masters and 15th major title at Augusta National Golf Club, Georgia. It was the, 43 year old American golfer's first major title victory in 11 years and his first Master's win since 2005. All-time leader, Jack Nicklaus is just three major titles ahead of the former world No.1. Woods, 43, won 14 majors before 33 years of age. And gained the Masters in 1997, 2001, 2002 and 2005.

26) Name the Indian Badminton Player, who won 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title in Wateringen, The Netherlands.

- 1) Prannoy Kumar
- 2) Pullela Gopichand
- 3) Harsheel Dani
- 4) Srikanth Kidambi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Harsheel Dani

Explanation:

On 14th April 2019, India's Harsheel Dani, a former junior national champion, defeated Mads Christophersen of Denmark, world no 149, to clinch the 20th Victor Dutch International Badminton title at Wateringen, The Netherlands with a 15-21, 21-12, 21-13 victory in a 47 minute clash. It was the second win for Dani opposite Christophersen. In the Czech Open in 2017, Dani had beaten him. The 22 year old won the Ghana international crown in 2018 and second Karvy All India junior-ranking badminton tournament in 2012. Dani, ranked 111 in the world, represented Mumbai Masters in 2016 Premier Badminton League.

27) Who won the Men's Singles title in Singapore Open Badminton title 2019?

- 1) Parupalli Kashyap
- 2) Kento Momota
- 3) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting
- 4) Prannoy Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kento Momota

Explanation:

On 14th April, 2019, Kento Momota of Japan defeated Indonesia's Anthony Ginting to win the Men's Singles title in Singapore Open Badminton title by 10-21, 21-19, 21-13 victory at Singapore Indoor stadium in Singapore. The tournament was held from 9th to 14th April, 2019 and had a total purse of \$355,000. It was organized by Singapore Badminton Association with sanction from the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

Event	Winners	Runners
Men's Singles	Kento Momota(Japan)	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting(Indonesia)
Women's Singles	Tai Tzu-ying(Taiwan)	Nozomi Okuhara(Japan)
Men's Doubles	Takeshi Kamura and Keigo Sonoda(Japan)	Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan(Indonesia)
Women's Doubles	Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara(Japan)	Kim Hye Jeong and Kong Hee Yong(South Korea)
Mixed Doubles	Dechapol Puavaranukroh and Sapsiree Taerattanachai(Thailand)	Tan Kian Meng and Lai Pei Jing(Malaysia)

28) Name the first Chilean professional tennis player, who has won the US Men's Clay Court Championship 2019.

- 1) Christian Garin
- 2) Nicolás Jarry
- 3) Cristóbal Saavedra Corvalán
- 4) Marcelo Ríos
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Christian Garin

Explanation:

On 15th April 2019, Chilean professional tennis player Christian Garin (22) won his first ATP title in 10 years in the final of the US Men's Clay Court Championships in Houston. He beat Norway's Casper Ruud. He became the first Chilean to win an ATP Tour title since Fernando Gonzalez in 2009. He reached the final by defeating American Sam Querrey. This Championship is an annual ATP Tour tennis tournament which was started in 1910 and is the last remaining ATP World Tour-level tournament in the United States to be played on clay courts.

29) Which non profit organization has partnered with International cricket council (ICC) to launch the #OneDay4Children, a tournament-wide campaign for children, at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019?

- 1) United Nations Office for Project Services
- 2) UNICEF
- 3) Save the Children
- 4) UNESCO
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) UNICEF

Explanation:

On 16th April 2019, International cricket council (ICC) cricket for good in partnership with UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), launched #OneDay4Children, a tournament-wide campaign to help construct a better world for all children, at the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019. England all-rounder Chris Woakes and #OneDay4Children ambassador Nasser Hussain launched the campaign. All 48 matches of the event will support #OneDay4Children activity and the funds gathered will strengthen UNICEF's work for children in cricket playing nations across the world. The campaign will conclude at the England v India game at Edgbaston on 30 June.

30) FIFA ban Jose Maria Marin for life, he belongs to which country?

- 1) US
- 2) Australia

- 3) Russia
- 4) Brazil
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Brazil**

Explanation:

Former Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) president Jose Maria Marin has been banned for life from all football activities by FIFA as he had breached the art. 27 (Bribery) of the FIFA Code of Ethics. Jose Maria MarinKey.In August 2018, Marin who led Brazil's organising committee for the 2014 World Cup, was sentenced to four years in prison for racketeering, money laundering and wire fraud. He became the first person to be imprisoned as the result of the US investigation into corruption at world football's governing body.

31)Which team has won the 2nd edition of Hero Super Cup 2019(Football) held in Kalinka Stadium, Bhubaneswar?

- 1) Goa FC
- 2) Mumbai City FC
- 3) Chennai City FC
- 4) Bengaluru FC
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Goa FC**

Explanation:

On 13th April 2019, FC Goa, nicknamed as 'Gaurs', emerged as champions of the 2nd edition of Hero Super Cup 2019 after beating Chennaiyin FC 2-1 at the Kalinka Stadium in Bhubaneswar. Goa lifted their first ever Trophy.19 year old Goa Goal keeper Mohammad Nawaz has been named as Hero of the Match. In six years of existence, FC Goa accounted for two Indian Super League semi-finals and two finals and then in their first Super Cup final, they conquered their first trophy.

32)Gelete Burka won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon in women's category, she is from which country?

- 1) Kenya
- 2) Ethiopia
- 3) Nigeria
- 4) Eritrea
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ethiopia**

Explanation:

Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burka in women's race and Abrha Milaw in men's race have won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon by leading a record of 60,000 participants through the French capital, Paris on 14th April, 2019. Abrha Milaw won the men's race with a time of 2:07:50.Gelete Burka was the fastest woman with a time of 2:22:48.

33)Which country was penalized worth "1,70,000 Euros" by the International Hockey Federation for disrespecting Pro League commitments?

- 1) Russia
- 2) India
- 3) Pakistan
- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Pakistan**

Explanation:

The International Hockey Federation (FIH) has imposed a fine of 170,000 Euros on Pakistan Hockey Federation (PHF) for not honouring the Pro League commitments and has given PHF a time-limit till 20th

June, on failure of which PHF would have to pay double of penalty. The PHF was fined because it did not send the national team for the Pro League matches in Argentina, Australia and New Zealand. Shahbaz notified that since PHF lacks funds, the FIH has been requested to reduce the fine and allow it to be paid in instalments. PHF Secretary General Shahbaz Ahmed is a former Olympian and captain of Pakistan National Hockey Team and is a member of the FIH Executive Board, chaired by India's Narinder Batra.

34) 3-time world athletics champion and 2008 Olympic champion 'Asbel Kiprop' was banned recently, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) Jamaica
- 3) Kenya
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kenya

Explanation:

The International Association of Athletics Federation Disciplinary Tribunal (IAAF) has banned the 2008 Olympic 1,500m champion and 3-time world champion Asbel Kiprop of Kenya for 4 years for doping until February 2022. Kiprop was suspended by IAAF's Athletes Integrity Unit (AIU) in May 2018 after having tested positive to blood-boosting Erythropoietin (EPO) in an out-of-competition test in Kenya in November 2017. His backup "B" sample also tested positive for EPO. Asbel Kiprop was awarded gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics after race winner Rashid Ramzi from Bahrain failed a doping test and had his medal taken off.

35) Name the first Italian after 1968, who has won the Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters title that held in France.

- 1) Fabio Fognini
- 2) Daniele Bracciali
- 3) Andreas Seppi
- 4) Potito Starace
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Fabio Fognini

Explanation:

Italy's Fabio Fognini clinched Rolex Monte-Carlo Masters after defeating Dusan Lajovic of Serbia by 6-3, 6-4, the first Italian to triumph in more than 15 years. Last time an Italian player Nicola Pietrangeli won the trophy in 1968. This event held every year at the Monte Carlo Country Club in France. Croatia's Nikola Mektić & Franko Škugor won the Men's doubles.

36) Which team has won the 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title that held in Guru Nanak Stadium, Ludhiana?

- 1) Assam Football Team
- 2) Goa Football Team
- 3) Services Football Team
- 4) Delhi Football Team
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Services Football Team

Explanation:

With a second-half strike by Bikash Thapa at the Guru Nanak Stadium in Ludhiana, Services won their 6th Santosh Trophy Football Tournament title with a 1-0 victory over Punjab. The Services football team represents the Indian defense services in the Santosh Trophy. Earlier, Punjab beat Goa 2-1 to reach the Santosh Trophy-finals for the 1st time in 8 years. The last time that Services played in the Santosh Trophy final was in 2015, at the same venue and against the same opposition, Punjab. Then they had won the match by 5-4 on penalties after it ended 0-0 post extra time.

37) Which country has attained the One Day International (ODI) status for the first time?

- 1) Canada
- 2) United States of America
- 3) Papua New Guinea
- 4) Namibia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) United States of America**

Explanation:

On 24th April 2019, United States Cricket Team won their first one-day international status with a third straight victory at the World Cricket League Division Two event in Namibia. The Americans defeated Hong Kong by 84 runs. Xavier Marshall, former West Indies batsman scored a century as the Americans made 280-8 while Hong Kong scored 196-7 respectively. Oman has also secured their ODI status.

38) Where was the 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship also known as Asian Athletics Championship 2019 held recently?

- 1) Wembley, London
- 2) Milan, Italy
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Doha, Qatar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Doha, Qatar**

Explanation:

The 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship was held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar. India won 17 medals which include 3 gold, 7 silver, and 7 bronze, finished fourth in the tournament. There are total 43 nations competing at Asian Athletics Championship 2019 and 43 events are conducted. This Asian Athletics Championship event is organized by the Asian Athletics Association (AAA). The previous Asian Athletics Championship took place at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar, India from 6 to 9 July, 2017.

39) Which country won 22 medals and ranked in 1st position at the 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship?

- 1) Bahrain
- 2) India
- 3) Japan
- 4) Uzbekistan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bahrain**

Explanation:

The 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship was held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

Top 5 Countries:

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Bahrain (BHR)	11	7	4	22
2	China (CHN)	9	13	7	29
3	Japan (JPN)	5	4	9	18
4	India (IND)	3	7	7	17
5	Uzbekistan (UZB)	3	0	2	5

40) In which event, Indian Athlete, Gomathi Marimuthu has won the first gold medal in Asian Athletics Championship 2019?

- 1) 200 metres(Women)
- 2) 1500 metres(Women)
- 3) 800 metres(Women)
- 4) 100 metres(Women)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 800 metres(Women)

Explanation:

The 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship was held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar. A 30- year old Gomathi Marimuthu has won India's first gold medal of the Asian Athletics Championship 2019, in 800m race. She clocked at 2:02.70s, a personal best timing. Her previous best is 2:03.21s in Federation Cup held in Patiala. Wang Chunyu of China and Margarita Mukasheva of Kazakhstan won silver and bronze respectively.

41) Tejinder Pal Singh Toor was recently in news. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Javelin throw
- 2) Shot put
- 3) Heptathlon
- 4) 3000m steeplechase
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Shot put

Explanation:

The 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship was held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar. The 24-year old Tejinder Pal Singh Toor won gold medal in men's shot put event in the 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship held from 21 to 24 April 2019 at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha, Qatar. with an opening round throw of 20.20 metres which is his seasons best. He has won India's second gold medal at the tournament.

42) Name the World billiards and snooker champion, who won the first Asian Snooker Tour title recently.

- 1) Pankaj Advani
- 2) Dhruv Sitwala
- 3) Aditya Mehta
- 4) Sourav Kothari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pankaj Advani

Explanation:

India's Pankaj Advani, the 21-time world snooker and billiards champion has defeated Ehsan Heydari Nezhad of Iran by 6-4 to clinch the inaugural Asian Snooker Tour title, in Bengaluru. Pankaj Advani beat Nezhad by 52-40, 66(58)-0, 1-63(62), 78-4, 35-47, 0-51, 47-35, 38-39, 53(49)-35, 51(50)-20 in the final and had previously defeated Aung Phyoe of Myanmar by (5-2) 50-27, 92(92)-0, 86(86)-15, 12-62, 54-30, 24-70, 79-5 in the semifinal. He had previously bagged the 2nd leg of the Tour in China and was leading the ranking before the final leg of the Tour in Bengaluru.

43) Who has become the first overseas player from India to represent Hampshire?

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Ajinkya Rahane
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Shikhar Dhawan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ajinkya Rahane

Explanation:

Indian cricketer, Ajinkya Madhukar Rahane became the first overseas player from India to represent Hampshire and he will replace Aiden Kyle Markram, who will join South Africa's World Cup Team. 30-year-old Indian will feature in eight Specsavers County Championship fixtures throughout May, June and start of July, subject to visa clearance. It is expected that he will make his debut against Warwickshire at Edgbaston from 14 May. In Indian Premier League, he plays for Rajasthan Royals.

44) Which team won the Arjan Singh Memorial International hockey tournament 2019?

- 1) Indian Air Force
- 2) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 3) South Central Railway, Hyderabad
- 4) Integrated Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Integrated Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai**

Explanation:

Integrated Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai beat South Central Railway, Hyderabad by penalty shootout of 7-5, in the final to bag the second Marshal of the Indian Air Force Arjan Singh Memorial International hockey tournament at the Astro Turf Hockey Ground at Air Force in Chandigarh. All total 31 matches were played, 202 goals were scored and a total of 16 teams participated in the Arjan Singh Memorial International hockey tournament including the Air Force teams from Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Former hockey players, namely, Colonel GS Gill, Harpal Singh and Colonel Balbir Singh (Retd) who represented India in the 1966 Asian Games and 1968 Olympics were also felicitated.

45) Ibrahim Kargbo was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Football**

Explanation:

On 24th April 2019, Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) imposed eight-lifetime bans on current and former players and an agent for indulging in match manipulation of international games. Ibrahim Kargbo, former Sierra Leone captain and ex-Trinidad and Tobago player Keyeno Thomas were suspended from all football-related activities over attempts to rig matches at international level. Kenyan footballer George Owino Audi got a 10-year ban and a fine of 15,000 Swiss francs (13,165 euros). World football's governing body imposed a ban on Zimbabwean agent Kudzanai Shaba and former players from Afghanistan, Benin, and Cuba, as well as Zimbabwean agent Kudzanai Shaba.

46) Where was the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2019 held?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Munich, Germany
- 3) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Beijing, China**

Explanation:

International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2019 in Beijing, China. There are four competitions per year in each event. 2019 venues are: Venue 1 : New Delhi, India Venue 2 : Beijing, China Venue 3 : Munich, Germany Venue 4 : Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

47) Name the Indian Shooters, who won gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed event.

- 1) Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar
- 2) Saurabh Chaudhary & Manu Bhaker
- 3) Saurabh Chaudhary, Apurvi Chandela
- 4) Divyansh Singh Panwar, Manu Bhaker
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Saurabh Chaudhary & Manu Bhaker

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, the pair of Indian shooters Saurabh Chaudhary, 16-year-old, and Manu Bhaker, 17-year-old, clinched the 10m Air Pistol Mixed gold by beating Jiang Ranxin and Pang Wei of China 16-6 in the final at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Cup 2019 in Beijing, China. Prior to this, Saurabh Chaudhary and Manu Bhaker had already won a gold in the same category in the New Delhi edition of the shooting World Cup in February 2019. The two teammates scored 482 points at the fifth spot. Anjum Moudgil and Divyansh Singh Panwar bagged a gold medal in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team event by defeating China in the same tournament.

48) Where was the Asian Boxing Championship 2019 held?

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

Answer – 2) Bangkok, Thailand

Explanation:

The Asian Boxing Championship 2019 was held in Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand. This was the first time women and men boxing championship held together. This event was organized by International Boxing Association or AIBA.

49) Who won the gold medal in 52-kg Category by defeating Kim Inkyu in Asian Boxing Championship 2019?

- 1) Amit Panghal
- 2) Deepak Singh
- 3) Satish Kumar
- 4) Shiva Thapa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Amit Panghal

Explanation:

A 23-year old Amit Panghal from Haryana, defeated Korea's Kim Inkyu in 52-kg category. This was the first gold medal at Asian Boxing Championship 2019. Amit played aggressively and won the gold medal after defeating Inkyu by 5-0. This was Amit's second medal in Asian Boxing Championship, last time he won bronze medal in 2017.

50) Pooja Rani was in news recently, she belongs to which sport?

- 1) Judo
- 2) Weightlifter
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Boxing
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Boxing

Explanation:

A 28-year old Pooja Rani defeated world champion Wang Lina from China in the 81-kg category. This was the second gold medal at Asian Boxing Championship 2019. Pooja won first gold medal after moving

from 75-kg to 81-kg category. She defeated Chinese Wang Lina by 4-1 in an enthralling contest. This was third medal in Asian Boxing Championship after a silver in 2012 and bronze in 2015. This was also India's first ever gold medal in the 81-kg category from this elite Asian Boxing Championship tournament.

51) How many medals does India won in the Asian Boxing Championship 2019?

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

Answer – **3) 13 medals**

Explanation:

The Asian Boxing Championship 2019 was held in Huamark Indoor Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand. This was the first time women and men boxing championship held together. This event was organized by International Boxing Association or AIBA. A total 304 athletes including 112 women and 192 men participated in the event. There are 34 countries participated in the tournament. India finished with 13 medals that include 2 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 7 bronze medals.

S. No.	Category	Name	Medal
1.	52-kg	Amit Panghal	Gold
2.	81-kg	Pooja Rani	Gold
3.	64-kg	Simranjit Kaur	Silver
4.	56-kg	Kavinder Singh Bisht	Silver
5.	49-kg	Deepak Singh	Silver
6.	75-kg	Ashish Chaudhary	Silver
7.	51-kg	Nikhat Zareen	Bronze
8.	54-kg	Manisha Moun	Bronze
9.	57-kg	Sonia Chahal	Bronze
10.	60-kg	Sarita Devi	Bronze
11.	60-kg	Shiva Thapa	Bronze
12.	69-kg	Ashish	Bronze
13.	+91-kg	Satish Kumar	Bronze

52) Which country has received the One Day International (ODI) status after USA and Oman recently?

- 1) Nepal
- 2) Papua New Guinea
- 3) Namibia
- 4) UAE
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Papua New Guinea**

Explanation:

Papua New Guinea, a south-western pacific country got their One Day International (ODI) status and a place in International Cricket Council (ICC) Cricket World Cup League 2 after beating Oman by 145-run. Now, Papua New Guinea joins Namibia, Oman, Scotland, the US, Nepal and UAE in the ICC Cricket World Cup League 2. In the next two-and-a-half-year all six team will play 36 ODIs each in the run-up to the Men's Cricket World Cup 2023.

53) Name the Australian Cricketer, who retired from Big Bash League recently.

- 1) Shane Watson
- 2) Jhye Richardson
- 3) Michael Neser
- 4) Alex Carey
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Shane Watson

Explanation:

On 26th April 2019, Former Australia all-rounder has announced his retirement from Big Bash League to spend more time with his family during the summer. He captained Sydney Thunder in the Big Bash League. But he will continue playing for Sutherland DCC in NSW Premier Cricket. He has played 190 one-day internationals, 59 Tests 58 Twenty20 Internationals for his country. His last international match was in the quarter-final of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2016 against India. The Big Bash League is an Australian professional Twenty20 cricket league, which was established in 2011 by Cricket Australia.

54) Who has become the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI in the final match of ICC World Cricket League 2?

- 1) Claire Polosak
- 2) Meg Lanning
- 3) Nicola Carey
- 4) Ashleigh Gardner
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Claire Polosak

Explanation:

The 31-year-old, Australia's Claire Polosak became the first woman umpire to stand in a men's ODI in the final match of ICC World Cricket League 2 on April 27. Previously, she stood in 15 women's ODIs matches, the first one played between Australia and South Africa in November 2016. She also stood some of the important international matches including semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2018 played between England and India. She was also the first woman to stand ever in a men's domestic fixture in Australia in her first List A match in Australia in 2017. In December 2018, Claire Polosak and her counterpart Eloise Sheridan became the first on-field female umpires during a professional match between Adelaide Strikers and Melbourne Stars in World Big Bash League in Australia.

55) Where was the Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 held?

- 1) Beijing, China
- 2) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Xi'an, China
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Xi'an, China

Explanation:

The Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 was held in Xi'an, China from April 23 to April 28, 2019. India won 16 medals which include 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze by men's freestyle wrestlers, 3 silver and 1 bronze by men's Greco-Roman wrestlers and 4 bronze won by women's freestyle wrestlers. India ranked 8th place in the tournament and the first three countries ranked in the tournament were Iran followed by China and Japan

56) Name the Indian wrestler, who won the gold medal in Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 after defeating Kazakhstan's Sayatbek Okassov in 65-kg Category.

- 1) Sunil Kumar
- 2) Vicky Chahar
- 3) Bajrang Punia

4) Gurpreet Singh

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bajrang Punia**

Explanation:

A 25-year old Bajrang Punia, from Haryana defeated Kazakhstan's Sayatbek Okasov by 12-7 in 65 kg men's free style. This was India's fifth medal and the only gold medal in Asian Wrestling Championship 2019. Previously, Punia won gold medal in Asian Wrestling Championship 2017 and bronze medal in 2018.

57) Which country topped the medal tally by winning 11 gold and 6 Bronze medals in Asian Wrestling Championship 2019?

1) Uzbekistan

2) Iran

3) China

4) Japan

5) None of these

Answer - **2) Iran**

Explanation:

The Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 was held in Xi'an, China from April 23 to April 28, 2019. India won 16 medals which include 1 gold, 3 silver and 4 bronze by men's freestyle wrestlers, 3 silver and 1 bronze by men's Greco-Roman wrestlers and 4 bronze won by women's freestyle wrestlers.

Top 5 Countries in Medal Tally

Rank	Nation	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Iran	11	0	6	17
2	China	5	5	6	16
3	Japan	4	7	6	17
4	Uzbekistan	2	3	5	10
5	Kazakhstan	2	2	12	16

58) Which country topped the medal tally in 39th edition of Badminton Asia Championship or Badminton Asia Championship 2019?

1) India

2) Indonesia

3) China

4) Japan

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Japan**

Explanation:

The 39th edition of Badminton Asia Championship 2019 was held from 23 to 28 April 2019 at the Wuhan Sports Center Gymnasium in Wuhan, China. This tournament was hosted by the Chinese Badminton Association, sanctioned from the Badminton Asia. The prize money for the event was USD 400,000. Japan won 6 medals which include 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medal and topped the medal tally.

59) Who was the first Japanese Badminton player, to win women's singles title at Badminton Asia Championship 2019?

1) Wakana Nagahara

2) Akane Yamaguchi

3) Mayu Matsumoto

4) Megumi Yokoyama

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Akane Yamaguchi**

Explanation:

Akane Yamaguchi became first Japanese woman to win singles title at Badminton Asia Championship after defeating China's **He Bingjiao** by 21-19, 21-9 in the final. This was her 11th title of the career and the second title of this year.

S.No.	Event	Winner	Runner
1.	Men's Single	Kento Momota (Japan)	Shi Yuqi (China)
2.	Women's Single	Akane Yamaguchi (Japan)	He Bingjiao (China)
3.	Men's Doubles	Hiroiyuki Endo (Japan) Yuta Watanabe (Japan)	Marcus Fernaldi Gideon (Indonesia) Kevin Sanjaya Sukamuljo (Indonesia)
4.	Women's Doubles	Chen Qingchen (China) Jia Yifan (China)	Mayu Matsumoto (Japan) Wakana Nagahara (Japan)
5.	Mixed Doubles	Wang Yilu (China) Huang Dongping (China)	He Jiting (China) Du Yue (China)

60) Nitendra Singh Rawat was in news recently, he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Triathlon
- 2) Marathon
- 3) Ultramarathon
- 4) Half marathon
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Marathon**

Explanation:

On 28th April 2019, Indian marathon runner, Nitendra Singh Rawat finished 27th in 2 hours 15 minutes and 59 seconds in the men's Elite race of prestigious Virgin Money London Marathon 2019 at London, UK which was won by Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya for record fourth time. This was the fourth fastest in his career and his second fastest time in this season. The 32-year-old Rawat has qualified for the World Championships to be held in Doha in September-October.

61) Who won the Women's singles title in the 42nd edition of Porsche Tennis Grand Prix, that held in Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany?

- 1) Anna-Lena Friedsam
- 2) Anett Kontaveit
- 3) Petra Kvitova
- 4) Mona Barthel
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Petra Kvitova**

Explanation:

The 42nd edition of Porsche Tennis Grand Prix was held in Porsche Arena in Stuttgart, Germany from April 22 to April 28, 2019. The prize money for the event was \$8,86,077. Kvitova beat Kontaveit to win maiden Stuttgart title. A world number three Czech tennis player, Petra Kvitova beat Estonian Anett Kontaveit by 6-3, 7-6 (2) to win Stuttgart's Porsche Grand Prix 2019 in women's single. The 29-year old Kvitova, two-time Wimbledon Champion, won her second title of the year after Sydney in January 2019. Germany's Mona Barthel & Anna-Lena Friedsam won women's doubles. A 28-year old Mona Barthel and a 25-year

old Anna-Lena Friedsam, both from Germany defeated Russian player Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova and Czech player Lucie Safarova in the women's double final by 2-6, 6-3 and 10-6.

62) Valtteri Bottas of team Mercedes, won Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019 held in Baku, Azerbaijan. He hails from which country?

- 1) Belgium
- 2) Germany
- 3) United Kingdom
- 4) Finland
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Finland**

Explanation:

On 28th April 2019, Valtteri Viktor Bottas (Finland) of Mercedes captured Formula 1 State Oil Company of Azerbaijan Republic (SOCAR) Azerbaijan Grand Prix 2019 by beating Mercedes team-mate Lewis Hamilton at the Baku City Circuit in Baku, Azerbaijan. Bottas finished the race 1.5 seconds ahead of Hamilton. Valtteri Bottas. Sebastian Vettel of Ferrari finished with 3rd position and Max Verstappen of Red Bull gained 4th position. Bottas has acquired 87 points, Hamilton 86 and Vettel has 52.

OBITUARY

1) Name the Director, Screenwriter and actor passed away at the age of 79 in Tamil Nadu recently.

- 1) CV Rajendran
- 2) K Subaash
- 3) J. Mahendran
- 4) C Sivakumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) J. Mahendran**

Explanation:

On 2nd April 2019, Famous Tamil Director, Screenwriter and actor, J. Mahendran passed away following a brief hospitalization at the age of 79. Mahendran was born on 25th July 1939 in Ilaiyangudi, Madurai. His memorable work includes Mullum Malarum, Johnny and Nenjathai Killadhey. His movie Mullum Malarum (1978) was conferred with Filmfare Award for Best Film.

2) Name the Padma Shri awardee and 'Father of Entrepreneurship Movement', who passed away at the age of 79 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

- 1) Viharidas Gopaldas Patel
- 2) Edith Abbott
- 3) Gustav Cassel
- 4) Winston Chang
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Viharidas Gopaldas Patel**

Explanation:

An eminent economist and father of entrepreneurship movement in India, Dr. Viharidas Gopaldas Patel was passed away at the age of 79 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He was the Founder & Director of Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII). ii. He was honoured with the Padma Shri in 2017 for his contribution to development of entrepreneurship in India. Books written/edited by him: The Seven Business Crisis & How to Beat Them. Entrepreneurship Development Programme in India and its Relevance to Developing Countries. Managing India's Small Industrial Economy: The Catalytic Role of Industrial Counsellors and Policy Makers.

3) South African Nobel prize awardee, Sydney Brenner passed away at the age of 92 in Singapore recently, he belongs to which field?

- 1) Economist
- 2) Physicist
- 3) Biologist
- 4) Psychologist
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Biologist

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, South African Born biologist, Sydney Brenner passed away at the age of 92. He was born in Gauteng, South Africa. Brenner made contributions to work on the nature of genetic code and other areas of molecular biology. He Shared a Nobel Prize in 2002 in Physiology with Bob Horvitz and John Sulston for developing a tiny transparent worm into a test bed for biological discoveries.

4) Malaysian Arie Irawan passed away at the age of 28, he belonged to which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Golf
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Golf

Explanation:

On 7th April 2019, 28 years old Malaysian golfer Arie Irawan passed away by 'apparent natural causes' in his hotel room at the Chinese resort island of Hainan. He was born on 21st August 1990 in Selangor, Malaysia. He had been competing in the PGA Tour Series-China's Sanya Championship where he missed the cut but remained at the Sheraton Sanya Resort across from Yalong Bay Golf Club. He turned professional Golfer in 2013 and won two Asian Developmental Tour events in his seven-year career.

5) Of which country, Women's World Cup cricketer Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie passed away, at the age of 25 in a car accident recently?

- 1) South Africa
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Australia
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) South Africa

Explanation:

On 5th April 2019, South Africa Women's World Cup cricketer Elriesa Theunissen-Fourie passed away at the age of 25 in a car accident. She was born on 2nd May 1993, in Klerksdorp. She represented South Africa in four internationals – three ODIs and one T20I match of 2013 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup squad. Her last match for South Africa was an ODI against Bangladesh Women in September 2013 and made her ODI debut during the 2013 World Cup – against Sri Lanka Women in Cuttack.

6) On 8th April 2019, the Serbian Nadja Regin passed away at the age of 87. She belongs to which field?

- 1) Singer
- 2) Director
- 3) Actress
- 4) Art Director
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Actress

Explanation:-

On 8th April 2019, the Serbian actress Nadja Regin passed away at the age of 87.

She appeared in two Bond films "From Russia with Love" and "Goldfinger,". She wrote a novel, named 'The

Victims and the Fools', which was published under her full name Nadja Poderegin.

7) Name the Congress leader and former finance minister of Kerala, who passed away recently in Kochi, Kerala.

- 1) KM Mani
- 2) CN Balakrishnan
- 3) Ananth Kumar
- 4) RK Dhawan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) KM Mani**

Explanation:

On 9th April 2019, Veteran Kerala politician and former state finance minister Karingozhakkal Mani Mani passed away at the age of 86 years at Lakeshore Hospital in Kochi, Kerala. He was born on 30th January 1933 at Marangattupalli village near Pala, Kerala. He had been suffering from COPD (Chronic Obstructive pulmonary disease) for several years and had often been hospitalized for the chest infection. He was the only politician who has been elected from the same constituency for 13 consecutive elections and the longest-serving member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.

8) Holkhomang Haokip was passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Writer
- 2) Producer
- 3) Actor
- 4) Politician
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Politician**

Explanation:

Holkhomang Haokip, veteran politician and former minister of Manipur passed away on 8th April 2019. Holkhomang Haokip was a leader of the Kuki community (of North-east India) and being elected to the 13th Lok Sabha (in 1999). He was a former member of Parliament. He hailed from Kamjong District of Manipur. Holkhomang Haokip was the son of freedom fighter Chunglet Haokip of the (INA) Indian National Army. Previously, in 1972, he was elected to the Manipur Assembly and became the minister of Manipur for education and tribal welfare. Haokip was appointed as the deputy chairman of the State Planning Board in 1980. From 1981 to 1984, Haokip was a cabinet minister of industries, planning and transport. From 1989 to 1992 he was the industry minister and from 1992 to 1995, the power Minister.

9) Name the 'Uri: The Surgical Strike' actor who passed away recently at the age of 86.

- 1) Navtej Hundal
- 2) Tele Samad
- 3) Anandavally
- 4) Franz Weber
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Navtej Hundal**

Explanation:

On 8th April 2019, Indian Actor Navtej Hundal passed away after suffering from chronic Hepatitis B disease. He was 86. The news was shared on Cine And TV Artist Association's (CINTAA) official Twitter handle. He hailed from Mumbai, Maharashtra. Navtej had acted in Bollywood films like Khalnayak (1993), Tere Mere Sapne (1996) and The Whispers (2009) and did TV show Bharat Ek Khoj.

10) Drupad Borgohain passed away at the age of 78 in Dibrugarh, Assam. He was from which field?

- 1) Actor
- 2) Writer
- 3) Producer

- 4) Politician
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Politician**

Explanation:

On 10th April 2019, Veteran communist leader and former parliamentarian Drupad Borgohain passed away at the age of 78 at a private hospital in Dibrugarh, Assam after fighting a prolonged battle with cancer. He was born on 7th November 1941 in Sivasagar, Assam. He was a Rajya Sabha member between 1998 and 2004 and served as a legislator from Nazira constituency from 2006-2011 in the Assam assembly. Also, he served as the secretary of the Assam state council of the Communist Party of India (CPI) and elected as the president of Assam state council of All India Kisan Sabha.

11) Pradeep Choubey passed away aged 70, he was a _____?

- 1) Writer
- 2) Poet
- 3) Politician
- 4) Actor
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Poet**

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, Hindi poet Pradeep Choubey passed away at the age of 70 in his home due to a cardiac arrest. He was born on August 26, 1949, in Maharashtra's Chandrapur district. He was also suffering from cancer. To pursue his passion for poetry, he quit his job at Dena Bank.

12) Name the freedom fighter & participant of Quit India Movement, who passed away recently.

- 1) Billy Clayton
- 2) Tania Mallet
- 3) Nipsey Hussle
- 4) Paripooranand Painuli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Paripooranand Painuli**

Explanation:

Eminent Paripooranand Painuli, former Congress MP and freedom fighter passed away on 13th April, 2019, at his residence in the Vasant Vihar, Delhi at the age of 94. Painuli was known for his participation in the Quit India Movement at 17 age and also led a non-violent movement against the Tehri-Garhwal state in 1949. He was born on 19th November, 1924, and was elected to the 5th Lok Sabha in 1971.

13) Name the former director of Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite Centre (ISAC), who passed away in Bengaluru, Karnataka recently.

- 1) Yash Pal
- 2) Henry Moseley
- 3) SK Shivakumar
- 4) Udupi Ramachandra Rao
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) SK Shivakumar**

Explanation:

Former Director of Indian Space Research Organisation Satellite Centre (ISAC), SK Shivakumar died at the age of 66 in Bengaluru. He hailed from Mysuru, Karnataka. He was part of the team which had developed telemetry system for India's first moon mission Chandrayan – I. He served as the project director for India's first indigenous Deep Space Network Antenna at Byalalu. He also led the team of 2,500 engineers which contributed to ISRO's Mangalyaan Mission. He contributed in several missions like Bhaskara, INSAT, IRS-1B and IRS-1C. He also served as the director of ISRO Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC).

14) Name the former president of Peru who kills himself to avoid arrest over bribery allegations recently.

- 1) Calvin Coolidge
- 2) Harry Truman
- 3) Gerald Ford
- 4) Alan Garcia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Alan Garcia

Explanation:

On 17th April 2019, Alan Garcia, 69, who served two terms as Peru's president, from 1985 to 1990 and from 2006 to 2011, shot himself in his bedroom at his home in Lima, the capital, as police waited outside his door to take him to jail over bribery allegations with Brazilian construction company Odebrecht. He was rushed to a hospital, where he died despite emergency surgery at the Jose Casimiro Ulloa Hospital in Lima.

15) Name the NASA's first female astronaut candidate, who passed away at the age of 88 in Florida.

- 1) Jerrie Cobb
- 2) Sharon Christa McAuliffe
- 3) Mya Lecia Naylor
- 4) Georgia Engel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Jerrie Cobb

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, pilot Jerrie Cobb, who was NASA's first female astronaut candidate passed away at the age of 88 in Florida due to illness. Jerrie Cobb. She was born on 5th March 1931, in Norman, Oklahoma. She became the first woman to pass astronaut testing in 1961. Total 13 women passed the physical testing and became known as the Mercury 13.

16) Cricket all-rounder, Con de Lange passed away. He belongs to which country?

- 1) England
- 2) Ireland
- 3) Scotland
- 4) Wales
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Scotland

Explanation:

Scotland all-rounder Con de Lange, who had been diagnosed with brain tumor, passed away on 18th April, 2019 at the age of 38. He was a slow left-arm and middle-order batsman. Lange had played 21 internationals for Scotland, making his debut in a Twenty20 International against Ireland in June 2015. He also played domestic cricket for Cape Cobras and Knights in South Africa, and Northamptonshire in England.

17) Name the former president of West Indies cricket Board (WICB) who passed away recently.

- 1) Phillip Hughes
- 2) Patrick Rousseau
- 3) Wasim Raja
- 4) Darryn Randall
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Patrick Rousseau

Explanation:

On 17th April 2019, Patrick Rousseau, aged 85, former president of West Indies cricket Board (WICB), from 1996 to 2001, and Jamaican Attorney at law has died in Jamaica. He hailed from Jamaica. He started

first professional cricket academy in Granada. He has worked in the Law Department for more than 50 years.

18) Name the deceased paranormal investigator who is well known for horror movies like 'Amityville Horror' and 'Conjuring'.

- 1) George Estabrooks
- 2) Joseph Banks Rhine
- 3) William Seabrook
- 4) Lorraine Warren
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Lorraine Warren

Explanation:

One of the most well known paranormal investigator, Lorraine Warren who investigated haunted houses and other manifestation of paranormal activities throughout her life with her late husband Ed. Warren, died in her home at Monroe, Connecticut at the age of 92. Both wife and husband Lorraine Warren and late Ed. Warren founded the New England Society at Monroe, Connecticut in 1952 to investigate haunting cases. Famous horror movies like 'Amityville Horror' and 'Conjuring' were inspired by her work.

19) Name the deceased Bengali folk singer, who won Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, West Bengal State Academy of Dance, Music and Visual Arts and Lalan Puraskar for folk music.

- 1) Bhima Mandavi
- 2) Amar Paul
- 3) Kalikapradas Bhattacharya
- 4) Nand Lal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Amar Paul

Explanation:

Amar Paul, an eminent Bengali folk singer passed away due to cardiac arrest in SSKM Hospital at Kolkata, West Bengal at the age of 97. Singer Amar Paul. He was born on May 19, 1922, at Brahmanbaria, presently in Bangladesh. In his childhood, he had taken music lessons from his mother Durgasundari Paul and later he learned folk music from Suren Chakraborty and Mani Chakraborty and classical music from Ayat Ali Khan. In the early 1950s, he joined All India Radio as a folk singer and also lent his voice to the number of films including Satyajit Ray's famous movie "Hirak Rajar Deshe" which brought him instant fame. He was awarded by Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to the folk music of West Bengal. He honored with numerous other awards including West Bengal State Academy of Dance, Music and Visual Arts, and Lalan Puraskar for folk music.

20) Name the Door Darshan Kendra director who passed away recently.

- 1) Kalpana Lajmi
- 2) Raj Kumar Barjatya
- 3) Nitin Bali
- 4) KismatSagar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) KismatSagar

Explanation:

Lucknow Door Darshan Kendra Director Ms. KismatSagar has passed away at the age of 47 during her treatment in a hospital in Mumbai. She was suffering from cancer. She was a 1998 Batch Indian Information Service Officer. She also worked in several media units like DAVP, DFP, PRO Defence in Lucknow under Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

21) Name the deceased lady mountaineer, who led the first successful all-women expedition to Kedarnath Dome in Garhwal Himalaya.

- 1) Rama Sengupta Paul
- 2) Anandi Gopal Joshi
- 3) Nasim Akhtar
- 4) Amrita Sher-Gil
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rama Sengupta Paul

Explanation:

On 21st April 2019, veteran lady mountaineer Rama Sengupta Paul passed away at the age of 66 at a city hospital due to cardiac arrest. She led the first successful all-women expedition to Kedarnath Dome in Garhwal Himalaya which was organized by Himalayan Association to commemorate the International Year of Women in 1975. She was a member of Indo-Japanese Women expedition to Kamet and Abi Gamin organized by Indian Mountaineering Foundation in 1976 and in 1978 she led another all women expedition of Himalayan Association to Dharamsura in Himachal Pradesh. She was a retired bank officer, who guided youths and students at many rock climbing and adventure camps in West Bengal.

22) Grand Duke Jean passed away recently at the age of 98, he was ____ Grand Duke of Luxembourg?

- 1) Fourth
- 2) Second
- 3) Fifth
- 4) Sixth
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sixth

Explanation:

On 23rd April 2019, Luxembourg's Grand Duke Jean passed away at the age of 98 due to pulmonary infection. He was born on 5th January 1921 at Berg Castle, Luxembourg. In 1942 he received military training at Sandhurst in Britain and in 1944 he served as a guard at Buckingham Palace before joining Allied forces in Normandy. In 1963, he became the sixth Grand Duke of Luxembourg, held the position nearly 36 years and abdicated in 2000 in favour of his son Henri.

23) Terry Rawlings passed away recently, he was from which field?

- 1) Politician
- 2) Actor
- 3) Film editor
- 4) Producer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Film editor

Explanation:

Terry Rawlings, a British film editor, who earned BAFTA nominations for his work on 'Alien' in 1980 and 'Blade Runner' in 1983 as well as Oscar nomination for 'Chariots of Fire' in 1982, died at his home in Hertfordshire, England at the age of 85. He was a founding member of the Guild of British Film and Television Editors and elected as a member in the American Cinema Editors. He was honoured with American Cinema Editors' Career Achievement Award in 2006.

24) Former President, Negasso Gidada Solon passed away recently, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Djibouti
- 2) Ethiopia
- 3) Eritrea
- 4) Nigeria
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Ethiopia

Explanation:

On 27th April 2019, Former Ethiopian president Negasso Gidada Solon passed away at the age of 75 in Germany for an unspecified illness. Negasso Gidada. He was born on 8th September 1943 in Dembidolo, Ethiopian Empire. He was the president between 1995 and 2001 and was the first head of state after Ethiopia adopted a new constitution transforming country into a federal state. In 2015, He was elected to parliament as an independent but then joined the opposition three years later.

25) Pungam Kannan who was titled as ‘Pele of Asia’ passed away recently. He belongs to which field Sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Football

Explanation:

Pungam Kannan, former India's ace footballer passed away at the age of 80 after suffering from prolonged illness. He was also facing huge financial crisis before his death. P. Kannan was born in Vandavasi, Tamil Nadu. The esteemed German coach, Dettmar Cramer had given Kannan the title of 'Pele of Asia' in 1968 when he was invited by the AIFF (All India Football Federation) to conduct 2-week coaching in Mumbai. The ace footballer played 14 matches for India, represented Universal RC for 4 years in the Chennai Football Association (CFA) senior division league. Kannan was part of Mohun Bagan (8 years) as well as East Bengal (2 years) and won the Santosh Trophy for West Bengal two times simultaneously from 1971 to 73 and also turned out to be the top-scorer.

26) Name the deceased playwright, who won Tony Award and the Olivier Award for writing ‘Children of a Lesser God’.

- 1) Arthur Miller
- 2) Mark Medoff
- 3) Ntozake Shange
- 4) Neil Simon
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mark Medoff

Explanation:

On 23rd April 2019, Olivier and Tony awards winner for writing 'Children of a Lesser God', Mark Medoff passed away at the age of 79 at Mesilla Valley Hospice in Las Cruces, New Mexico after a prolonged battle with multiple myeloma, cancer, and renal failure. The screen adaptation of "Children of a Lesser God" earned an Oscar nomination. He was born on 18th March 1940 in Mount Carmel, Illinois, United States. 'Children of a Lesser God' won the 1980 Tony award for Best Play which was about the tale of a love affair between a speech teacher and a deaf woman who struggle to overcome the communications gap.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1) Who is the author of the book “Saffron Swords: Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders”?

- 1) Vladimir Nabokov
- 2) Ray Bradbury
- 3) Aabhas Maldahiyar
- 4) Manoshi Sinha Rawal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Manoshi Sinha Rawal

Explanation:

The Indian Publishing company, Garuda Prakashan Private Limited, launched its two books “#Modi Again” and “Saffron Swords – Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders”. “#Modi Again: Why Modi is right for India, An Ex-Communist’s Manifesto” authored by Aabhas Maldahiyar, states the reasons about how Narendra Modi is right for India. “Saffron Swords: Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders” written by Manoshi Sinha Rawal is a book on 52 unsung warriors of India from last 1300 years.

2) Who was the author of the book "Gandhi: The Writer"?

- 1) Bhabhani Bhattacharya
- 2) Salman Rushdie
- 3) Arundhati Roy
- 4) Chetan Bhagat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bhabhani Bhattacharya

Explanation:

The copy of "Gandhi: The Writer" authored by Bhabhani Bhattacharya was also presented to the Vinay Mohan Kwatra, the Ambassador of India to France. India has been designated as the Guest of Honour at Paris Livre (Paris Book Fair) in 2020.

3) Who is the author of the book 'Kundan: Saigal's Life & Music'?

- 1) Ruskin Bond
- 2) Aravind Adiga
- 3) Sharad Dutt
- 4) Salman Rushdie
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sharad Dutt

Explanation:

“Kundan: Saigal’s Life & Music”, book authored by documentary filmmaker and former DDG of Doordarshan Sharad Dutt was released on 4th April, on the 115th birth anniversary of Saigal. The book has been transcreated in English by Jyoti Sabharwal of Stellar Publishers. Sharad Dutt won the National Award (Swarna Kamal for best book on cinema) in 2005 for the original book in Hindi. Kundanlal Saigal was an Indian singer and actor who is considered the first superstar of the Hindi film industry.

4) Who released the booklet titled 'Selected speeches of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly'?

- 1) Shashi S.Vempati
- 2) Rajeev Singh
- 3) Sunil Alagh
- 4) Surya Prakash
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Surya Prakash

Explanation:

On 12th April 2019, a booklet of the ‘Selected speeches of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar in the Constituent Assembly’ was released by Prasara Bharati Chairman, A Surya Prakash to mark 128th birth anniversary of Dr B R Ambedkar (April 14), at an event in New Delhi. It was organized to commemorate the contributions of Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar, popularly known as Babasaheb Ambedkar, for the upliftment of underprivileged in the country. Babasaheb Ambedkar was an Indian jurist, economist, politician, social reformer and the architect of the Constitution of India. He was also the independent India’s first law minister.

5) Who is the author of the book titled “Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson’s Journal” ?

- 1) Meg Wolitzer
- 2) Gillian Flynn
- 3) Jeff Kinney
- 4) Joan Didion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jeff Kinney

Explanation:

Jeff Kinney, an eminent author has emerged out with a new book titled “Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson’s Journal”. The book is written from the opinion of Rowley Jefferson, the best friend of ‘Diary of a Wimpy Kid’ supporter Greg Heffley..This book is Jeff Kinney’s first outside of his “Diary of a Wimpy Kid” series. It has been published by Amulet Books. The book is written in Kinney’s trademark humour. It will also mark around 350 black-and-white illustrations.

6) What is the name of the book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre?

- 1) Drummer Hodge
- 2) Poets of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre
- 3) Poems about war
- 4) Khooni Vaisakhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Khooni Vaisakhi

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, a book containing English translation of the 100 year old classic Punjabi poem about Jallianwala Bagh massacre, ‘Khooni Vaisakhi’ has been released in Abu Dhabi and was commended by India’s Ambassador to the UAE Navdeep Singh Suri. It was translated by Mr. Suri whose grandfather, revolutionary poet and novelist Nanak Singh, who was a Jallianwala Bagh survivor, wrote it after witnessing the Jallianwala Bagh massacre on 13th April 1919.

7) What is the name of the new novel written by the booker prize winning author, Salman Rushdie inspired by Spanish classic Don Quixote that is set to release in August 2019?

- 1) Quichotte
- 2) Milkman
- 3) Lincoln in the Bardo
- 4) The Sellout
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Quichotte

Explanation:

The British Indian novelist Salman Rushdie’s new novel “Quichotte” will be released in August 2019. This will be the 14th book of the Booker prize-winning author and will be published at Jonathan Cape in the UK on 29 August 2019. The book Quichotte is inspired by Miguel de Cervantes’ classic novel Don Quixote, and tells the story of an ageing travelling salesman who falls in love with a TV star and sets off to drive across America on a quest to prove himself worthy of her hand.

8) Who has translated the book “Indian Constitution” in Konkani language?

- 1) Ruskin Bond
- 2) Stephen Quadros Permude
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Jhumpa Lahiri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Stephen Quadros Permude

Explanation:

On 21st April 2019, the Mangaluru Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha has released A Konkani translation of the Indian Constitution at the Rosario cathedral. Prof Stephen Quadros Permude, who has authored several books in Konkani has translated the book. It has been brought out by the Mangaluru diocesan commission, which is led by its convener Fr J B Crasta.

9) Who is the author of the book titled “Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook” which speaks about the possibility of coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls?

- 1) Amitav Ghosh
- 2) Vikram Seth
- 3) Saba Naqvi
- 4) Anita Desai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Saba Naqvi**

Explanation:

Journalist Saba Naqvi has composed a book named “Politics of Jugaad: The Coalition Handbook” in which she examines the possibility of a coalition government after the 2019 Lok Sabha polls. The book discusses the nature of transformation in Indian political parties and their role in present times. The author, Saba Naqvi is a well-known journalist and political analyst in India. She has authored other books, namely, ‘In Good Faith’ (2012), ‘Capital Conquest’ (2015), and ‘Shades of Saffron’ (2018).

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) When Odisha celebrates its Foundation day also known as Utkal Divas?

- 1) 1st April
- 2) 31st March
- 3) 30th March
- 4) 2nd April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 1st April**

Explanation:

Odisha celebrates its Foundation day on 1st April every year to commemorate the sacrifices of people for the formation of Odisha province in 1936. The Odisha Day is also known as “Utkal Divas”. Various cultural programmes highlighting the history and culture of Odisha are organized on this day. Earlier, Odisha was a part of Bihar, it became the first state to be formed on the linguistic basis in 1936.

2) What was the theme of the World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) 2019?

- 1) Theme - “Autism and the 2030 Agenda: Inclusion and Neurodiversity”
- 2) Theme - “Assistive Technologies, Active Participation”
- 3) Theme - “Empowering Women and Girls with Autism”
- 4) Theme - “Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme - “Assistive Technologies, Active Participation”**

Explanation:

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is observed annually on April 2 to raise awareness about people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), globally. The theme for 2019 was “Assistive Technologies, Active Participation”. The day was first observed in 2008. ii. Autism is a variable developmental disorder that appears by age three and is characterized by lack of the ability to communicate with others and to form normal social relationships.

3) When was Earth Hour Day 2019 observed?

- 1) 30th March
- 2) 24th March
- 3) 26th March
- 4) 31st March
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 30th March

Explanation:

Earth Hour 2019 celebrated on Saturday, 30 March from 8:30 to 9:30 PM. Theme of Earth Hour 2019 is “#Connect2Earth”. Earth Hour is the world’s largest environmental grassroots movement, connecting millions of people all over the planet. As skylines around the country go dark, thousands unite across the world to celebrate WWF’s Earth Hour and take a stand against biodiversity loss. The Rashtrapati Bhavan, the India Gate, the Akshardham Temple, the Charminar, the Chattrapati Shivaji Terminus and other prominent landmarks in India switched off their lights in solidarity as individuals, communities, and organizations across the country came together to GIVEUP habits and practices that are environmentally detrimental, adopt sustainable lifestyles to reduce their footprint and inspire positive action for the planet.

4) “Prevention of Blindness Week” is observed annually from _____?

- 1) 25th to 31st March
- 2) 3rd to 9th April
- 3) 2nd to 8th April
- 4) 1st to 7th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 1st to 7th April

Explanation:

The Government of India organizes “Prevention of Blindness Week” annually from 1st to 7th April to raise awareness regarding the precautions to be taken to prevent blindness. The target of the day is on detection, cure and treatment of eye diseases. In this regard, campaign has been organized all over the country to provide knowledge about the risk factors that lead to the eye injuries which can cause visual impairment.

5) What was the theme of International Mine Awareness Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Circular Economy for Productivity & Sustainability”
- 2) Theme – “Life Below Water: For people and planet”
- 3) Theme – “United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home”
- 4) Theme – “Dialogue, Tolerance and Peace”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – “United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home”

Explanation:

United Nations’ International Mine Awareness Day is observed on 4th April every year to raise awareness about landmines and the actions that need to be taken towards their eradication. The Theme for International Mine Awareness Day 2019 is “United nations promotes SDGs –Safe Ground –Safe Home” (SDG –Sustainable Development Goals). Key Points i. A multimedia exhibition was organized by the United Nations Mine Service (UNMS) at the United Nations headquarters in New York to raise awareness about threats caused by mines. On 8th December 2005, United Nations General assembly declared that International Mines awareness Day will be observed on 4th April every year.

6) What was the theme of the 56th edition of National Maritime day observed on 5th April, 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Indian Ocean- An Ocean of Opportunity”
- 2) Theme – “The Scourge of Plastic Pollution”
- 3) Theme – “Preventing Plastic Pollution for a Healthy Ocean”

4) Theme – “Together we can protect and restore our ocean”

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Indian Ocean- An Ocean of Opportunity”**

Explanation:

On 5th April, 2019, India celebrated 56th edition of National Maritime day to support the global economy as the most well-organized, safe and sound environmentally responsive approach of transporting goods from one corner to another corner of the world. The theme of the National Maritime Day 2019 celebrations is “Indian Ocean- An Ocean of Opportunity”. It was first celebrated on 5th April, 1964. In 2018, the Central Committee of the National Maritime has instituted “Varuna Award” the highest award in the field of maritime.

7) United Nations’ (UN) International day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDS DP) is observed annually on _____?

1) 5th April

2) 6th April

3) 4th April

4) 3rd April

5) None of these

Answer – **2) 6th April**

Explanation:

The United Nations’ (UN) International day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDS DP) is observed annually on April 6 to recognize the power of sport in promoting peace and erasing cultural barriers worldwide. It is celebrated to promote healthy lifestyles and emphasizes the international Olympic Committee focus on giving as possible access to sport. The day is an annual celebration of the power of sport to drive social change, community development and to foster peace and understanding. April 6 was declared as the IDS DP by United Nations in 2013 and has been celebrated each year ever since 2014.

8) When was National Handloom week 2019 observed?

1) 6th to 13th April

2) 8th to 15th April

3) 5th to 12th April

4) 7th to 14th April

5) None of these

Answer – **4) 7th to 14th April**

Explanation:

The National Handloom week is being observed from 7th April to 14th April this year. On this occasion, a book named ‘The Indian textile Sourcebook’ authored by Avalon Fotheringham and published by Thames and Hudson will launch on 9th April. The national handloom day observes on 7th August every year and In 2018, the national handloom week was observed in December.

9) What was the theme of the World Health Day 2019?

1) Theme - “Health for Everyone Everywhere”

2) Theme - “Universal health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere”

3) Theme - “Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging”

4) Theme - “Let's Bring Change to the World”

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme - “Universal health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere”**

Explanation:

World Health Day is observed annually on April 7, under the sponsorship of World Health Organization (WHO), to spread awareness about equal healthcare facilities worldwide, the importance of Health and Wellness and to kill the myths around Health. The Theme of World Health Day 2019 was “Universal health Coverage: Everyone, Everywhere” under the WHO slogan “Health for All”. Ministry of Health and

Family Welfare along with World Health Organization (WHO) formed a Solidarity Human Chain as part of the World Health Day celebrations to reaffirm their commitment to bridging gaps and working collaboratively towards Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

10) International Romani Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 7th April
- 2) 8th April
- 3) 6th April
- 4) 5th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 8th April

Explanation:

On International Roma Day 2019, the (ERCC) European Roma Rights Centre brings into limelight the grave fact about the 6 million Romani people (living in the EU, European Union) and 4 million living in the enlargement region (Montenegro, Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Turkey) who till date remains the most underprivileged ethnic group of Europe. Romanis, till this day and age, continue to face discrimination on grounds of race, ethnicity, health care, education, employment, public services and social services. The day was initiated during the fourth World Romani Congress of the International Romani Union (IRU) in 1990 to honour the first major international meeting of Romani representatives.

11) Where was the Kangla Tongbi War Memorial located?

- 1) Jammu & Kashmir
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Manipur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Manipur

Explanation:

On 07 April 2019 at Kangla Tongbi War Memorial, (near Imphal, Manipur) the Platinum Jubilee of the Battle of Kangla Tongbi War was commemorated by Army Ordnance Corps. The commemoration day was observed to honour the supreme sacrifice made by the courageous Ordnance Personnel of 221 Advance Ordnance Depot in the line of duty during the night of 6/ 7 April 1944 (during World War-II). After the wreath-laying ceremony by Lt Gen Dalip Singh, VSM, DGOS & Senior Colonel Commandant, senior dignitaries visited the Kangla Tongbi Children's Home where the children were presented with gifts as a matter of charity.

12) When was the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwanda Genocide observed?

- 1) April 6
- 2) April 7
- 3) April 8
- 4) April 9
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) April 7

Explanation:-

Since 2004, April 7 has been observed as the Day of Remembrance of the Victims of the Rwanda Genocide by United Nations (UN). The day commemorates the slaughter of 800,000 people (where Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed by members of the army, militias, and civilians of the Hutu community) for a period of 100 days during the 1994 genocide in Rwanda in central Africa.

13) _____ Valour Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was observed on April 9 2019.

- 1) 50th
- 2) 51st
- 3) 52nd
- 4) 53rd
- 5) None of these

Answer – 5) None of these (answer is 54th)

Explanation:-

On 9th April 2019, 54th Valour Day of Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) was observed to Pay Tribute to Martyrs of police at the National Police Memorial in New Delhi. On this day, President Ram Nath Kovind launched Veer Parivar App for assistance to the next of kin of the CRPF martyrs.

14) When was World Homoeopathy Day 2019 observed?

- 1) 9th April
- 2) 10th April
- 3) 8th April
- 4) 7th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 10th April

Explanation:

To celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Christian Fredrich Samuel Hahnemann, the founder of Homoeopathy; the World Homoeopathy Day 2019 is observed on April 10, 2019 all over the globe. The week following the birth date of Hahnemann (10th April 1955-2nd July 1843) i.e 10th-16th April is commemorated as the World Homeopathic Awareness Week. At Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, the Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) (an autonomous research organisation under the Union Ministry of AYUSH) has organised a two day convention on April 9-10, 2019. Its theme was "Linking Education and Clinical Practice with Research: Advancing Scientific Collaborations".

15) What was the theme of the 'Safe Motherhood Day' 2019?

- 1) 'Safe Motherhood'
- 2) 'Care for Child'
- 3) 'Midwives for Mothers'
- 4) 'Respectful Maternity Care'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 'Midwives for Mothers'

Explanation:

Every year 11th April is observed as National Safe Motherhood Day (NSMD). On April 11, 2019, the Indian Government along with The White Ribbon Alliance (WRAI) (UNICEF is an active member of WRAI) conducted a national stakeholders' meeting, in Delhi, to discuss on the pressing issues relating to women's health. In 2003, the Government of India had declared 11th April as National Safe Motherhood Day which is the birth anniversary day of Kasturba Gandhi. She was wife of Mohan Das Karam Chand Gandhi, the father of the nation. The theme of 2019 NSMD was "Midwives for Mothers".

16) World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 11th April
- 2) 12th April
- 3) 10th April
- 4) 9th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 12th April

Explanation:

World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day, a date to honour the first ever flight of a human in space. On April

12,1961, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin carried out the famous flight in spacecraft Vostok 1 started from Baikonur Cosmodrome. In November 1968, the 61st General Conference of the Federation Aeronautique Internationale (FAI), known as the World Air sports Federation, decided to celebrate World Aviation and Cosmonautics Day on April 12. Many countries organize a Yuri's Night on April 12. The first Yuri's Night was celebrated on the 40th anniversary of the first manned flight into space in 2001. The celebration points to promote public interest in space exploration.

17) When was the International Day of Human Space Flight observed?

- 1) 11th April
- 2) 9th April
- 3) 10th April
- 4) 12th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 12th April**

Explanation:

On 12 April 2019, The International Day of Human Space Flight was observed across the world. The day marks the anniversary of the first ever human space flight undertaken by Yuri Gagarin, a Soviet citizen on April 12, 1961. This day is also celebrated as 'Cosmonautics Day' in Russia since 1963. Gagarin's Vostok 1 space flight executed one orbit around the Earth over 108 minutes and the spacecraft was propelled by Vostok-K launch vehicle. The day was initiated in 2011 by United Nations through resolution, A/RES/65/271.

18) What was the theme of World Allergy Week 2019 observed on 7 to 13th April 2019?

- 1) The Global Problem of Food Allergy
- 2) Say no to Allergy
- 3) Healthy Sleep to avoid Allergy
- 4) Fight against Allergy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) The Global Problem of Food Allergy**

Explanation:

World Allergy Week is an annual global initiative of the World Allergy Organisation (WAO) and is being observed worldwide between 7th to 13th of April, 2019. The theme for this year is "The Global Problem of Food Allergy". The prime objective of the campaign is to raise awareness of the effect of allergic diseases and related disorders in our communities and provide support for the proper training, diagnosis, management, and prevention of the diseases.

19) On 13th April, India observed _____ anniversary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre also known as the Amritsar massacre?

- 1) 95th
- 2) 100th
- 3) 103rd
- 4) 110th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 100th**

Explanation:

On 13th April 2019, the 100th anniversary Jallianwallah Bagh Massacre also known as the Amritsar massacre was observed. Centenary of Jallianwala Bagh Massacre. On 13th April 1919 a huge number of people gathered at Jallianwala Bagh in Amritsar to celebrate the harvest festival of Baisakhi and to protest against the Rowlatt Act. On that event, troops of the British Indian Army under the command of Colonel Dyer opened fire at the people.

20) Indian Army celebrates the Year 2019 as _____?

- 1) Year of Revolution
- 2) Year of Rebellion
- 3) Year of Next of Kin
- 4) Year of Martyrs
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Year of Next of Kin

Explanation:

On 13th April 2019, Rajouri Day was observed by Indian Army to pay homage to the martyrs who laid down their lives for the liberation of Rajouri district, Jammu and Kashmir. More than 20,000 men, women, and children were massacred till April 13, 1948. On 12 April 1948, Rajouri was recaptured from rebels and Pakistan Army personnel who had infiltrated from across the border. The Year 2019 is being celebrated as the 'Year of Next of Kin' to help families of martyrs.

21) When did Department of Railways observed 64th Railway Week?

- 1) 11th 17th April
- 2) 8th to 14th April
- 3) 9th to 15th April
- 4) 10th to 16th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 10th to 16th April

Explanation:

Every year from 10th to 16th of April, Railway Week is celebrated all over Zonal Railways/PUs along with Railway Week National Award Function. On 12th April, 2019, the 64th Railway Week Function of Railway Board was organized at Rail Bhawan in New Delhi. The chairman of Railway Board, V K Yadav presented Running Efficiency Shield, awards and merit certificates to officials of Railway Board for their exemplary performances for 2018-19. The Running Efficiency Shield was presented to Stationery and O&M Branches (joint winners) which were selected as "Best Maintained Branch" of the Railway Board, for maintaining high level of efficiency, excellent keeping-up of records. The Merit Certificates and Cash Awards were presented to 2 well-maintained sections namely Project and ERB-V Branches of the Railway Board. V K Yadav awarded Merit Certificates and Cash Prizes to 45 officials of Railway Board.

22) _____ Edition of Ambedkar Jayanti or Bhim Jayanti observed on 14th April, 2019?

- 1) 120
- 2) 128
- 3) 125
- 4) 122
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 128

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 14th April, paid homage to Dalit social reformer and father of the Indian Constitution Dr. B.R. Ambedkar on his 128th birth anniversary, also known as Ambedkar Jayanti or Bhim Jayanti. "Homage to Dr B.R. Ambedkar on his birth anniversary. An icon of our nation, and Chief Architect of the Constitution, Dr Ambedkar waged a life-long struggle for a modern India free of caste and other prejudices, ensuring equal rights for women and weaker section. Dr Ambedkar, commonly known as Babasaheb, dedicated his life to working for the upliftment of untouchables, women, and labourers. Born into a poor Dalit family on 14 April 1891, Ambedkar became independent India's first law minister, the principal architect of the Constitution of India and a founding father of the Republic of India.

23) When was Mahaveer Janma Kalyanak celebrated?

- 1) April 14
- 2) April 15
- 3) April 16
- 4) April 17
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) April 17**

Explanation:

On 17th April 2019, Jain community celebrated Mahavir Jayanti or Mahaveer Janma Kalyanak, or the Birth Anniversary of Vardhamana Mahavira in memory of Lord Mahavira. Mahavir Jayanti is observed on the 13th day of the bright half of the moon in the month of Chaitra as per the Hindu Calendar. Mahavira, 24th and the last, Tirthankara, spiritual teacher in Jainism was born in Ahalyabhumi and belonged to the Ikshvaku dynasty. As a part of celebrations, the statues of lord Mahavira were given a ceremonial bath called abhisheka to carry out a procession, Rath Yatra, with his idol.

24) What was the theme of the World Haemophilia Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘Outreach and Identification’
- 2) Theme – ‘Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging’
- 3) Theme – ‘I Am and I Will’
- 4) Theme – ‘Bridging health and social care’
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – ‘Outreach and Identification’**

Explanation:

17th April, 2019 has marked the 30th World Hemophilia Day. World Haemophilia Day was started in 1989 by the World Federation of Hemophilia (WFH) which chose to bring the community together on April 17 in honour of WFH founder Frank Schnabel’s birthday. The theme of this year’s World Hemophilia Day is ‘Outreach and Identification’. The day was observed with the slogan – ‘Reaching Out: The First Step to Care’.

25) What was the theme of the World Heritage Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Rural Landscapes”
- 2) Theme – “Hear the Future”
- 3) Theme – “Towards a Common Future”
- 4) Theme – “Weather-ready, climate-smart”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Rural Landscapes”**

Explanation:

World Heritage Day, which is also known as International Day for Monuments and Sites is an annual event celebrated on 18th April with an aim to emphasize the importance of safeguarding various sites around the world that have achieved world heritage status. This year, the theme of the World Heritage Day is “Rural Landscapes”. The day was proposed by the International Council on Monuments and Sites on 18th April 1982 and approved by the General Assembly of UNESCO in 1983.

26) World Liver Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) April 19
- 2) April 18
- 3) April 17
- 4) April 16
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) April 19**

Explanation:

April 19 was observed as World Liver Day. This day is meant to raise awareness about liver and

following a lifestyle which supports liver health. This day is observed to understand importance of liver in human body and how liver ailments can be treated. As per World Health Organisation (WHO), liver diseases are 10th most common cause of death in India.

27) When was Good Friday also known as Holy Friday or Black Friday observed?

- 1) April 18
- 2) April 17
- 3) April 16
- 4) April 19
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) April 19**

Explanation:

On 19th April 2019, Christians all around the world celebrated Good Friday also known as Holy Friday or Black Friday. The day is observed every year in honor and remembrance of Jesus's Crucifixion and Christians believe Jesus was crucified on Good Friday and rose again three days later which is marked as Easter. Many countries observe Good Friday as a national holiday on the Friday before Easter.

28) Bangladesh observed Mujibnagar day annually on _____?

- 1) 19th April
- 2) 18th April
- 3) 17th April
- 4) 20th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 17th April**

Explanation:

On 17th April 1971, Bangladesh celebrated Mujibnagar Day in memory of the provisional government formation in Meherpur in 1971 as a tribute to Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Father of the Nation, at the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum, in Dhanmondi, Dhaka. Bangabandhu became the President, Syed Nazrul Islam as acting president and Tajuddin Ahmed as the Prime Minister. Mujibnagar government was formed on this day in Meherpur's Baidyanathtala, later renamed as Mujibnagar.

29) National Civil Service Day 2019 is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 21st April
- 2) 20th April
- 3) 19th April
- 4) 18th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 21st April**

Explanation:

National Civil Service Day is observed every year on April 21. The function was organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and Pensions during which PM gave "Prime Minister Award for Excellence in Public Administration" to best civil servants. The first time this award was given in 2006 at the function in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Since then, we celebrate National Civil Service Day every year on April 21. April 21 is observed as a National Civil Service Day every year because on the same date in 1947, Home Minister Sardar Patel inaugurated the All India Services and addressed the first batch of probationary officers at All India Administrative Service Training School at Metcalfe House, New Delhi and called bureaucrats as the "steel-frame of India".

30) In which year, does the United Nations (UN) recognize 21st April as World Creativity and Innovation Day?

- 1) 2014
- 2) 2015

- 3) 2017
 - 4) 2016
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 3) 2017**

Explanation:

On 21st April 2019, the World Creativity and Innovation Day was observed to encourage people to use creativity in problem-solving for all issues related to achieving the 2015 Sustainable Development Goals. On 27th April 2017, the United Nations (UN) recognized 21st April as an official World Creativity and Innovation Day and 2018 marks the first year the UN was observed WCID. The day was first commemorated in over 50 countries around the world on 21st April 2002. In 2006, this day became a week starting from 15th April, which is Leonardo Davinci's birthday; an icon of cross-disciplinary creativity in the arts and sciences.

31) When was the Secretary's day or Admin Day observed?

- 1) 20th April
 - 2) 21st April
 - 3) 19th April
 - 4) 18th April
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 2) 21st April**

Explanation:

On 21st April 2019, Secretary's day or Admin Day was observed across India through community events and social gatherings to recognize the work of secretaries, receptionists, administrative assistants, and other administrative support professionals. The day of its observance varies to countries. In the United States, it is celebrated annually on the Wednesday of the last full week of April (April 22 – 26, 2019). First National secretaries week celebrated on June 1 to 7 in 1952 and first Admin day is observed on June 4, 1952, which is sponsored by National Secretaries Association.

32) What was the theme of the Earth Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – 'Conserve the Earth'
 - 2) Theme – 'Protecting Our Species'
 - 3) Theme – 'Go Green to conserve Earth'
 - 4) Theme – 'Protect Our Earth'
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 2) Theme – 'Protecting Our Species'**

Explanation:

Initiated on April 22, 1970, by US Senator Gaylord Nelson, the Earth day is observed annually to support environmental protection. The theme for 2019 was Protecting Our Species, which are on the verge of extinction. The objective of Earth Day is to share responsibilities among people of this world and set agenda for peaceful coexistence with nature. As a part of celebrations, in India, the Lalbagh arm of the Rotary Club in Bengaluru has launched a 45-day long festival titled 'Avani' to mark the beginning of World Earth Day till June 5, which is celebrated as World Environment Day.

33) To promote copyright, reading & publishing, World Book and Copyright Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) April 20
 - 2) April 21
 - 3) April 22
 - 4) April 23
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) April 23**

Explanation:

World Book and Copyright Day, also known as World Book Day, is celebrated every year on April 23. This annual event is organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) and the aim is to promote reading, publishing, and copyright. On April 23, 1616, prominent writers Cervantes, Shakespeare and Inca Garcilaso de la Vega all died. Then in 1995, UNESCO's General Conference was held in Paris where April 23 was regarded as the World Book and Copyright Day to pay a world-wide tribute to books and authors.

34) Which city is selected as the World Book Capital for the year 2019?

- 1) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- 2) Sharjah, UAE
- 3) Jerusalem, Israel
- 4) Ankara, Turkey
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Sharjah, UAE**

Explanation:

Each year UNESCO and other international organisations select World Book Capital for a period of one year. This year Sharjah, UAE has been selected as a World Book Capital for 2019. This year World Book and Copyright Day event focuses on six broad themes: inclusivity, reading, heritage, outreach, publishing and children with a slogan "Read – you are in Sharjah".

35) What was the theme of National Fire Service Week 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting"
- 2) Theme – "Fire loss is National loss – Let us Adopt fire safety measures"
- 3) Theme – "Fire Prevention & Fire Protection"
- 4) Theme – "Fire Safety"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – "Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting"**

Explanation:

The Fire Service Week is observed nation-wide from 14th April to 20th April. Since 1968, 14th April is observed every year as the National Fire Service Day in remembrance of the lives lost in the devastating fire that erupted and the explosions that followed on 14th April 1944 at freighter SS Fort Stikine at the Victoria Dock in Bombay Port. This year the National Fire Service Week was observed with a theme "Fire Prevention is better than Fire Fighting". In that incident, as many as 66 firefighters lost their lives. The day is observed under the aegis of the Fire Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

36) When was International Mother Earth Day observed?

- 1) April 20
- 2) April 21
- 3) April 23
- 4) April 22
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) April 22**

Explanation:

On April 22, 2009, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has passed a resolution declaring April 22 as 'International Mother Earth Day'. This resolution was introduced by The Plurinational State of Bolivia and supported by more than 50 member states. This year marked the 10th anniversary of International Mother Earth Day. So, to commemorate the anniversary 9th Interactive Dialogue of the General Assembly on Harmony with Nature was held in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, United Nations headquarters in New York. The resolution recognizes that the Earth and its ecosystem are our home and promoting harmony between nature and Earth should be our prime concern. International Mother Earth Day also

recognizes the collective responsibility of the people which is also called for in the Rio Declaration in 1992.

37)When was the first official International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace observed?

- 1) 21st April
- 2) 22nd April
- 3) 24th April
- 4) 23rd April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 24th April**

Explanation:

International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace is observed on 24 April annually to support the UN Charter and its principles of resolving disputes among nations through peaceful means. To promote the day, the UN General Assembly convened a one-day high-level plenary meeting on the same day. This date was designated as International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace on 12 December 2018 by the UN General Assembly through resolution A/RES/73/127. The day was proclaimed to support and promote the three pillars of the UN – Peace and Security, Development and Human Rights.

38)World Day for Laboratory Animals is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 21st April
- 2) 22nd April
- 3) 23rd April
- 4) 24th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 24th April**

Explanation:

On 24th April 2019, World Day for Animals in Laboratories also known as World Lab Animal Day was observed for the movement to end the suffering of animals in laboratories around the world and their replacement with advanced scientific non-animal techniques. The adjoining week is known as “World Week for Animals in Laboratories” (WWAIL) which is observed from April 21-28. Hugh Dowding’s birthday was chosen as the date of world Laboratory animal Protection Day. He was not only an officer of the Royal Air Force of Great Britain but also a famous animal rights fighter and former president of National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS). This Day was established in 1979 by the NAVS. They described the day as an “international day for commemoration” for animals in laboratories.

39)Name the English poet, whose date of birth and death date is celebrated as English Language Day.

- 1) William Blake
- 2) William Shakespeare
- 3) William Wordsworth
- 4) Lord Byron
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) William Shakespeare**

Explanation:

English Language Day at the UN is celebrated on 23 April, the date traditionally observed as both the birthday and date of death of William Shakespeare. The Day is the result of a 2010 initiative by the Department of Public Information, establishing language days for each of the Organization's six official languages. Arabic (18 December), Chinese (20 April), English (23 April), French (20 March), Russian (6 June) and Spanish (23 April).

40) What was the theme of the World Malaria Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “End malaria for good”
- 2) Theme – “ Malaria prevention: let's close the gap
- 3) Theme – “Zero malaria starts with me”
- 4) Theme – “Ready to Beat Malaria”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – “Zero malaria starts with me”

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, World Malaria Day was celebrated all over the world to create more awareness for the treatment and prevention of the disease. This year, it was observed with a theme “Zero malaria starts with me”. Malaria is caused by the bite of an infected female Anopheles mosquito which is caused by Plasmodium Parasites. Recently, the world’s first malaria vaccine RTS, S also known as Mosquirix has launched in Malawi, that can significantly reduce malaria in children up to two years of age. According to the World Health Organization’s (WHO) World Malaria report, the estimated number of death due to malaria was around 4,35,000 in 2017 and a child dies every 2 minutes from this treatable disease.

41) International Girls in ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Day 2019 was observed on _____?

- 1) April 25
- 2) April 24
- 3) April 23
- 4) April 21
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) April 25

Explanation:

Every year, the fourth Thursday of April is observed as an ‘International Girls in ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Day’ by the United Nations and in 2019, it is celebrated on 25th April. The aim is to bridge the gender digital divide. In 2019, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) celebrated the International Girls in ICT Day at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. This year the special focus is on Africa due to low internet penetration and African region has the widest digital gender gap in the world with only 18.6 percent of women using the Internet as compared with 24.9 percent of men.

42) What was the theme of the World Immunisation Week 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘Protected , VaccinesWork’
- 2) Theme – ‘Protect children’
- 3) Theme – ‘Protect and enhance gender equality’
- 4) Theme – ‘Protected Together: Vaccines Work’
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – ‘Protected Together: Vaccines Work’

Explanation:

The World Immunisation Week 2019 celebrates ‘Vaccine Heroes’ worldwide ranging from parents and community members to health workers and innovators who help to ensure that we are protected via the power of vaccines. The theme for 2019 is ‘Protected Together: Vaccines Work’. The last week of April (24th-30th) every year is observed as World Immunisation Week in order to promote the use of vaccines for the protection of people of all age-groups against disease.

43) National Panchayati Raj Diwas (NPRD) is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 23rd April
- 2) 24th April
- 3) 25th April
- 4) 26th April

5) None of these

Answer – 2) 24th April

Explanation:

National Panchayati Raj Diwas (NPRD) is observed annually on 24th April in India which is anchored by Ministry of Panchayati Raj to mark a defining moment in the history of decentralization of political power to the grassroots level. The first National Panchayati Raj Day was celebrated on 24th April 2010 and it was declared by the former Prime Minister of India Manmohan Singh. The Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force on 24th April 1993 has vested constitutional status on Panchayati Raj institutions.

44) What was the theme of World Intellectual Property Day 2019?

1) Theme - "Reach for Gold: IP and Sports"

2) Theme - "Powering change: Women in innovation and creativity"

3) Theme - "Innovation – Improving Lives"

4) Theme - "Digital Creativity: Culture Reimagined"

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme - "Reach for Gold: IP and Sports"

Explanation:

April 26, 2019, was observed as a World Intellectual Property Day across the globe with a theme of "Reach for Gold: IP and Sports". The objective was to increase awareness about the role intellectual rights play in encouraging creativity and innovation. In 2000, the General assembly of the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) pronounced April 26 as a World Intellectual Property Day. WIPO, a specialized agency of the United Nations, worked together with the different non-governmental organization, and international agencies to promote this day.

45) When was the International Hospitality Day 2019 observed?

1) 25th April

2) 23rd April

3) 22nd April

4) 24th April

5) None of these

Answer - 4) 24th April

Explanation:

This is the fourth year of celebrations for International Hospitality Day held on 24th April 2019, across India and the world by hoteliers and hospitality professionals. Delighted to have a day dedicated to their passion and profession, hospitality professionals across the world celebrated the day with felicitations and discussions on the growth and changes of the business of hospitality. International Hospitality Day was initiated in 2016 by the International Hospitality Council (IHC), London, and Dr. Suborno Bose, hospitality evangelist, Chief Mentor of International Institute of Hotel Management (IIHM) and CEO and Convenor of IHC, London. The objective was to dedicate one day in the year to the hospitality industry and Celebrate, Promote and Educate in Hospitality.

46) Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) has celebrated its 49th Foundation Day on _____?

1) 26th April

2) 24th April

3) 25th April

4) 27th April

5) None of these

Answer – 3) 25th April

Explanation:

On 25th April 2019, the Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO) has been

celebrated its 49th Foundation Day. Dr. M. Ravi Kanth (CMD, HUDCO) has inaugurated the 49th Foundation Day celebrations of HUDCO at HUDCO Bhawan, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The HUDCO Design Awards for innovative design solutions for disaster resistant housing, conservation of heritage, green buildings and landscape planning & design were also presented on the occasion.

47) What was the theme of World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW) 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Safety and Health and the Future of Work”
- 2) Theme – “OSH vulnerability of young workers”
- 3) Theme – “Optimize the collection and use of OSH data”
- 4) Theme – “Workplace Stress: A collective challenge”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Safety and Health and the Future of Work”**

Explanation:

On 28th April 2019, an International Campaign, the World Day for Safety and Health at Work (WDSHW) was observed by the International Labour Organization (ILO) to promote safe work, and awareness about work-related accidents and diseases. This UN International day provides support to the national efforts for the improvement of national Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) systems and programmes in line with relevant international labour standards. This year, it was observed with a theme “Safety and Health and the Future of Work”.

48) What was the theme of the World Veterinary Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘Antimicrobial resistance - from awareness to action’
- 2) Theme – ‘Continuing Education with a One Health Focus’
- 3) Theme – ‘Vector born diseases with zoonotic potential’
- 4) Theme – ‘Value of Vaccination’
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – ‘Value of Vaccination’**

Explanation:

World Veterinary Day was observed on 27th April 2019 to promote the veterinary profession all over the world. The theme for this year was ‘Value of Vaccination’. This Day was established in 2000 by the World Veterinary Association (WVA) and it has been observed on the last Saturday in April since 2001. As a part of celebrations, every year WVA co-host the World Veterinary Day Award with the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) which honours one WVA Member’s activities related to the theme.

49) International Dance Day is observed annually on _____?

- 1) 29th April
- 2) 28th April
- 3) 27th April
- 4) 26th April
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 29th April**

Explanation:

International Dance Day, also called Dance day was observed on 29th April 2019 entire the world to attract the attention of the wider public to the art of dance. The theme for this year is “Dance and Spirituality”. Jean Georges Noverre’s birthday was chosen as the date of World dance day. He is a French dancer and ballet master and a great reformer of dance who born in 1727. ii. This Day was established in 1982 by Dance Committee of the International Theatre Institute (ITI) which is the main partner of the performing arts of UNESCO. ITI also selects an outstanding personality from the world of dance to be the Message Author for the event. This year Karima Mansour of Egypt was selected as the Message Author. She is a dancer, choreographer & educator.

Static GK Q & A – April 2019

1) What is the Capital and Currency of Republic of Guinea?

Capital-Conakry & Currency-Guinean franc

2) Who is the Prime Minister of Australia?

Scott Morrison

3) Where is the headquarter of International Cricket Council (ICC) located?

Dubai, United Arab Emirates

4) Who is the President of China?

Xi Jinping

5) Where is the headquarter of Badminton World Federation (BWF) located?

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

6) What is the Capital and Currency of Australia?

Capital-Canberra & Currency-Australian Dollar

7) Who is the Prime Minister of Japan?

Shinzo Abe

8) Where is the headquarter of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) located?

Munich, Germany

9) What is the Currency of Japan?

Japanese Yen

10) Who is the President of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF)?

Vladimir Lisin

11) What is the Capital & Currency of Ukraine?

Capital- Kiev & Currency- Ukrainian Hryvnia

12) Who is the founder of Paytm?

Vijay Shekhar Sharma

13) What is the tagline of Bank of Maharashtra?

One Family One Bank

14) Who is the President of Bolivia?

Evo Morales Ayma

15) Silent Valley National Park located in which state?

Kerala

16) Who is the Secretary General of United Nations?

Antonio Guterres

17) What is the Capital & Currency of Cameroon?

Capital : Yaounde & Currency : Central African CFA franc (XAF)

18) Who is the President of Chile?

Sebastian Pinera

19) What is the tagline of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)?

Zindagi ke Saath bhi, zindagi ke baad bhi

20) Where is the headquarter of United Nations located?

New York, USA

21) Who is the CEO of Karnataka Bank?

Mahabaleshwara M.S.

22) What is the Capital and Currency of USA?

Capital: Washington, D.C. & Currency: US Dollar

23) Who is the President of South Korea?

Moon Jae-in

24) Keibul Lamjao National Park is located in which state?

Manipur

25) What is the capital of Peru?

Lima

26) What is the capital and currency of Denmark?

Capital: Copenhagen & Currency: Danish krone

27) Where is the headquarter of World Bank located?

Washington, D.C., United States

28) When was the Confederation of Indian Industry(CII) founded?

1895

29) What is the Capital and Currency of Jordan?

Capital- Amman & Currency - Jordanian dinar

30) Who is CEO of Lakshmi Vilas Bank?

Parthasarathi Mukherjee

31) Who is the Director General of Bureau of Indian Standards(BIS)?

Surina Rajan

32) Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Uttar Pradesh

33) Where is the headquarter of Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?

Mandaluyong, Philippines

34) When was National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) founded?

2008

35) Who is the chairman of SEBI?

Ajay Tyagi

36) When was National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) founded?

1975

37) Who is the Union Minister of Railway?

Piyush Goyal

38) What is the Capital & Currency of Israel?

Capital: Jerusalem & Currency: Israeli new shekel

39) Who is the President of China?

Xi Jinping

40) Mathikettan Shola National Park is located in which state?

Kerala

41) When was National Green Tribunal (NGT) established?

2010

42) Where is the headquarters of World Economic Forum located?

Cologny, Switzerland.

43) What is the Capital & Currency of UK?

Capital - London & Currency - Pound Sterling

44) Who is the CEO of HDFC Bank?

Aditya Puri

45) Anshi National Park is located in which state?

Karnataka

46) Mathikettan Shola National Park is located in which state?

Kerala

47) Who is the President of Singapore?

Halimah Yacob.

48) What is the Capital and Currency of Israel?

Capital - Jerusalem & Currency - Israeli new Shekel

49) Who is the MD of HDFC Bank?

Aditya Puri

50) Papikonda National Park is located in which state?

Andhra Pradesh

51) Mahavir Harina Vanasthali National Park was located in which state?

Telangana

52) What is the Capital and Currency of Serbia?

Capital: Belgrade & Currency: Serbian Dinar

53) Where is the headquarter of Google Inc located?

California

54) Who is the Prime Minister of New Zealand?

Jacinda Ardern

55) What is the Capital and Currency of Sweden?

Stockholm & Currency: Swedish krona

56) Chandoli National Park is located in which state?

Maharashtra

57) What is the Capital and Currency of Russia?

Capital: Moscow & Currency: Russian Rubel

58) Where is the headquarter of Asian Athletic Association located?

Singapore

59) Who is the CEO of HDFC Bank?

Aditya Puri

60) What is the Capital of Netherlands?

Amsterdam

61) What is the Capital of Haryana?

Chandigarh

62) Where was the headquarters of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) located?

Jakarta, Indonesia

63) When was "World Allergy Day" first observed?

July 2005

64) Who is the Governor of Haryana?

Satyadev Narayan Arya

65) Under which act, Jamia Millia Islamia University appoints its vice-chancellor?

Jamia Millia Islamia Act, 1988.

66) Mojave Desert is in which country?

California

67) What is the Capital and Currency of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

Capital: Abu Dhabi & Currency: Dirham

68) Where is the headquarter of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India located?

Hyderabad

69) Who is the President of International Hockey Federation (FIH)?

Narinder Batra

70) Dachigam National Park is located in which state?

Jammu and Kashmir

71) What is the Capital and Currency of Japan?

Capital: Tokyo & Currency: Japanese yen

72) Who is the Prime Minister of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

73) Bhitarkanika National Park is located in which state?

Odisha

74) Where is the headquarter of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) located?

Bengaluru, Karnataka

75) Which state celebrated Rongali Bihu festival recently?

Assam

76) Nandhaur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Answer – Uttarakhand

77) Who is the president of FIFA?

Gianni Infantino

78) What is the capital and currency of Brazil?

Capital : Brasilia & Currency: Brazilian Real

79) Kaziranga National Park is located in which state?

Answer – Assam

80) Where is the headquarter of Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?

Manila, Philippines

81) When was Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) established?

7 March 1997.

82) What is the Capital and Currency of France?

Capital: Paris & Currency: Euro, CFP franc

83) Who is the Administrator of NASA?

Jim Bridenstine

84) Where is the headquarter of Bandhan Bank located?

Kolkata, West Bengal

85) When was Bank of Maharashtra founded?

1935

86) What is the Capital and Currency of Turkey?

Capital – Ankara & Currency - Turkish lira

87) Who is the CEO of Bank of Baroda?

P S Jayakumar

88) Bajrang Punia is related to which sport?

Answer – Wrestling

89) When was India Electronics and Semiconductor Association (IESA) founded?

2005

90) Who is the Prime Minister of Nepal?

Khadga Prasad Oli

91) When was Indian Navy founded?

1612

92) What is the Capital and Currency of Rwanda?

Capital: Kigali & Currency: Rwandan franc

93) Where is the headquarter of International Organisation for Standardization (ISO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

94) Who is the Prime Minister of Lebanon?

Saad Hariri

95) Where was the Desert National Park (DNP) located?

Rajasthan

96) Where is the head quarter of International Labour Organisation (ILO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

97) What is the Capital and Currency of China?

Capital: Beijing & Currency: Renminbi

98) Who is the Chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

Ajay Tyagi

99) Who is Chief Election Commissioner of India?

Sunil Arora

100) Who is the founder of Indiabulls?

Sameer Gehlaut

101) Thiruvathirakali is a dance form of which state?

Kerala

102) What is the Capital and Currency of US?

Capital: Washington D.C & Currency: US Dollar

103) Ballabhpur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

West Bengal

104) Who is the Chairman of Sewa International?

Ramesh Mehta

105) When was Chandigarh formed?

1 November 1966

106) Who is the MD & CEO of Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)?

Ashish Kumar Chauhan

107) What is the Capital and Currency of Ukraine?

Capital: Kyiv & Currency: Ukrainian hryvnia

108) Who is the Chief Minister of Tripura?

Biplab Kumar Deb

109) Guru Nanak Stadium is located in which state?

Ludhiana

110) Who is the Director General of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)?

Shekhar C. Mande

111) What is the tagline of Allahabad Bank?

A tradition of Trust

112) When was Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana launched?

28th August 2014

113) What is the Capital and Currency of Norway?

Capital-Oslo & Currency-Norwegian Krona

114) Who is the President of Assocham?

Balkrishan Goenka

115) Which state celebrated 'Agni Kheli' festival?

Karnataka

116) Who is the Director General of World Health Organisation (WHO)?

Tedros Adhanom

117) What is the Capital and Currency of Ghana?

Capital: Accra & Currency: Ghanaian Cedi

118) What is the tagline of IndusInd Bank?

We Make You Feel Richer

119) Where is the headquarters of Indian regulatory body Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) located?

Mumbai, Maharashtra

120) Who is the Chief Minister of West Bengal?

Mamata Banerjee

121) Where is the headquarter of World Health Organization located?

Geneva, Switzerland.

122) Who is the chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)?

Dr. Harsh Kumar Bhanwala

123) Where was the Khalifa International Stadium located?

Answer - Doha, Qatar

Explanation:

The Stadium was in news recently bcs the 23rd edition of Asian Athletics Championship held in the stadium.

124) What is the Capital and Currency of Ethiopia?

Capital: Addis Ababa & Currency: Ethiopian Birr

125) Who is the president of Asian Athletics Association (AAA)?

Dahlan Al Hamad

126) Where is the headquarter of World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

127) Who is the President of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)?

Gianni Infantino

128) What is the Capital and Currency of North Korea?

Capital: Pyongyang & Currency: North Korean Won

129) When was United Nations Security Council (UNSC) founded?

24 October, 1945.

130) Koodiyattam is a traditional performing art form of which state?

Kerala

131) Huamark Indoor Stadium is located in which city?

Bangkok, Thailand

132) Who is the Chairman of International Cricket Council (ICC)?

Shashank Manohar

133) Where is the Headquarter of International Labour Organization (ILO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

134) Who is the Prime Minister of Qatar?

Abdullah bin Nasser bin Khalifa Al Thani

135) What is the Capital and Currency of Australia?

Capital: Canberra & Currency: Australian Dollar

136) Where was the International Labour Organization(ILO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

137) Who is the President of South Africa?

Cyril Ramaphosa

138)What is the tagline of Canara Bank?

Together we can

139)What is the Capital and Currency of China?

Capital: Beijing & Currency: Renminbi

140)Who is the governor of Reserve Bank of India(RBI)

Shaktikanta Das

141)Where is the headquarter of Badminton Asia located?

Petaling Jaya, Malaysia

142)What is the Capital and Currency of Azerbaijan?

Capital: Baku & Currency: Azerbaijani manat

143) Who is the President of Indian Golf Industry Association?

Deepali Shah Gandhi

144) Where is the headquarter of World Organisation for Animal Health located?

Paris, France

145) What is the Capital and Currency of Bangladesh?

Capital:Dhaka & Currency: Bangladeshi taka

146)What is the Capital and Currency of South Korea?

Capital: Seoul & Currency: South Korean won

147)Who is the president of Asian Weightlifting Federation?

Mohamed Yusef Al Mana

148) Where is the headquarter of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) located?

New Delhi

149) Who is the president of Uzbekistan?

Shavkat Mirziyoyev

150) Where is the headquarter of International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) located?

Munich, Germany

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