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INDIAN AFFAIRS

1) Which of the following company had signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) with NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) to collectively drive the charter of developing creative skills and spreading digital literacy across all Atal Tinkering Labs in India?

- 1) Microsoft
- 2) CTS
- 3) TCS
- 4) Adobe
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Adobe

Explanation:

NITI Aayog's Atal Innovation Mission (AIM) and Adobe signed a Statement of Intent (SOI) to collectively drive the charter of developing creative skills and spreading digital literacy across all Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL) in India. 100 schools will be adopted by Adobe under the ATL initiative and will be implementing its Digital Disha Program in ATLs, under which free licenses of Adobe Spark premium shall be offered to ATLs. The Adobe Digital Disha Programme, launched in 2018, is aimed at driving synergies in creative thinking and technology-based learning. Under this collaboration with AIM, children and teachers across these schools and communities shall benefit from creative learning resources and empowering them with new age skills to thrive in the current digital era and preparing them for long term success.

2) Name the Scheme launched by Union Human Resources Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar with an aim to provide industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates?

- 1) Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)
- 2) Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS)
- 3) Strengthening for providing quality Education in Madrasahs (SPQEM)
- 4) Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS)

Explanation:

Union Human Resources Development Minister, Shri Prakash Javadekar, launched the Scheme for Higher Education Youth in Apprenticeship and Skills (SHREYAS) with an aim to provide industry apprenticeship opportunities to the general graduates exiting in April 2019 through the National Apprenticeship Promotional Scheme (NAPS) in New Delhi. The program will enhance the employability of Indian youth by providing 'on the job work exposure' and earning of stipend. SHREYAS portal will enable educational institutions and industry to log in and provide their respective demand and supply of apprenticeship and the matching of students with apprenticeship avenues will take place as per pre-specified eligibility criteria. These courses will be available from Academic year April-May, 2019 and more than 40 higher educational institutions have already been tied up for taking up embedded apprenticeship courses. SHREYAS is a programme basket comprising the initiatives of 3 Central Ministries, which are: Ministry of Human Resource Development, Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Ministry of Labour & Employment

3) Who launched Van Dhan, the scheme for Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Development of Value Chain of MFPs recently?

- 1) Jai Oram
- 2) Narendra Modi

- 3) Ram Nath Kovind
- 4) Suresh Prabhu
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Jual Oram

Explanation:

Shri Jual Oram, Union Minister of Tribal Affairs launched the ambitious scheme of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs Van Dhan, a scheme for Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Minor Forest Produce (MFP) and Development of Value Chain of MFPs organized by TRIFED under Ministry of Tribal Affairs at a National Workshop in New Delhi. Ministry has expanded the coverage of the Minimum Support Price for Minor Forest Produce Scheme to 50 Minor Forest Produces. Also the MSP has risen between 30-50% for all commodities. 6000 Van Dan Vikas Kendras comprising 300 tribal gatherers are to be set up to provide employment to almost 45 Lakh Tribal.

4) Where did the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot launched the 2nd Edition of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary recently?

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

Answer - 4) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 27th February 2019, 2nd Edition of Indian Sign Language (ISL) Dictionary was launched by Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment, Thaawarchand Gehlot in New Delhi. The Dictionary was developed by Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC) and it included 6 thousand words under different categories such as legal, academic, technical, medical and everyday terms. The First edition of dictionary was launched in March, 2018.

5) India had signed MoU with which of the following country to cooperate in the field of Anti-microbial drugs?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Sweden
- 3) Japan
- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Sweden

Explanation:

Swedish Minister for Health and Social Affairs, Lena Hallengren, who was on a visit to India from 22nd to 25th February 2019, met with Union Health Minister J P Nadda and discussed about Anti-microbial resistance (AMR) which poses a dangerous challenge globally. Anti-microbial drugs, when overused, AMR develops as microorganisms such as bacteria, virus and fungi that become resistant to drugs. India and Sweden had signed a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in the field of various issues, including AMR, communicable diseases and public health, in February 2009. Stating that AMR work is an ongoing cooperation between India and Sweden, Lena Hallengren hoped that India would join the "Alliance of Champions", a creation between many countries globally to face and to fight AMR.

6) India and Brunei had signed an agreement recently. The agreement was signed for which of the following field?

- i. For exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to taxes
- ii. For Tourism and Trade
- iii. For Currency swap
- 1) i is correct

- 2) ii is correct
- 3) i and iii are correct
- 4) ii and iv are correct
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) i is correct

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, India and Brunei signed a pact for exchange of Information and Assistance in Collection with respect to taxes in order to curb tax evasion and tax avoidance in New Delhi. This agreement will facilitate both the countries to exchange information, including banking and ownership information for tax purposes and will also avail mutual assistance in collection of tax revenue claims. This pact will promote mutual co-operation between India and Brunei by providing an effective framework by curbing tax avoidance and tax evasion.

7) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) had signed MoU with which of the following organization to collaborate in the area of food and agriculture?

- 1) Food and Agriculture Organization
- 2) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
- 3) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 4) Australian International Food Security Centre
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Explanation:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) in order to collaborate in the area of food and agriculture, at ICAR Headquarters, Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi. The huge network of Krishi Vikas Kendras (KVKs) available with ICAR will be roped in for technology demonstration and dissemination and a Joint Working Committee will be constituted to deliberate and formulate the collaborative programmes and will meet 4 times a year. Both the sides agreed to form a Steering Committee with the co-chairmanship of both the Director-Generals which will meet twice a year to monitor the progress.

8) Where did Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal launched a new Railway zone?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Telangana
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal announced a new railway zone for Andhra Pradesh, that is the Southern Coast Railway and it will be headquartered in Visakhapatnam. It will be the 18th zone in the country. The new zone will comprise the existing Guntakal, Guntur and Vijayawada divisions that currently fall under the South Central Railway. The cost of creating infrastructure for a new zone is around Rs. 205 crore.

9) Name the Yojana approved by Cabinet committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Modi to provide financial support to integrated Bioethanol projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock?

- 1) Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Jan-Aushadhi Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana
- 4) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

5) None of these

Answer - 3) Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana

Explanation:

The Cabinet committee on Economic Affairs chaired by PM Modi approved Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN (Jaiv Indhan – Vatavaran Anukool fasal awashesh Nivaran) Yojana. It will provide financial support integrated Bioethanol projects using lignocellulosic biomass and other renewable feedstock. The total financial outlay is of Rs.1969.50cr for the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24.

10)How much amount was approved by the cabinet as the share capital of RBI in National Housing Bank (NHB)?

1) Rs.1450 Crore

2) Rs.1500 Crore

3) Rs.1650 Crore

4) Rs.1700 Crore

5) None of these

Answer - 1) Rs.1450 Crore

Explanation:

Cabinet approved Rs.1450Cr for the share capital of RBI in National Housing Bank (NHB), which operate as the principal agency to promote housing finance institutions in India. The decision is the resultant of the amendments made to the NHB Act, 1987 in 2018.

11)Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved construction of four lane bridge which connects Dhubri in Assam and Phulbari in Meghalaya over which of the following River?

1) Ganga River

2) Yamuna River

3) Ravi River

4) Brahmaputra River

5) None of these

Answer - 4) Brahmaputra River

Explanation:

Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved construction of four lane bridge which connects Dhubri in Assam and Phulbari in Meghalaya over Brahmaputra. It will be constructed with loan assistance from Japan International Cooperative Agency at the Civil Construction cost of Rs.3548cr and total capital cost of Rs.4997.04cr.

12)Centre for Disability Sport will be setup in which of the following city,that is approved by Cabinet recently with an estimated cost of Rs.170.99Cr for a period of 5 years?

1) Guwahati,Assam

2) Gwalior,Madhya Pradesh

3) Varanasi,Uttar Pradesh

4) Mumbai,Maharashtra

5) None of these

Answer - 2) Gwalior,Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

Cabinet approved the proposal for setting up a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh which will be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. The estimated cost of setting up the centre shall be of Rs.170.99cr for a period of 5 years.

13)Name the policy approved by Cabinet to develop India as a Software Product Nation Unit?

1) Software Product Nation Policy 2019

2) Software Products and its Policy 2019

3) National Policy on Software Products 2019

4) National Policy on Software Information 2019

5) None of these

Answer - 3) National Policy on Software Products 2019

Explanation:

To develop India as a Software Product Nation Unit, Cabinet approved National Policy on Software Products 2019 with an outlay of Rs.1500cr for a period of 7 years.

14) Which of the following Ministry was decided as the 25th member of International Energy Agency's Technology Collaboration Programme on Bioenergy (IEA Bioenergy TCP)?

1) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

2) Minister of External Affairs

3) Minister of Drinking Water and Sanitation

4) Minister of Women and Child Development

5) None of these

Answer - 1) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Explanation:

Union Cabinet decided to value Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas as 25th member of International Energy Agency's Technology Collaboration Programme on Bioenergy (IEA Bioenergy TCP).

15) Which of the following Central Government Yojana will fund, new AIIMS that is to be set up at Manethi, Haryana at a cost of Rs.1299Cr.?

1) Janani Suraksha Yojana

2) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

3) Pradhan Mantri Matritva Vandana Yojana

4) Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana

5) None of these

Answer - 2) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

Explanation:

Union Cabinet approved setting up of new AIIMS at Manethi, Haryana at a cost of Rs.1299cr. Cost of construction and running would be met by the Central Government under Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY).

16) India had signed MoU with which of the following country in the field of Renewable Energy?

1) Morocco

2) Russia

3) Tajikistan

4) Thailand

5) None of these

Answer - 3) Tajikistan

Explanation:

Union Cabinet was apprised of the MoU between India and Tajikistan on Cooperation in the field of Renewable Energy. The MoU was signed on 8th October, 2018. It enable establishment of a basis for a cooperative institutional relationship between both the countries to encourage and promote bilateral technical cooperation in the field of new and renewable energy on the basis of mutual benefit, equality and reciprocity. It will focus on development and deployment of new and renewable energy, and storage technologies. It will further cooperation between the two countries through exchange and training of scientific and technical personnel, exchange of scientific and technological information and data, organization of workshops, seminars and working groups, transfer of equipment, know-how and technology on non-commercial basis, development of joint research or technical projects on subjects of mutual interest; and other modalities as may be decided by the two countries.

17) India and United Kingdom (UK) had signed MoU on 28th January, 2019 in which of the following field?

- 1) In the field of agriculture
- 2) In the field of Medicine
- 3) In the field of Tourism
- 4) Cooperation in Weather and Climate Sciences
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Cooperation in Weather and Climate Sciences

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet was apprised of the MoU between India and United Kingdom (UK) on on Cooperation in Weather and Climate Sciences. The MoU was signed on 28th January 2019, under which, an Implementation Agreement on Weather and climate science for service partnership will also be signed between the two countries. The proposal, which entails signing of an MoU with the Met Office, UK (UKMO) will benefit India, as it is an enabling mechanism to work on scientific challenges in the Indian context. It reinforces the spirit of equity and inclusiveness through sharing of best practice and lessons in areas of common interest in the two countries, and identifying opportunities for joint activities in weather and climate science across the region. It will also the best environment for research and innovation for delivery of high-end research for societal benefit.

18) Where did Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment organized a national conference on “Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme”?

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

Answer - 2) New Delhi

Explanation:

Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment have organized a national conference on “Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme” at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on 1st March, 2019. The motive behind this conference is to lay impact on the need for creation of an inclusive society that accepts and respects disabled persons without discrimination. The Programme Implementing Agencies (PIAs) will collaborate in the mission to empower disabled persons.

19) Name the Exercise that was held in Tripura between India and Bangladesh as a part of ‘Confidence Building Measures’?

- 1) Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019
- 2) Nomadic Elephant I 2019
- 3) Yudh Abhyas 2019
- 4) Hand in Hand II 2019
- 5) None of these 2019

Answer - 1) Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019

Explanation:

Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) took part in the 3-day ‘Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019’ as a part of ‘Confidence Building Measures’ between the two border guards of India and Bangladesh held in a general area of BSF’s Srimantapur border outpost near Agartala, Tripura. The main objective of this exercise was to plan and conduct anti-smuggling and anti-criminal activity related operations with an aim to achieve better joint operational efficiency and border management in the area. Both the forces took part in joint patrolling, anti-smuggling drills, simulated raids on suspected places in both the countries, and checking of goods and identity at international check

posts. The exercise was named after Mainamati hill range situated 8 km west of Comilla township in Bangladesh, which is home to ancient Buddhist archaeological site in the region.

20) Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a New Greenfield Airport in which of the following city at an estimated cost of Rs. 1405 crore?

- 1) Silchar in Cachar, Assam
- 2) Khair in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Hirasar in Rajkot, Gujarat
- 4) Tezpur in Sonitpur, Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Hirasar in Rajkot, Gujarat

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a New Greenfield Airport at Hirasar in Rajkot, Gujarat at an estimated cost of Rs. 1405 crore. Rajkot is the fourth largest city of Gujarat and existing airport of Rajkot is severely land constrained having only 236 acres of land. Therefore the decision to develop new airport was taken by cabinet.

21) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by Narendra Modi has given its approval to continue the enactment of Tertiary Healthcare programmes for non-communicable diseases and E-Health up to the year _____?

- 1) 2030
- 2) 2025
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2020
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) 2020

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) which was chaired by Narendra Modi has given its approval to continue the enactment of Tertiary Healthcare programmes for non-communicable diseases and E-Health up to the year 2020. The total cost of project is estimated with an outlay of Rs. 2551.15 crore. This programme will nourish Tertiary Care cancer facilities scheme, National Programme for HealthCare of the Elderly, National Programme for Prevention and Management of Trauma and Burn Injuries, National Programme for Tobacco Control and Drug Addiction Treatment, National Mental Health Programme, National Programme for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment.

22) Name the Scheme, funded by the World Bank and the Government of India, in order to strengthen the unorganised food processing sector concentrated in rural areas?

- 1) Gram Samridhi Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Gram Samridhi Yojana

Explanation:

Gram Samridhi Yojana, a Rs 3,000 crore scheme funded by the World Bank and the Government of India, is being worked upon by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries in order to strengthen the unorganised food processing sector concentrated in rural areas. World Bank will be giving Rs 1,500 crore and Rs 1,000 crore will be borne by the Centre while state governments will put in Rs 500 crore. The scheme will be run in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab for a five-year period in the initial phase and thereafter in other states of the country. NITI Aayog has given its approval to the scheme and now the proposal is pending with the Expenditure Finance Committee for clearance.

23) Which State Government launched the “Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi” scheme primarily meant for farmers of the state who cultivate on land with areas upto five acres and the families with an income of less than Rs. 15,000 per month?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Haryana
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Haryana

Explanation:

On 27th February 2018, “Mukhyamantri Parivar Samman Nidhi” scheme was launched by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Chandigarh. It is primarily meant for farmers of the state who cultivate on land with areas upto five acres and the families with an income of less than Rs. 15,000 per month. The scheme involves two categories of beneficiaries- For the age group of 18-40: Families can receive Rs. 6000 in 3 installments of Rs. 2000 each and amount will be deposited in the account of the head of family OR A family can nominate a member who will receive Rs. 36,000 after five years OR A pension of Rs. 3,000 to Rs. 15,000 per month will be received after the person turns 60 OR The nominated beneficiary will get Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 30,000 after five years depending on whichever option they choose. The scheme provides insurance facilities of- Rs. 2 lakh on natural death, Rs. 2 lakh for accidental death, Rs. 2 lakh for permanent disability and Rs. 1 lakh for partial disability. Those who are registered under the Pradhanmantri Shram-Yogi Maandhan, then they could receive a pension of Rs. 3,000 per month after they turn 60, whose premiums will be funded by the government.

24) Name the Scheme launched by Karnataka state government to make people aware about the importance of conserving water and to prompt them to come up with ways to avoid wastage of water?

- 1) Water Conservation Yojana
- 2) Jal Amrutha
- 3) Neer Conservation
- 4) Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Project
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Jal Amrutha

Explanation:

A water conservation scheme ‘Jal Amrutha’ was launched by Karnataka chief minister H D Kumaraswamy, in Bengaluru. For the purpose of inauguration of the scheme, a function was organized by the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj department at Dr B R Ambedkar Bhavan in Bengaluru. The scheme plans to make people aware about the importance of conserving water and to prompt them to come up with ways to avoid wastage of water. 2019 has been declared as ‘Jalavarsha (year of water)’. Karnataka is the second-largest drought prone state in the country, after Rajasthan. Bengaluru zilla panchayat provided monetary help amounting to Rs 95 lakhs to support flood victims of Kodagu.

25) Which of the following city hosted the 79th Indian History Congress (IHC)?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The 79th Indian History Congress (IHC) was held at Barkatullah University in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh from 26 to 28 February 2019 and saw a presence of over 1,000 delegates including prominent historians who participated in it. After 2011, this was the second time Madhya Pradesh hosted the event. IHC was

initially set to be held at the Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra but was cancelled due to financial reasons.

26) Under which of the following Act, Centre banned Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir for next 5 years?

- 1) Unlawful Activities (Preventions) Act, 1967
- 2) Suppression of Immoral Traffic in Women and Girls Act, 1956
- 3) Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987
- 4) Prevention of Damage of Public Property Act, 1984
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Unlawful Activities (Preventions) Act, 1967

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, The Centre banned Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir under the Unlawful Activities (Preventions) Act, 1967 for 5 years. It was made on the grounds that they were 'in close touch' with militant outfits and is expected to 'escalate secessionist movement' in the State. The notification issuing the ban was made by the Ministry of Home Affairs after a high level meeting on security which was chaired by PM Modi. Jamaat-e-Islami J&K is a religio-political organization in Jammu and Kashmir. They received a ban earlier and lapsed it in 1995. Since then it has never been invoked again. Government decided to extend the ban on the Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) which involved in various terror acts in the country for a period of 5 years.

27) Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, Expo-cum Conference on Construction Technology India 2019 (CTI-2019)?

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

Answer - 4) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 2nd March 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the two day Expo-cum Conference on Construction Technology India 2019 (CTI-2019) in New Delhi. It will identify proven, innovative and globally established technologies such as researchers, startups, developers, academia, etc. For use which will be in the Indian context. The event will provide a space for interaction among stakeholders that can open up new areas for collaboration and will facilitate. The conversion of ideas into market-ready products which is ready to be launched in the market place. The main beneficiary of the initiative is youth. Technologies which are proven during CTI-2019 will further invited to design and build lighthouse projects. The project of one thousand housing unit in 6 state that are Gujarat, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Tripura and Uttar Pradesh.

28) During Expo-cum Conference on Construction Technology India 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared 'April 2019-March 2020' as _____ year?

- 1) Year of Light and Light-Based Technologies
- 2) Construction -Technology year
- 3) Year of Sustainable Tourism for Development
- 4) Year of Pulses
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Construction -Technology year

Explanation:

On 2nd March 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared 'April 2019-March 2020' as Construction-Technology year and the use of advanced technology to meet the increasing demand of housing in the country caused by rapid urbanization got stressed. Government's mission of provide brick house to every

Indian by 2022 has sought the support from the private sector for the fulfillment of the mission. The declaration was made during the inauguration of Construction Technology India 2019 Expo-cum-conference held in New Delhi. The Global Housing Technology Challenge will be aimed at introducing best technologies that seek to construct low cost houses in a shorter period of time. Tax laws will be modified which will be helpful for the middle class to buy a house GST will be reduced from 8% to 1% on affordable houses.

29) Which of the following anthem, was launched by Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Harsh Vardhan in seven language?

- 1) India and Patriotism
- 2) Free from water Scarcity
- 3) Plastic Waste-Free India
- 4) Pollution Free India
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Plastic Waste-Free India

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, an anthem "Plastic Waste-Free India" which has been composed and produced by Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Smriti Manch (PDUSM) – a non-profit organisation which works in the field of social and environmental issues was launched by Union Minister for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Harsh Vardhan. It is a part of an initiative which aims to turn India into a plastic-free nation by 2022 and aims at supporting and improving the plastic waste management and recycling ecosystem in the country. It has been launched in seven languages – Hindi, Marathi, Gujarati, Tamil, Telegu, Malayalam and Kannada.

30) Where did AYUSH Minister laid the foundation for National Institute of Unani Medicine recently?

- 1) Mumbai in Maharashtra
- 2) Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Guwahati in Assam
- 4) Bhubaneswar in Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

AYUSH Minister Shripad Yesso Naik on Friday laid the foundation stone for National Institute of Unani Medicine at Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh. The institute would be developed with an approximate cost of 300 crore rupees on 10 acres of land. It would be one of the largest institutes of Unani Medicine in Northern India.

31) President Ram Nath Kovind has given his approval for an Ordinance to use which of the following ID proof for opening bank accounts and obtaining mobile SIM?

- 1) Aadhaar
- 2) Pan Card
- 3) Voter ID
- 4) Driving License
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Aadhaar

Explanation:

On 3rd March 2019, President Ram Nath Kovind has given his approval for an Ordinance which allows voluntary use of Aadhaar as ID proof for opening bank accounts and obtaining mobile SIM. The ordinance gives effect to the changes in the Aadhaar Act such as giving a child an option to exit from the biometric ID programme on attaining 18 years of age. Rajya Sabha could not approve the Bill even though Lok Sabha has given its assent. In such a situation an ordinance is necessary as per the law. The cabinet has

approved it with effect to an Ordinance to give changes proposed in Aadhaar and two other legislations. The amendment include stiff penalties for violation of norms which are set for the use of Aadhaar and violation of privacy.

32) Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated an Indo-Russian joint venture (JV), Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt Limited to manufacture the new Kalashnikov AK-203 rifle?

- 1) Guwahati, Kamrup, Assam
- 2) Iduvai, Tirupur, Tamil Nadu
- 3) Korwa, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Arloiputtu, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Korwa, Amethi, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On 3rd March 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Amethi in Uttar Pradesh to address a public meeting and lay the foundation stone of an Ordnance factory unit in Amethi. This is the first visit by PM Modi since 2014 to Amethi. Modi addressed a public meeting in Kauhar area of Gauriganj. On 3rd March, 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has inaugurated an Indo-Russian joint venture (JV) Indo-Russian Rifles Pvt Ltd, that will manufacture the new Kalashnikov AK-203 rifle in Korwa, near Amethi (UP) to take a step to equip army soldiers with modern rifles. Modi laid foundation stone of Ordnance factory at Korwa. He also inaugurated and laid foundation stones of 17 development projects costing around Rs. 538 crore. The AK-203, along with the US-origin Sig Sauer assault rifle, will replace the indigenous INSAS rifles and AK-47 rifles.

33) Which department sets its 7th world record by providing artificial legs?

- 1) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)
- 2) Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP)
- 3) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)
- 4) Department of Research and Education
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD)

Explanation:

Union Minister Thaawar Chand Gehlot on Friday said the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD) has set its seventh Guinness world record with 260 people in Gujarat's Bharuch getting 'Modern Artificial Limbs (Legs)' implanted within eight hours. The DEPwD under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment had previously set six Guinness world records in other categories.

34) National Security Council held in which of the following State/UT recently?

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

Answer - 2) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 3rd March, 2019, Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has chaired a meeting of the National Security Council in New Delhi, which was followed by heightened tensions with Pakistan. The National Security advisor, Ajit Doval has advised the prime minister on matters of national security owing to the latest security scenario after Pulwana attack. National Security Council was established by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in 1998, with Brajesh Mishra as the first National Security Advisor (NSA).

35) Which state becomes the highest natural gas producer in the country?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Tripura
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Tripura

Explanation:

Tripura is highest natural gas producer in country, Dharmendra Pradhan. Union minister also laid the foundation stone for a CNG filling station at Udaipur in Gomati district, 50 Km from Agartala and piped natural gas connections in West Tripura. Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Dharmendra Pradhan Saturday inaugurated ONGC Sonamura gas collecting station in Sepahijala district, 60 Km from Agartala and said Tripura is ranked first in production of natural gas in the country.

36) Name the scheme launched by Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister, Prakash Javadekar, to fund science projects?

- 1) Scheme for Development of Project in Science (SDPS)
- 2) Scheme for Research and Implementation in Science (SRIS)
- 3) Scheme for Funding Research Projects in Science (SFRPS)
- 4) Scheme for Translational and Advanced Research in Science (STARS)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Scheme for Translational and Advanced Research in Science (STARS)

Explanation:

Union Human Resource Development (HRD) Minister, Prakash Javadekar, on the occasion of National Science Day, that is 28th February 2019, launched the Scheme for Translational and Advanced Research in Science (STARS) aimed at funding science projects. Funds worth Rs 250 crore have been approved by the HRD ministry which will be utilised to sponsor about 500 science projects, selected on the basis of competitions. The Indian Institute of Science (IISc) is the coordinator of the project, to whom the interested candidates would submit their applications. HRD Ministry in collaboration with the National Skill Ministry and Labour and employment Ministry collaboratively launched SHREYAS – Scheme for Higher Education Youth for Apprenticeship and Skills to empower non-technical courses.

37) Where did Minister of State for Culture (Independent charge) and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mahesh Sharma inaugurate the 'Azaadi Ke Diwane' museum?

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

Answer - 2) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 4th March 2019, 'Azaadi Ke Diwane' museum was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Culture (Independent charge) and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Mahesh Sharma at the Red Fort Complex in Delhi. The museum has been dedicated to the freedom fighters of our country. It has been constructed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and is the fifth museum to be dedicated to freedom fighters. The other 4 are: Subhash Chandra Bose and INA museum, Yad-e-Jallian museum, Museum on 1857 - dedicated to the country's first war of Independence, Drishyakala - dedicated to Indian Art. The museum incorporates the latest technology such as sensors in a state-of-art environment.

38) According to the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS), how much percent of Indian rural households have access to toilets?

- 1) 92.5%
- 2) 95.5%
- 3) 96.5%
- 4) 90.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 96.5%

Explanation:

An Independent Verification Agency under the World Bank support project to the Swachh Bharat Mission Grameen (SBM-G) conducted the National Annual Rural Sanitation Survey (NARSS) between November 2018 and February 2019, covering 92040 households in 6136 villages across the country and found that 96.5% of the rural Indian households have access to toilets and they use it. It also re-confirmed the Open Defecation Free (ODF) status of 90.7% of villages which were previously declared and verified as ODF by various districts and states. 95.4% of the villages surveyed found to have minimal litter and minimal stagnant water. Since the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) programme, over 9 crore toilets have been built across rural India and over 5.5 lakh villages and 615 districts have been declared ODF, along with 30 ODF States and Union Territories.

39) Home Minister Rajnath Singh, inaugurated the Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique on India-Bangladesh border in which of the following City?

- 1) Dhubri, Assam
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Dharmanagar, Tripura
- 4) Champhai, Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dhubri, Assam

Explanation:

BOLD-QIT which is Border Electronically Dominated QRT Interception Technique was inaugurated by Home Minister Rajnath Singh on 61km India-Bangladesh border in Dhubri, Assam. It was adopted to deal with the problem of border safeguarding in the areas where border fences can't be constructed due to Brahmaputra river. The project was brought to life by Information and Technology Wing of BSF (Border Security Force) under Comprehensive Integrated Border Management system (CIBMS). Previous fencing projects include two smart-fencing pilot projects of 5Km each along the India-Pakistan border in Jammu. It is based on a security model similar to that of Israel.

40) The foundation stone for the 'National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation' (NIMHR) centre was laid in which of the following City?

- 1) Guntur, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Kufri, Himachal Pradesh
- 4) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh

Explanation:

The foundation stone for the 'National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation' (NIMHR), the first-of-its-kind institute in India, was laid down by Shakuntala D. Gamlin, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Sherpur Village along Bhopal-Sehore highway, District Sehore, Madhya Pradesh. The Central Government approved an outlay of Rs 180 crore for the project for an initial period of three years. The land for this institute measuring about 25 acres was allocated free of cost by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in October

2018. The construction work of the building will be undertaken by Central Public Works Department (CPWD), Bhopal and is expected to be completed within a period of two years.

41) Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi launch 'One Nation, One Card' first of its kind scheme for transport mobility?

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

Answer - 3) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Explanation:

PM Modi launched 'One Nation, One Card' for transport mobility in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It is first of this kind scheme in India. It will enable people to pay multiple kinds of transport charges including metro services and toll taxes across the country using National Common Mobility Card (NCMC). Indigenously developed NCMC is a merge of RuPay Card with the mobility card. As a result people can withdraw money using NCMC on RuPay card.

42) Name the scheme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, that will provide Rs.3000 monthly pension to the employees of unorganized sector after 60 years of age?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Jeeva Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMSAGY)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM)

Explanation:

During the visit PM Modi launched PM Shram Yogi Maan-dhan Yojana (PM-SYM) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. It is a pension scheme specially for empowering the workers in unorganized sector. The scheme will provide Rs.3000 monthly pension to the employees of unorganized sector after 60 years of age. PM-SYM pension cards are distributed to select beneficiaries by the PM. The Government will bear the cost incurred by the Common Service Centre for enrolling a beneficiary. For enrollment, a form needs to be filled with Aadhaar number and bank details.

43) Name the Automatic Fare Collection Gating System launched by PM Modi while inaugurating Phase I of the Ahmedabad Metro train service?

- 1) AUTO
- 2) SWAGAT
- 3) AFCGS
- 4) TRAIN
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) SWAGAT

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched SWAGAT – the Automatic Fare Collection Gating System by Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) as part of the inaugural of Phase I of the Ahmedabad Metro. It is an initiative by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) in collaboration with BEL and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) with the support of Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC), National Payment Corporation of India (NPCI) and State Bank of India (SBI) and in keeping with the spirit of Make in India, Digital India and Skill India. It is compliant with the National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) ecosystem for hassle-free commute across India and has also received EMVCo certification by FIME Lab, France. It is the first indigenous system and the first ever outside the developed world and can operate across all cities and all modes of transport to make 'One Nation – One Card' a reality. It is

designed and developed by Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC), a R&D organization of the Ministry of Electronics & IT. Features of SWAGAT: Mobility cum debit / credit card. It will be implemented across all modes of transport, be it Metro, Trains or Buses. Will work across all cities. Fare collection made simple, automatic, cashless and easy. Improves the efficiency of fare collection.

44) Government of India launched a scheme "Transport and Marketing Assistance (TMA)" for providing financial assistance for transport and marketing of agriculture products with a view to boost export of farm commodities to certain countries in Europe and which of the following continent?

- 1) Antartica
- 2) Asia
- 3) North America
- 4) Africa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) North America

Explanation:

On 6th March 2019, Government of India with a view to boost to export of farm commodities to certain countries in Europe and North America introduced a scheme for providing financial assistance for transport and marketing of agriculture products. The Government will reimburse a certain percentage of freight charges and provide assistance for marketing of agricultural produce under this transport and marketing assistance scheme. The scheme would be available for exports from March 1, 2019 to March 2020. As per the Ministry, the scheme would be applicable for a period as specified from time to time. The scheme covers freight including both normal and refrigerated cargo and marketing assistance for export by air as well as by sea. The assistance shall be admissible only if payments for the exports are received in free foreign exchange through normal banking channels.

45) Chatra, Sahibganj and Hazaribagh districts topped in the NITI Aayog's list of Aspirational districts for the period of December 2018-January 2019. These districts belong to which of the following State?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Jharkhand

Explanation:

NITI Aayog's list of aspirational districts for the period of December 2018-January 2019 has been topped by 3 districts of Jharkhand- Chatra, Sahibganj, and Hazaribagh. These districts are also said to have performed well in 'health and nutrition' parameters. This ranking was released by Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog. In terms of education, the top ranks were attained by Sonbhadra (Uttar Pradesh), Sahibganj (Jharkhand) and Chatra (Jharkhand).

46) Where did Coal Minister Piyush Goyal, dedicate 1,000-megawatt (MW) thermal power project of Neyveli Tamil Nadu Power Ltd (NTPL)?

- 1) Madurai
- 2) Ramanathapuram
- 3) Virudhunagar
- 4) Thoothukudi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Thoothukudi

Explanation:

Coal Minister Piyush Goyal dedicated to the nation a 1,000-megawatt (MW) thermal power project of

Neyveli Tamil Nadu Power Ltd (NTPL) at Thoothukudi and a 150-MW solar power projects of NLC India Ltd (NLCIL) at Ramanathapuram and Virudhunagar districts in Tamil Nadu. The 1,000-MW coal-fired thermal power project of NTPL is a joint venture between NLCIL and TANGEDCO with an equity participation of 89:11. NLCIL has installed 591 MW of solar power and 51 MW of wind power plants in various parts of Tamil Nadu. 2,980 MW of thermal power plant and 776.5 MW of solar power plants are under construction.

47) Union Cabinet approved the construction of Kiru Hydroelectric Project (624MW) in which of the following state with an estimated cost of Rs.4287.59 crore?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

Cabinet approved the Investment in construction of Kiru Hydroelectric Project (624MW) by M/s Chenab Valley Power Projects Private Limited (M/s CVPPL) in Jammu and Kashmir with an estimated cost of Rs.4287.59 crore.

48) Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the 'Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) for the period of 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs._____?

- 1) Rs. 3242 crore
- 2) Rs. 3342 crore
- 3) Rs. 3142 crore
- 4) Rs. 3442 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs. 3342 crore

Explanation:

Cabinet approved the 'Flood Management and Border Areas Programme (FMBAP) for Flood Management Works in entire country, river management activities and works related to Border areas for the period of 2017-18 to 2019-20 with an outlay of Rs. 3342 crore.

49) Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for creation of the Post of Technical member in which of the following statutory body?

- 1) National Human Rights Commission
- 2) National Commission for Backward Classes
- 3) National Law Commission
- 4) Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT)

Explanation:

Cabinet has approved the proposal for creation of the Post of Technical member in Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT), Mumbai which will facilitate creation of an additional bench in SAT for speedy disposal of appeals.

50) Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the MoU between India and which of the following country on Cancer Research Initiative?

- 1) U.K
- 2) Germany
- 3) Austria

- 4) Belarus
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) U.K

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet approved the MoU between India and U.K. on Cancer Research Initiative which was signed on 14th November 2018. It will identify a core set of research challenges that address issues of affordability, prevention and care of cancer by bringing together leading Indian and UK experts across clinical research, demographic research, new technologies and physical sciences. The initiative will provide funding to develop new research alliances and undertake impactful research to enable significant progress against cancer outcomes. Over the period of 5 years, the total research funding for the Initiative shall be £10 million (approx. Rs. 90 crores) in which Cancer Research UK (CRUK)'s will be funding £5 million (approx. Rs. 45 crores) and India's Department of Biotechnology (DBT) will fund the remaining £5 million.

51) India and Germany signed MOU in which of the following field?

- 1) Civil and Commercial Matters
- 2) Occupational Safety and Health
- 3) Road Infrastructure Sector
- 4) Cancer Research Initiative
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Occupational Safety and Health

Explanation:

The Union cabinet approved the MoU between India and Germany on Cooperation in the field of Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) which was renewed on 13th November 2018. The collaboration has greatly helped in adopting the modern training techniques and tools on various aspects of OSH in different sectors of economic activity. Under the MoU, German Social Accident Insurance (DGUV) through the International Social Security Association (ISSA) is bringing in know how to meet the OSH challenges, especially in the construction and manufacturing sector. It will benefit the large work force by improving their safety and health, and preventing occupational injuries and diseases. The cooperation is expected to result in capacity building of Directorate General Factory Advice Service and Labour Institutes (DGFASLI), the technical arm and attached office of Ministry of Labour, India & Chief Inspector of Factories Officers (CIFs) in the field of OSH, Strengthening of Inspection system for meeting emerging challenges, upgradation of laboratories for carrying out applied research in the area of OSH, Development of OSH Standards and development in Safety Culture for enhancing the well-being of the Indian workforce.

52) Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the MoU between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Civil Service Council of which of the following country to share experience and expertise of both the parties in the area of recruitment?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Japan
- 3) Russia
- 4) Mongolia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mongolia

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and Civil Service Council of Mongolia (CSCM) aimed at strengthening the existing relationship between them. It will facilitate sharing of experience and expertise of both the parties in the area of recruitment.

53) During state visit to Tamil Nadu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, renamed Chennai Central Railway Station after which of the following leader?

- 1) J. Jayalalitha
- 2) Kamarajar
- 3) MG Ramachandran
- 4) Karunanidhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) MG Ramachandran

Explanation:

PM Modi launched various National Highway projects, including the foundation stone for the four laning of NH-45C from Vikravandi to Thanjavur and the six laning of Karaipettai – Walajapet section of NH-4. He dedicated the 5 MMTPA capacity Ennore LNG Terminal to the nation. The Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) terminal will help in meeting the LNG demand in Tamil Nadu and neighboring states. He also dedicated the electrification of Erode-Karur-Tiruchchirapalli and Salem-Karur-Dindigul railway lines to the nation. He announced that the Chennai Central Railway Station would be renamed after former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MG Ramachandran. He also unveiled the statue of Dr. MG Ramachandran at Dr. MGR Janaki College of Arts & Science for Women, Chennai through video link.

54) Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the new series of visually impaired friendly coins in New Delhi recently. Which of the following denomination is not a part of it?

- 1) Rs.1
- 2) Rs.10
- 3) Rs.20
- 4) Rs.100
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rs.100

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled the new series of visually impaired friendly coins of in the denominations of Re 1, Rs 2, Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 20 at an event held in New Delhi where visually impaired children were specially invited. All the new series coins will be issued for circulation only through the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in terms of the RBI Act. The exact date of issuance of new series coins is yet to be announced. The new 20 rupee coin isn't in a circular shape unless every other new series of coins released today. New Rs 20 coin is in polygon shape of 12 edges with a design of grains denoting the agricultural dominance of the country. The outer ring the new 20 rupee coin is made up of nickel silver and the central piece is made of nickel brass. The outside diameter of the new Rs 20 coin is 2.7 centimetres and the weight of the new Rs 20 coin is about 8.54 grams.

55) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) along with National Health Authority (NHA) form a working group to curb fraud in Ayushman Bharat scheme. Who is appointed as the head of the working group?

- 1) Jawad Rafique Malik
- 2) Suresh Mathur
- 3) Dinesh Arora
- 4) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dinesh Arora

Explanation:

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and National Health Authority (NHA) have formed a joint working group (JWG) in order to suggest ways for more effective implementation of the Centre's Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The group would comprise of 11 members. It will be headed by Dinesh Arora, Deputy CEO of NHA and co-headed by Suresh Mathur, Executive Director of IRDAI. The group shall prepare a report on management

of hospitals under the scheme, data management and exchange, development of IT infrastructure for claims. 12 months will be given to submit a report on a national repository of empanelled hospitals under insurance/government schemes. with defined standards for quality and package rates and codes. The group will get 3 months to submit a report on data standardisation and exchange. In 6 months it would have to make recommendations to detect and avoid frauds by building a common repository and through capacity-building.

56) Labour Ministry of India signed MOU with Safety in Mines, Testing and Research Station (SIMTARS) of which of the following country for cooperation in occupational safety?

- 1) Sweden
- 2) Australia
- 3) Russia
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Australia

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Safety in Mines, Testing and Research Station (SIMTARS), Australia for cooperation in occupational safety. The MoU was signed between Shri Utpal Singh on behalf of Ministry of Labour and Employment and Shri Gitesh Agrawal on behalf of SIMTARS, Australia. MoU was aimed at exploring new opportunities in the area of occupational safety, health and welfare of persons engaged in mining operations. Nowadays the availability of minerals has become difficult and miners have to go deeper, due to which new technologies are required for the safety of workers.

57) French Space Agency CNES and ISRO signed an agreement in Bengaluru, to develop which of the following system?

- 1) Laboratory for Electro-Optics Systems (LEOS)
- 2) ISRO Inertial System
- 3) National Remote Sensing System
- 4) Space-based maritime surveillance system
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Space-based maritime surveillance system

Explanation:

The president of French space agency CNES (Centre national d'études spatiales), Jean-Yves Le Gall and K Sivan, Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), signed an agreement in Bengaluru, to implement the short-term plan for the French-Indian programme to develop a space-based maritime surveillance system. The CNES-ISRO agreement, intended to supply an operational system for detecting, identifying and tracking ships in the Indian Ocean, provides for a maritime surveillance centre to be set up in India in May 2019.

58) Which of the following state government launched Yuvashree Arpan scheme for financially assisting young entrepreneurs with Rs 1 Lakh?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) West Bengal

Explanation:

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee launched a new scheme called Yuvashree Plan II or Yuvashree Arpan under which 50,000 youths will receive financial assistance of Rs 1 lakh for setting up their own business initiatives. Youngsters passing out of Industrial training institute (ITI) or other polytechnic institute will be eligible to get financial support from the micro, small and medium

enterprises (MSME) department. The Chief Minister on this occasion also laid foundation stone of various developmental projects including the first Hindi university in West Bengal in Arupara, Howrah district and Rs 1,488 crore drinking water project at Purba Medinipur that will benefit more than 12 lakh people. Foundation stone of projects worth Rs 1,071 crore including drinking water project that would benefit more than 8 lakh people inaugurated Bankura. She announced that the Health and Family Welfare department office would be set up on three acre land beside Nabanna. She also inaugurated nearly 217 projects worth more than Rs 1,300 crore at the programme.

59) Which of the following ordinance is approved by president Ram Nath Govind to restore 200 point roster system for faculty recruitment ?

- 1) Government of India Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Ordinance 2019
- 2) Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Ordinance 2019
- 3) Central Educational Institutions (Employment in Teacher's Cadre) Ordinance 2019
- 4) Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Ordinance 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Ordinance 2019

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind approved Central Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teacher's Cadre) Ordinance 2019 which will restore 200-point roster system for faculty recruitment. The decision will allow filling up of more than 5000 vacancies by direct recruitment in Teachers' cadre duly ensuring that the Constitutional provisions of Articles 14, 16 and 21 are complied with and reservation criteria for the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes and Socially and Economically backward classes are met with. It is expected to improve the teaching standards in the higher educational institutions to attract all eligible talented candidates.

60) Who was the head of 5-member committee to examine issues related to framing of a proper and structured scheme for providing of insurance cover to the advocates?

- 1) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 2) Neil Buckley
- 3) Alok Srivastava
- 4) Jane Martin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Alok Srivastava

Explanation:

A 5-member committee to examine issues related to framing of a proper and structured scheme for providing of insurance cover to the advocates and to suggest modalities for the implementation of such a scheme has been set up by the Union Minister for Law & Justice, Ravi Shankar Prasad under the chairmanship of Secretary Legal Affairs, Dr Alok Srivastava. Other members of the committee will include a senior representative from the Department of Financial Services and representative of the Department of legal affairs. The committee will also have one representative each from Bar Council of India and State Bar Councils. The committee has to submit its reports within 3 months. The committee shall also suggest the modalities of administration of the insurance scheme under a high powered body with adequate representatives of all stakeholders.

61) Name the country which has signed a deal to lease Chakra III, a nuclear – powered attack submarine for Indian Army worth USD 3 billion for a period of 10 years.

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

Answer – 1) Russia

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, India entered into a deal with Russia for leasing of a nuclear – powered attack submarine for Indian Navy worth USD 3 billion for a period of 10 years. Under the pact, Russia will deliver Chakra III, a Akula class submarine to the Indian Navy by 2025. It will be the 3rd Russian submarine to be leased to Indian Navy. India earlier leased christened INS Chakra which is the first Russian nuclear powered submarine in 1988 under a 3 year lease. The second lease was INS Chakra in 2012 for a period of 10 years. The lease period as per the agreement for Chakra II will expire in 2022 and the Indian government is looking at extending the lease period.

62) Where was the first Space Dialogue between India and Japan held?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) New Delhi**

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, India and Japan organised a joint space dialogue in New Delhi. It aimed at providing a platform for both the countries to explore ways to enhance cooperation between the space agencies of both the nations. Indra Mani Pandey, Additional Secretary for Disarmament and International Security Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs headed the Indian delegation while Kansuke Nagaoka, Deputy Assistant Minister, Foreign Policy Bureau, and Shuzo Takada, Director General, National Space Policy Secretariat jointly led the Japanese delegation. Topics discussed during the event were: collaboration between Japanese Exploration Space Agency (JAXA) and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), global navigation satellite systems, space situational awareness (SSA), norms related to space security, etc.

63) Name the scheme launched by Maharashtra state government for construction workers, which will provide good quality food at a highly subsidised rate.

- 1) Punjabrao Deshmukh Scheme
- 2) Deendayal Upadhyay Swayam Yojana
- 3) Atal Aahar Yojna
- 4) Krishi Gurukul Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Atal Aahar Yojna**

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, Maharashtra government launched a special scheme 'Atal Aahar Yojna' for construction workers in the state which will provide good quality food at a highly subsidised rate. The target is set to cover 20000 workers and provide them with good quality food at a nominal cost of Rs.5 is the first phase of the scheme. The government is already providing a Subsidy of Rs.4.5 lakh to labourers for house construction and is planning to provide help in education, income and health as well. Maharashtra government also launched Shramev Jayate Yojana under which a pension of Rs.3000 is given to construction workers above the age of 60 years. If the worker died, the pension will be given to his widow.

64) Two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is established in which of the following city?

- i. Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh
- ii. Chennai in Tamil Nadu
- iii. Indore in Madhya Pradesh
- 1) Option i and ii are correct
- 2) Option i and iii are correct

- 3) Option i is correct
- 4) Option ii is correct
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Option i and iii are correct**

Explanation:

The Government approved the establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and Indore in Madhya Pradesh in view of the increasing caseload, especially under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016. The creation of new benches will enable faster disposal of cases. The jurisdiction of the Bench at Amaravati will be the state of Andhra Pradesh and that of Indore will be the state of Madhya Pradesh. Currently, Andhra Pradesh comes under the Jurisdiction of NCLT Bench at Hyderabad and Madhya Pradesh comes under the jurisdiction of NCLT Bench, Ahmedabad. The NCLT, which has been set up under the Companies Act, 2013, has provided an effective and time-bound adjudication mechanism to deal with matters related to the Companies Act, 2013, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 and the LLP Act, 2008. Presently, 14 numbers of NCLT Benches have been established, including the Principal Bench in New Delhi, and three recently set up benches at Jaipur, Kochi and Cuttack.

65) According to the Aadhaar (Pricing of Aadhaar Authentication Services) Regulations 2019, by Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), business organisations using Aadhaar services have to pay how much amount for each customer verification?

- 1) Rs.50
- 2) Rs.10
- 3) Rs.20
- 4) Rs.50
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rs.20**

Explanation:

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) in the official gazette notification, the Aadhaar (Pricing of Aadhaar Authentication Services) Regulations 2019 put forth that business organisations using Aadhaar services will now have to pay Rs 20 for each customer verification and 50 paise for authentication of each transaction carried out by the entities. i. Government entities and the Department of Posts are exempted from authentication transaction charges. The entities shall be required to deposit the authentication transaction charges within 15 days of issuance of the concerned invoice based on the usage and any delay in payment beyond 15 days shall attract interest compounded at 1.5% per month and discontinuation of authentication and e-KYC services.

66) Name the Agency/Department/Statutory Body, which released a document called UNNATEE (Unlocking NATIONAL Energy Efficiency potential), that aims to improve the energy efficiency in India.

- 1) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC)
- 2) Central Electricity Authority (CEA)
- 3) Department of Power
- 4) Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)**

Explanation:

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has released a document called UNNATEE (Unlocking NATIONAL Energy Efficiency potential) which aims at improving the energy efficiency in India. It consists of a framework and a strategy of implementation which enables to formulate a relationship between energy supply-demand scenarios and energy efficiency opportunities. BEE had collaborated with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) for development of this document.

67)Where was the 2nd edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – 2019 held?

- 1) Mahatma Mandir,Gujarat
- 2) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- 3) Nesco Centre,Maharashtra
- 4) The Lalit Ashok,Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

Explanation:

On 5th and 6th March 2019, the 2nd edition of Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) – 2019 was organised in Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi. It focused on involving the global strategic community in reviewing India's opportunities and challenges in the Indo-Pacific region. There are 5 new themes for this edition: Practical solutions for achieving cohesion in the region through maritime connectivity Measures to attain and maintain a free-and-open Indo-Pacific Adopting a regional approach to the region's transition from a 'Brown' to a 'Blue' economy. Analysing opportunities and challenges arising from the maritime impact of 'Industry 4.0'. How the twin conceptualisations of 'SAGAR' and 'SAGARMALA' might best be made mutually-reinforcing on a regional level. 13 countries of the Indo-Pacific, namely Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, China, Indonesia, Israel, Japan, Seychelles, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America participated in the event.

68)National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) collaborates with Google Arts and Culture for largest interactive online exhibition on inventions and discoveries named 'Once Upon a Try': Epic journeys of invention and discovery.NCSM works under which of the following ministry?

- 1) Ministry of Culture
- 2) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- 3) Ministry of Urban Development
- 4) Ministry of Rural Development
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ministry of Culture

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) collaborates with Google Arts and Culture for largest interactive online exhibition on inventions and discoveries. NCSM is an organization under the Ministry of Culture. The largest online exhibition 'Once Upon a Try': Epic journeys of invention and discovery is an attempt to explore humanities greatest inventions and discoveries in an interactive online exhibition. NCSM contributes interactive stories that has some key insights into the long and glorious science and technology heritage of India. The six sections in the exhibition are historic beginnings, ayurveda, susruta samhita, rasashata, Itr – ancient Indian knowledge of perfumery and musical instruments from the Indian subcontinent. NCSM is a premiere institution in the field of science communication under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India. It is also an autonomous organization.

69)Where did Ministry of External Affairs (MEA),in collaboration with the Department of Posts inaugurate the 500th Passport Seva Kendra?

- 1) West Jaintia Hills in Meghalaya
- 2) Jajpur in Odisha
- 3) Pratapgarh in Rajasthan
- 4) Dhemaji in Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pratapgarh in Rajasthan

Explanation:

India's 500th Passport Kendra has been made operational at Pratapgarh in Rajasthan. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), in collaboration with the Department of Posts, had in 2017 taken the initiative to open Passport Kendras at the head post offices/post offices in the country, to be known as "Post Office

Passport Seva Kendras" (POPSK). Under this initiative, a total of 407 POPSKs had been made operational as on March 5, 2019. Besides, 93 Passport Seva Kendras (PSKs) too are operational.

70)Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology?

- 1) Mumbai,Maharashtra
- 2) Greater Noida,Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Lucknow,Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Jahanpanah,New Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Greater Noida,Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a visit to Kanpur, Ghaziabad and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. He laid foundation stone for various development projects and schemes during his visit. PM Modi during his visit to UP address a gathering and unveiled several development projects in Greater Noida.PM inaugurated Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology and unveiled a statue of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya at the campus.Modi inaugurated Noida City Centre – Noida Electronic City Section of the Delhi Metro which will provide a convenient and faster mode of transport for the residents.

71)Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid foundation stone of which of the following Power Projects,in Khurja, Uttar Pradesh and other at Buxar, Bihar?

- 1) Thermal Power Projects
- 2) Hydro Power Projects
- 3) Nuclear Power Projects
- 4) Renewable Source Of Energy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Thermal Power Projects**

Explanation:

PM laid foundation stone of two Thermal Power Projects, one at Khurja, Uttar Pradesh and other at Buxar, Bihar. Both the plants will have power generation capacity of 1320 MW. The Thermal Power plant at Khurja will be developed at the cost of Rs. 12,000 crore whereas the power plant at Buxar will be developed at the cost of Rs 10,000 crore.

72)Supreme Court (SC) constituted a 3-member mediation panel for the amicable settlement of Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case.Who is appointed as the head of the panel?

- 1) Sriram Panchu
- 2) F. M. Kalifullah
- 3) Sri Ravi Shankar
- 4) Ranjan Gogoi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) F. M. Kalifullah**

Explanation:

For the amicable settlement of Ayodhya's Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case, the five-judge bench, headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Ranjan Gogoi, constituted a three-member mediation panel headed by former Supreme Court (SC) judge Justice F. M. Kalifullah to resolve the issue.The other members of the panel include spiritual guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Senior Advocate Sriram Panchu.The proceedings in the case will be held in Faizabad.The panel of mediators will file a progress report of the mediation proceedings within 4 weeks and the process will be completed within 8 weeks.They may co-opt more members and in case of any difficulty, inform the Supreme Court registry.14 appeals have been filed in the Supreme Court against the 2010 Allahabad High Court

judgment, delivered in 4 civil suits, that the 2.77-acre land in Ayodhya be partitioned equally among the 3 parties – the Sunni Waqf Board, the Nirmohi Akhara and Ram Lala.

73) Highest number of free LPG connection is distributed in which of the following state as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY)?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Bihar
- 3) Uttar Pradesh
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, the government allotted its 7-crore free cooking gas (LPG) connection, as a part of the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY). 7 crore free LPG connections have been issued in the past 34 months which approximates to almost 69,000 connections per day. This scheme was launched on 1st May, 2016 with the aim of issuing 5 crore connections to women from poor families. 42% of the total connections have been issued to SC/ST. The highest number of connections have been issued in Uttar Pradesh (1.26 crore), followed by West Bengal (78 lakhs) and Bihar (77.51 lakh).

74) Who will chair the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee of National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage, to finalise the framework for a Phased Manufacturing Program (PMP), aimed at localising the production of electric vehicles (EV) and its components within the country?

- 1) Rajiv Kumar
- 2) Amitabh Kant
- 3) Yashwant Sinha
- 4) S.P. Gupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Amitabh Kant

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, The Centre formed National Mission on Transformative Mobility and Battery Storage to finalise the framework for a Phased Manufacturing Program (PMP). The main aim of the framework is localising the production of electric vehicles (EV) and its components within the country and boost the adoption of clean energy vehicles. Amitabh Kant, CEO of NITI Aayog has been appointed to lead the Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee of the mission who will recommend and drive the strategies for transformative mobility in India. PMP will be valid for five years until 2024 to localise production across the entire electric vehicles value chain, such as formulating strategies on manufacturing EVs, its specification and standards, etc. The mission will facilitate inter-ministerial consultations, cooperative federalism and extensive stakeholder and implement end-to-end policy framework for transforming the mobility landscape. Cabinet last month approved a Rs 10,000 crore initiative under the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles II (FAME II) scheme, marking a significant push for hybrid and electric vehicles in the country.

75) According to India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP), first of its kind, released by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, which of the following year is set as target to reduce cooling demand and refrigerant demand?

- 1) 2021-22
- 2) 2027-28
- 3) 2037-38
- 4) 2022-23
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 2037-38

Explanation:

Union Environment Minister, Dr. Harsh Vardhan released the India Cooling Action Plan (ICAP) aimed at reducing emissions and providing thermal comfort to citizens in New Delhi. ICAP provides an integrated vision towards cooling across sectors encompassing inter alia reduction of cooling demand, refrigerant transition, enhancing energy efficiency and better technology options with a 20 year time horizon. It aims at reducing cooling demand across sectors by 20% to 25% by 2037-38 and refrigerant demand by 25% to 30% by 2037-38. It will provide thermal comfort for all, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, double farmers' income as with better cold chain infrastructure, a grower will get better value of produce. It seeks to reduce cooling energy requirements by 25% to 40% by 2037-38 and recognize "cooling and related areas" as a thrust area of research under the national Scientific & Technical Programme.

76) Who launched the India Urban Observatory, which will help in getting up-to-date information on a meaningful set of indicators over various domains such as transport, health, environment, water, finance?

- 1) Arun Jaitley
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Ram Nath Kovind
- 4) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Hardeep Singh Puri**

Explanation:

Minister of State (I/C) for Housing and Urban Affairs, Hardeep S Puri, inaugurated The state-of-the-art India Urban Observatory and Video Wall at New Delhi. The India Urban Observatory will plug into the myriad sources of data from cities, both from real-time and archival sources. It will help in getting up-to-date information on a meaningful set of indicators over various domains such as transport, health, environment, water, finance and so on, which will further assist in developing best practices, future strategies and policy interventions as and when required. The Video Wall, will showcase the insights gained from the Observatory and the various Missions/offices with the idea to proactively engage with citizens/visitors in spreading awareness about the various initiatives of the Ministry.

77) Which country had signed an agreement with India to liberalize the visa policy by which businessmen and tourists can stay in India for 90 days without a visa?

- 1) Mongolia
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Russia
- 4) Malta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Maldives**

Explanation:

Maldives and India exchanged diplomatic notes for implementing the visa facilitation agreement, which was signed during President Ibu Solih's visit in December 2018 and will come into effect from 11th March 2019. The new agreement provides a very liberal visa regime for Maldivian nationals to visit India for tourism, business, education and medical purposes and also makes it easier for Indians to travel to Maldives for business purposes. The visa deal will allow Maldivian businessmen and tourists to stay in India for 90 days without a visa. Maldivians with tourist visas can also stay in India for treatment if they suffer a sudden medical issue.

78) What is the theme of Asian Business Leadership Forum (ABLF) 2019?

- 1) Theme - The Creative Imperative
- 2) Theme - Responsive and Responsible Leadership
- 3) Theme - Mastering the Fourth Industrial Revolution

- 4) Theme - 'Inclusive Leadership in an Interconnected World: Driving Progress and Sustainability Through Tolerance'
5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme - 'Inclusive Leadership in an Interconnected World: Driving Progress and Sustainability Through Tolerance'

Explanation:

The Asian Business Leadership Forum (ABLF), a global leadership platform in partnership with the United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s Federal Government has decided to give further momentum to India-UAE ties. i. 2019 has been declared as UAE's Year of Tolerance by the UAE Government to underline the commitment to make compassion, inclusion and acceptance a part of everyday life. The magazine announces the ABLF theme, 'Inclusive Leadership in an Interconnected World: Driving Progress and Sustainability Through Tolerance'. The ABLF Awards 2019 is scheduled for 2nd October 2019 as it marks the birth anniversary of India's Mahatma Gandhi, an icon of peace, compassion and tolerance and it will have India as Guest Nation. The ABLF will go on a prelude roadshow in India in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) to announce the week-long initiatives to celebrate the India-UAE connect at the ABLF Awards Ceremony.

79) Which country had tied up with India to revive and expedite the implementation of USD 44 billion West Coast refinery project in Maharashtra?

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

Answer - 2) Saudi Arabia

Explanation:

In a meeting between Petroleum Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and his Saudi counterpart and the chairman of Saudi Aramco, Khalid A Al-Falih, in New Delhi, it was decided that India and Saudi Arabia will revive and expedite the implementation of USD 44 billion West Coast refinery project in Maharashtra, in which Saudi Aramco will be holding a considerable stake. Saudi Aramco and Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (Adnoc) had formed a joint venture with Indian state-run oil marketing companies — Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL) and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) — to hold 50% stake in Ratnagiri Refinery and Petrochemicals (RRPCL).

80) Where did Humsafar Trust inaugurate the India's first lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) Clinic and HIV treatment centre?

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

Answer - 1) Mumbai

Explanation:

The first HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) treatment centre and holistic clinic for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) launched by Humsafar trust in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The founder of Humsafar Trust, Ashok Row Kavi announced that the center will be open for all and it will provide counselling. The centre will also offer Anti-Retroviral Therapy (ART) which is a HIV medicine to treat infection.

81) Which country works along with India to impart skill to the youth in vocational training?

- 1) US
2) Russia

- 3) Germany
- 4) Saudi Arabia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Germany**

Explanation:

Germany and India are working together to impart skill to the youth in vocational training. Germany has been successful in the engineering sector because of the trained and qualified work force who were imparted skill in respective fields when they are students.

82) Name the article under which, Union Cabinet has approved “General Election to the Lok Sabha 2019.

- 1) Government Of India Act, 1833
- 2) Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955
- 3) Representative of the people Act, 1951
- 4) All India Services Act, 1951
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Representative of the people Act, 1951**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved “General Election to the Lok Sabha 2019 – statutory notifications under the sub-section (2) of section 14 of the Representative of the people Act, 1951”, which would begin the election process for the 17th House of the People.

83) State Governments got approval from Central government to use the properties of the people who left India for Pakistan and _____ after 1965 and 1971 wars?

- 1) Srilanka
- 2) China
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Nepal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) China**

Explanation:

Central Government allowed State Governments to put to public use some enemy properties that were left behind by people who left India for Pakistan and China after 1965 and 1971 wars. The estimated value of all enemy properties is approximately one lakh crore rupees. There are over nine thousand such properties left behind by Pakistani nationals and over one hundred by Chinese nationals.

84) Which of the following promulgation under the Article 240 of the constitution is approved in order to bring uniformity in the judicial services?

- i. Daman & Diu Civil Courts (Amendment) Regulation, 2019
- ii. Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil courts and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulation, 2019
- iii. Lakshadweep (Civil courts and Judicial courts) Amendment Regulation, 2019

- 1) Option i is approved
- 2) Option ii is approved
- 3) Option ii and iii are approved
- 4) Option iii is approved
- 5) Option i and ii are approved

Answer – **5) Option i and ii are approved**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet under the chairmanship of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved the following promulgation under the Article 240 of the constitution in order to bring uniformity in the judicial services. The Daman & Diu Civil Courts (Amendment) Regulation, 2019. The Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil courts and Miscellaneous Provisions) Amendment Regulation, 2019.

85) Where did centre of excellence for training differently-abled persons (PwDs) is to be launch by NASSCOM in partnership with Hinduja Global Solutions (HGS)?

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

Answer – 3) Bengaluru

Explanation:

Hinduja Global Solutions (HGS) partnered with NASSCOM Foundation, to launch a centre of excellence in Bengaluru for training differently-abled persons (PwDs) which will train a minimum of 100 PwDs making them industry-ready over the next 12 months with a goal to place at least 50% of them in companies already sensitised for hiring them. The trainees will be skilled in a variety of job roles suitable for hospitality, IT or BPM and retail industries and will also be trained on soft skills, interview skills, communication skills, and English language. This is third such centre set up under the partnership, after Noida and Delhi.

86) Name the agreement approved by cabinet for setting up an International classification of the figurative elements of the marks.

- 1) Vienna Agreement
- 2) Nice Agreement
- 3) Locarno Agreement
- 4) Siteki Agreement
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Vienna Agreement

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet on the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the accession of India to following agreements: The Nice Agreement on the International classification of goods and services for the purposes of registration of marks. The Vienna Agreement for setting up an International classification of the figurative elements of the marks. The Locarno Agreement for establishing an International classification for industrial designs.

87) Which State/UT hosted the 34th edition of Aahar – the International Food and Hospitality Fair organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO)?

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

Answer – 2) New Delhi

Explanation:

The Five day long, 34th edition of Aahar- the International Food and Hospitality Fair which is organized by India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) begins in New Delhi on 12th March 2019. Participants from China, Germany, Hong Kong, Italy, Indonesia, Japan, Russia, Spain, USA and UK are participating in the event. Food fair features Food Products, Hospitality and decor solutions, confectionery items, Food beverages equipment and machinery from more than 560 National and International Participants.

88) Name the University, with which Indian researchers collaborated to jointly develop strategies to resolve health, social and economic issues linked to air pollution.

- 1) University of Edinburgh
- 2) University of Oxford

- 3) University of Birmingham
- 4) University of Cambridge
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) University of Birmingham

Explanation:

Experts from the University of Birmingham and policy makers and researchers from India announced a collaboration to jointly develop strategies to resolve health, social and economic issues linked to air pollution in Delhi. The experts recommended that air pollution should be treated as a disaster, in the same way as natural events such as earthquakes and forest fires and also called for access to clean air to be considered as a “basic human right”. The ASAAP India (A Systems Approach to Air Pollution India) workshop brought together partners from India, Africa, Asia, Europe and US to explore how cities such as Delhi can better understand how to tackle air pollution.

89) According to Supreme Court's recent decision, IPS officers who has minimum of _____ month tenure left in service can be considered for the post of Director General of Police (DGP)?

- 1) 3 months
- 2) 6 months
- 3) 9 months
- 4) 12 months
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 6 months

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, The Supreme Court clarified its last year order on police reforms and said officers who have a minimum of six months tenure left in service can be considered for the post of Director General of Police (DGP). Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi headed the bench and recommendation for the post of DGP by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) and preparation of the appointment panel should be purely on the basis of merit. The emphasis is to select the best and to ensure a minimum tenure of two years' service of such officer who is to be selected and appointed.

90) 12 states banned the usage of e-cigarettes or Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS). Which of the following state is one among them?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, following the advice of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, atleast 12 states in India have banned Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS). Punjab, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Jharkhand have taken steps to ban the use of ENDS. ENDS emits nicotine, the addictive component of tobacco products which made the Doctors claim e-cigarettes pose significant health risks to users that are frighteningly similar to those of conventional cigarette.

91) Where did NITI Aayog along with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) organize the first workshop on development of the India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF)?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Kolkata
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Chennai

5) None of these

Answer – **1) New Delhi**

Explanation:

The NITI Aayog and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) organized the first workshop on development of the India Energy Modelling Forum (IEMF), envisaged as a pan-stakeholder platform for debating ideas, scenario-planning & discussing the India's energy future in New Delhi. The two-day workshop, being held with the support of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), was organized under the Sustainable Growth Pillar of the India-U.S. Strategic Energy Partnership. The IEMF seeks to provide a platform for leading experts and policymakers to study important energy and environmental issues and ensure induction of modelling and analysis in informed decision making process. The Forum aims to improve cooperation and coordination between modeling teams, the Government of India, knowledge partners and think-tanks, build capacity of Indian institutions, and identify issues for joint modelling activities and future areas of research. The workshop featured 8 expert sessions which saw discussions around the various aspects of setting up an India-centric energy modelling platform.

92) Who won the lifetime achievement award in 10th Biennial National Grassroots Innovation awards presented by Ram Nath Kovind in Gandhinagar, Gujarat?

1) Anang Tadar

2) Prakash Singh

3) Periyasami Ramasami

4) Prakash Singh Raghuvanshi

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Prakash Singh Raghuvanshi**

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, The President of India Ram Nath Kovind inaugurated the Festival of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (FINE) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The festival is organised by the National Innovation Foundation in association with the Department of Science and Technology. For innovations in new varieties of agriculture crops, Prakash Singh Raghuvanshi from Uttar Pradesh has been awarded lifetime achievement award. First prize in Veterinary, Herbal medication for coccidiosis was presented to Periyasami Ramasami of Salem, Tamil Nadu.

93) Which of the following country's military force along with Indian National Security Guard (NSG) conduct joint exercises in Hyderabad?

1) Russia

2) US

3) Japan

4) Oman

5) None of these

Answer – **2) US**

Explanation:

The US military forces and the Indian National Security Guard (NSG) is conducting joint exercises in Hyderabad. This would be a part of the US-India security partnership. The aim of these exercises is to enhance preparedness and tackle any crisis that affects the public health and safety. The exercise is witnessing participation by the 1st Battalion and the 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne) stationed out of Okinawa, Japan. The exercise will be overseen from the US Embassy, New Delhi and US Special Operations Pacific Command at Camp HM Smith in Hawaii. The exercises constitute the US Indo-Pacific Command's Theater Security Cooperation Program, undertaken by the US military in partnership with a certain group of nations in the Indo-Pacific region to enhance coordination and capabilities.

94) Where did the first meeting of India and Pakistan held during which, both the countries agree to work together to operationalize Kartarpur corridor?

- 1) Barmer, Rajasthan
- 2) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- 3) Attari, Punjab
- 4) Burari, New Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Attari, Punjab

Explanation:

India and Pakistan have agreed to work together to operationalise the Kartarpur corridor which makes it easier for the Indian pilgrims to visit Gurdwara Darbar Sahib at Kartarpur in Pakistan. The decision was made in the first meeting between Indian and Pakistani representatives held at Attari, Punjab in which the Indian delegation was led by S C L Das, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Pakistani delegation was led by Dr. Mohammad Faisal, Director General for South Asia and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC). The next meeting will be held in Wagah in the following month.

95) Which Indian city is all set to host the 4th edition of the Internet of Things (IoT) India Congress 2019?

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

Answer – 2) Bengaluru

Explanation:

The Internet of Things (IoT) India Congress, an event which will see digital technology leaders converge to discuss and explore business opportunities in mainstreaming IoT, will be held in Bengaluru on August 22-23, 2019. The IoT India Congress 2019 will include tracks on segments such as healthcare, manufacturing, telecom, smart cities, energy, retail, cyber security, skills and development, IoT Standards, legal and regulatory, and agriculture.

96) Which campus of IIT had signed MoU with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to set up an Space Technology Cell (STC)?

- 1) IIT Roorkee
- 2) IIT Ropar
- 3) IIT Patna
- 4) IIT Bhilai
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) IIT Roorkee

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Roorkee signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) of the Department of Space, Government of India, Bengaluru to set up an ISRO-IITR Space Technology Cell (STC) at IIT Roorkee, Uttarakhand, with an aim to strengthen institutional interactions and thereby enhance the scope of the activities pursued under STC commensurate with the programmatic goals of ISRO. The STC will ensure to maximise the use of research potential, infrastructure, expertise and experience that exist in ISRO and IIT Roorkee. The research facility will consist of faculty members, visiting scientists, experts, research personnel, technical, administrative and support staff. ISRO has been undertaking several student outreach programmes over the past few months in order to develop scientific temper among the country's youth.

97) India's leading think-tank, Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) will set up an industrial incubation facility of TERI-Deakin Nanobiotechnology Research Centre in which state?

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

Answer – **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), one of country's leading think-tanks, will set up an industrial incubation facility of TERI-Deakin Nanobiotechnology Research Centre, in Odisha. The facility will support development of biotechnology solutions to address issues affecting agriculture, environment and energy. The Odisha government is making significant efforts to promote innovation, and latest effort being launching of the Odisha Biotechnology Policy-2018 that is based on three key pillars-- innovation, entrepreneurship and investment. The TERI-Deakin Nanobiotechnology Research Centre (TDNBC) offers to participate and to support the state government's vision to promote and to assist further in implementing innovation and translational research.

98) Name the country that conduct coordinated operation with India against insurgents posing threat to the Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project.

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

Answer – **4) Myanmar**

Explanation:

A coordinated operation was conducted by the armies of India and Myanmar from 17th February to 2nd March 2019 against insurgents in Myanmarese territory to avert a possible threat to the Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project. The objective of the operation was to crack down on the members of the Arakan Army, an insurgent group in Myanmar, the members of which had also moved close to the international border along Mizoram. The Kaladan multi-modal transit transport project is being viewed as India's gateway to the Southeast Asia. India entered into a framework agreement with Myanmar in April 2008 to facilitate implementation of the project. On completion, the project will help connect Mizoram with the Sittwe Port in Rakhine State of Myanmar.

99) Where was the 3rd edition of Namaste Thailand festival held with an aim to strengthen bilateral ties and increase cultural exchange?

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

Answer – **2) New Delhi**

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of Namaste Thailand festival, organised by the Royal Thai Embassy with an aim to strengthen bilateral ties and increase cultural exchange between India and Thailand, began at Select Citywalk in New Delhi on 15th March 2019 and will conclude on 17th March 2019. The festival will feature stage performances by Thai artistes including the much popular Thai folk-jazz band Asia-7. It will feature a series of Thai craft activities including mulberry paper mini umbrella making, fan painting, body paint, and button badge making along with the traditional Thai cuisines.

100) Which of the following institute will adopt Amazon Web Services (AWS) Educate programme to help students to gain cloud computing skills including hands-on experience in artificial intelligence (AI)?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Goa
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Kharagpur)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Hyderabad)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Kharagpur)

Explanation:

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur will adopt Amazon Web Services (AWS) Educate programme to help students gain cloud computing skills including hands-on experience in artificial intelligence (AI). It will be introduced to provide AWS Cloud Computing experience and AI-enablement for all our students, irrespective of their branch of study. The programme offers a robust set of no-cost tools, resources and AWS Promotional Credits for students and educators to boost their cloud skills and experience. As part of AWS Educate, the students will gain access to 12 Cloud Career Pathways covering topics that are in demand by employers, such as machine learning, cybersecurity, and software development, each with over 30 hours of content. Upon completion, learners will be eligible to receive an AWS Educate Certificate of Completion or an AWS Educate Badge.

101) Name the largest exercise in terms of geographical spread covering the IOR and also with regard to the number of participating units that held in Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

- 1) Vajra Prahar
- 2) SEA VIGIL
- 3) Yudh Abhyas XIV
- 4) Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 19)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 19)

Explanation:

Chief of the Naval Staff, Admiral Sunil Lanba, presided over the day long review session of largest War Game of the Indian Navy – the Theatre Level Operational Readiness Exercise (TROPEX 19) in Kochi, intended to examine the conduct of the exercise and to assess the operational preparedness of the Indian Navy. The exercise had commenced 7th January 2019 and was planned to be terminated by 10th March 2019 but due to the JEM (Jaish-e-Mohammed) sponsored terrorist attack on the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) convoy in Pulwama on 14th February 2019 led to the rapid redeployment of the Indian Navy for Operations in North Arabian sea. TROPEX 19 had commenced with Tri-services Amphibious Exercise in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands with participation of Army and Air Force and about 60 ships of the Indian Navy, 12 ships of the Indian Coast Guard and 60 aircraft were part of the exercise. This was followed by the largest Coastal Defence Exercise code-named SEA VIGIL on 22nd January and 23rd January 2019 with the participation of all 13 Coastal States and Union Territories along with all maritime stakeholders.

102) Which country had signed MoU with India to collaborate on Digital Education Initiatives?

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

Answer – 3) Afghanistan

Explanation:

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India and IIT Madras signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Higher Education Afghanistan Government

to collaborate on Digital Education Initiatives, which include many prominent programs developed by Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT).

103) Name the online portal, which is a part of Digital Education Initiatives between India and Afghanistan, which will upskill students and faculty of Afghanistan with latest technology courses.

- 1) DIKSHA
- 2) SWAYAM
- 3) SKILL EDU
- 4) MY GOV
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) SWAYAM**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Afghanistan Government to collaborate on Digital Education Initiatives, which include many prominent programs developed by Indian Institutes of Technology (IIT) at IIT Madras. One of the main objectives of the MOU is to facilitate students and faculty from Afghanistan to enroll and learn from the courses offered on SWAYAM, which will expose them to latest technology courses and also upskill them in areas of their interest. Among the other initiatives envisaged by this MoU is the sharing and access with the Higher Educational Institutions of Afghanistan of various Indian facilities such as the National Digital Library of India (NDLI), VIRTUAL LABS, Spoken tutorials for Higher Educational Institutions of Afghanistan and sharing of experience and participation of Higher Educational Institutions of Afghanistan on Robotic projects and symposiums held under e-Yantra. Establishment of Joint Educational Programmes between Higher Educational Institutions of Government of India and Higher Educational Institutions of Afghanistan is also on the anvil. The MoU will facilitate assisting the Ministry of Higher Education (MoHE) of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to carry out the curriculum development process including sharing of curriculum developed by MHRD.

104) Which Indian city is hosting the Africa-India Joint Field Training Exercise AFINDEX-19 between the Indian Army and 16 African nations?

- 1) Pune
- 2) Bengaluru
- 3) Kolkata
- 4) Chennai
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Pune**

Explanation:

The 10 days long Africa-India Joint Field Training Exercise (AFINDEX-19) between the Indian Army and 16 African nations was commenced in Pune, Maharashtra on March 18, 2019 for training the participating contingents in Humanitarian Mine Assistance (HMA) and Peace Keeping Operations (PKO) under the United Nations Charter. It will be held in two locations in Pune viz. Foreign Training Node at Aundh Military Station and College of Military Engineering in Kirkee. The Indian army is represented by Maratha Light Infantry while African continent is comprised of 10 personnel, from each of the participating nations. The exercise is expected to facilitate sharing of Indian Armed Forces experiences in United Nations Peace keeping operations with countries in Africa and shall remarkably boost relations with the African continent.

105) Name the Campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for fighting corruption.

- 1) Paudhagiri
- 2) Incredible India
- 3) Swachhata Hi Seva
- 4) Main Bhi Chowkidar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Main Bhi Chowkidar

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, The Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a 'Main Bhi Chowkidar' campaign calling everyone who was fighting corruption, social evils and working hard for the progress of India, as watchmen. Prime Minister also shared a 3.45-minute video titled "Take The Pledge", urging people to join Modi on March 31 at 6 p.m. for a video programme titled 'Main Bhi Chowkidar'. BJP has also started a unique tech innovation called conversation cards on twitter for this campaign where people will get a personalized message from PM on Twitter on participating in this campaign.

106) Who was appointed as the head of Project Implementation and Sanctioning Committee under FAME-II programme?

- 1) Amitabh Kant
- 2) Babul Supriyo
- 3) Dr.A.R.Sihag
- 4) Anant Geete
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dr.A.R.Sihag

Explanation:

The Government of India has formed an inter-ministerial panel for monitoring, sanctioning and implementation of projects under the Rs 10,000-crore Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles in India (FAME-II) programme, aimed at incentivising clean mobility. The Project Implementation and Sanctioning Committee, for the purpose of overall monitoring, sanctioning and implementation of the scheme, will be chaired by the secretary in the Department of Heavy Industries, Dr. A. R. Sihag. The programme under the second phase of the FAME India scheme will be implemented over a period of 3 years with effect from 1st April 2019. 10 lakh registered electric two-wheelers with a maximum ex-factory price will be eligible to avail incentive of Rs 20,000 each and it will also support 5 lakh e-rickshaws having ex-factory price of up to Rs 5 lakh with an incentive of Rs 50,000 each. It will offer an incentive of Rs 1.5 lakh each to 35,000 electric four-wheelers with an ex-factory price of up to Rs 15 lakh, and incentive of Rs 13,000 each to 20,000 strong hybrid four-wheelers with ex-factory price of up to Rs 15 lakh. It will support 7,090 e-buses with an incentive of up to Rs 50 lakh each having ex-factory price of up to Rs 2 crore. The scheme will have a Rs 1,500-crore outlay in 2019-20; Rs 5,000 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 3,500 crore in 2021-22. It will cover buses with EV technology; electric, plug-in hybrid and strong hybrid four wheelers; electric three-wheelers including e-rickshaws and electric two-wheelers.

107) India Post has released a special stamp cover on which environmental initiative that is aimed to reduce shortage of water in Leh?

- 1) Painted Stork
- 2) Smooth Indian Otter
- 3) Ice Stupas
- 4) Solar Energy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ice Stupas

Explanation:

PD. Tshering, Chief Postmaster General, Jammu & Kashmir Circle, released a 'Special Stamp Cover on Ice Stupa' by the Department of Post, Government of India during a function organised at the Ice Stupa site at Gangles in Leh. Ice Stupa team of Himalayan Institute of Alternatives, Ladakh (HIAL) with support from Leh-Phodo society and Army, has built an Ice Stupa at Gangles with an aim to reduce shortage of water in Leh. The team plans to build more such artificial glaciers (Ice Stupas) in Leh, so that problem related to water supply, faced by Ladakhi farmers due to receding of glaciers, can be reduced. About 12 villages across Ladakh have built Ice Stupas on experimental basis and on 22nd March, 'World Water Day' will be

celebrated at Ice Stupa at Shara, where teams from other villages, who have built Ice Stupas, will be felicitated.

108) Which organization collaborated with National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and organized the International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (IWDR) 2019 in New Delhi?

- 1) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- 2) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)
- 3) U.S. Geological Survey
- 4) Multidisciplinary Center for Earthquake Engineering Research
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR)

Explanation:

International Workshop on Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (IWDR), a two-day workshop organised by National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) in collaboration with United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR), and in partnership with the Global Commission on Adaptation, United Nations Development Programme and the World Bank was held at New Delhi. The objectives of the workshop were to: Identify good practices of disaster risk management in key infrastructure sectors. Identify specific areas and pathways for collaborative research on DRI (Transport, Energy, Telecom and Water). Discuss and co-create the broad contours of the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) as well as a notional roll-out plan for the next three years. Build a forum for members to work on areas of common interest and make specific commitments.

109) Where did 3rd edition of Indo-Japan workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction held recently?

- 1) Yokohama, Japan
- 2) Karnataka, India
- 3) Tokyo, Japan
- 4) New Delhi, India
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, Government of India and Government of Japan organized the 3rd Indo-Japan Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in New Delhi. Additional Principal Secretary to Prime Minister, Dr. P. K. Mishra inaugurated the workshop. The objective behind this meet was to enhance collaboration between research institutes, cities and the private sector in the field of DRR. The workshop was attended by about 140 delegates from India and Japan including experts from premier research institutes, city administrators and specialized Disaster Management agencies. In September 2017, India and Japan signed Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) in the field of DRR.

110) Which state for the first time has undertaken census of otters in protected areas?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Uttar Pradesh for the first time has undertaken census of otters in protected areas of the state. The census exercise was started from Pilibhit Tiger Reserve (PTR) and will be completed by end of March 2019 covering all protected areas of state. Otter is an important part species (mammal) of forest ecosystem. It spends much of its time in or close to water bodies. It lives on fish. Its den is known as holt and it is close to water bodies. Its thriving population indicates healthy river ecosystem and water bodies

are pollution-free. Three species of otters are found in India. It is classified as vulnerable species on IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.

111)Where did three day 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships held,which discusses 2 key themes on digital infrastructure and digital skills?

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

Answer – 3) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, the three day 14th CII-EXIM Bank Conclave on India-Africa Project Partnerships concluded in New Delhi. The Conclave will enhance the partnership between India and Africa in economic as well as business terms. The event was organized by Ministry of Commerce and Industry in association with Exim Bank of India and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). It will help the Government in a range of cross-border project partnership where India-Africa partnership assumed to be critically important for the global economy. The key areas identified for discussion during the Conclave revolve around two key themes which are digital infrastructure and digital skills. In sept 2018, Ministry of External Affairs inked MoU with Telecommunications Consultants India Limited (TCIL) to establish a pan- Africa e-Arogya Bharti Network Project to aid Africa's journey towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

112)Where was the 33rd edition of India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Ind-Indo Corpat) inaugurated in order to enhance interoperability and strengthen existing bonds between India & Indonesia?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Port Blair, India
- 4) Serang, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Port Blair, India

Explanation:

The 33rd edition of the India-Indonesia Coordinated Patrol (Ind-Indo Corpat) was started on March 19, 2019 and will continue till 4th April 2019 at Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands in order to enhance interoperability and strengthen existing bonds of friendship between India and Indonesia. The closing ceremony will be held at Belawan, Indonesia. Under this both countries' ship and aircraft would undertake patrolling of 236 nautical miles long International Maritime Boundary line on the respective sides. The Indian Navy, Commodore Ashutosh Ridhorkar, VSM Naval Component Commander, Andaman and Nicobar Command are led the Indian delegation. The Indonesian side led by Cmde Dafit Santoso. It is also a part of the Indian Government's vision of SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region), for assisting countries in the Indian Ocean Region.

113)Which country has received financial grant from India, for constructing educational campus to boost the learning environment of the students?

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

Answer – 3) Nepal

Explanation:

India extended a financial grant of 35.5 million Nepalese rupees to Nepal for the construction of an educational campus to boost the learning environment of the students. The educational campus was jointly inaugurated by District Coordination Committee and Campus management committee on 22nd March 2019. It was made under the Development Partnership Programme which is administered by the Development Administration Partnership division of the Ministry of External Affairs. The building was constructed at Siddheshwar Education Public Campus in Ramechhap district. It consists of 12 class rooms, meeting hall, laboratory room and a library.

114) On the basis of which law, centre has banned Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF)?

- 1) Indian Law Reports Act, 1875
- 2) Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967
- 3) Unlawful Association Prevention Act(UAPA), 1943
- 4) Prevention of Unlawful Association Act(PUAA), 1974
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967**

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, the Central Government banned Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) under the provisions of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act (UAPA), 1967 as an unlawful association. Yasin Malik lead JKLF is creating a separatist ideology in the Kashmir Valley. It has been doing its separatist activities and violence since 1988. In accordance with the policy of zero tolerance against terrorism the Centre decided to ban JKLF. It has been creating hatred against the government as well as the armed rebellion. UAPA aims to prevent unlawful activities association in India and to provide necessary powers to the investigating agencies to act against activities directed against the nation.

115) Which Indian think tank organize a FinTech Conclave in New Delhi recently?

- 1) Centre for Land Warfare Studies
- 2) Centre for Science and Environment
- 3) NITI Aayog
- 4) Research Foundation for Governance in India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) NITI Aayog**

Explanation:

On 25th March, NITI Aayog has organized a FinTech Conclave at Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi. The Conclave was inaugurated by RBI Governor, Shaktikanta Das. The motive of the conference was to shape India's continued ascendancy in FinTech, build the narrative for future procedure and policy efforts, and to deliberate steps for complete financial inclusion. The Conclave has attributed 300 representatives from the financial space including central ministries, regulators, bankers, startups, service providers and entrepreneurs. Discussions were held on the themes such as Digital Onboarding of Customers/Merchants for Financial Inclusion, Building Financial Products for Millennial India, Emerging Areas of FinTech, Fast Tracking Investments in FinTech Industry and Financial Inclusion of MSMEs.

116) Where did Chief of the Naval Staff Sunil Lanba commission Indian Navy's Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Training Facility ABHEDYA?

- 1) INS Kalvari, Mumbai
- 2) INS Shivaji, Lonavla
- 3) INS Vikrant, Visakhapatnam
- 4) INS Vagir, Mumbai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) INS Shivaji, Lonavla**

Explanation:

The state of the art Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Training Facility (NBCTF) named ABHEDYA of Indian

Navy has been commissioned at INS Shivaji, Lonavla in Mumbai by Admiral Sunil Lanba, PVSM AVSM ADC, Chief of the Naval Staff. It will provide training to naval personnel in detection, protection against and decontamination of nuclear, biological and chemical agents. The theme of the logo of technical training establishment is "Propelling the Indian Navy since 1945". iii. It was constructed by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL).

117) First Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition held in which Mountain?

- 1) Mt Makalu
- 2) Mt Kangchenjunga
- 3) Mt Nanda Devi
- 4) Mt Kamet
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Mt Makalu**

Explanation:

First Indian Army Mountaineering Expedition to Mt Makalu (8485m) comprising five Officers, two JCOs and eleven OR was flagged off by Director General Military Training on 26 Mar 2019. In furtherance of the objective of summing all challenging peaks above 8000M, Indian Army is launching its maiden expedition to Mt Makalu in Mar-May 2019. Mt Makalu is considered amongst the most dangerous peaks and summing the peak is considered extremely challenging due to inclement weather conditions and freezing temperatures. The peak will test the climbers for technical acumen, mental and physical courage and their determination to reach atop Mt Makalu.

118) Which two countries have signed an MoU on Antarctic Cooperation to help Scientific Cooperation in the field of Earth Sciences?

- 1) India and South Africa
- 2) India and South Korea
- 3) India and Argentina
- 4) India and Morocco
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India and Argentina**

Explanation:

Union Cabinet was apprised about the Memorandum of Understanding signed between India and Argentina in February 2019 on Antarctic Cooperation to help Scientific Cooperation on projects in the field of Earth Sciences. It will also help in the protection and conservation of Antarctica and Southern Oceans.

119) Which of the following fields are signed by India and Morocco recently?

- 1) Cooperation on youth affairs
- 2) To promote exchange of information and technical cooperation in the field of Housing and Human Settlement
- 3) To promote bilateral cooperation between the startups of both countries.
- 4) Both 1 and 2
- 5) Both 2 and 3

Answer - **4) Both 1 and 2**

Explanation:

2 MoU's are signed:

i. Union Cabinet was apprised about the MoU signed between India and Morocco for cooperation on youth matters. The MoU will strengthen and encourage cooperation between the two countries on youth matters.

ii. Union Cabinet chaired by Shri Narendra Modi was apprised about MoU signed between India and Morocco to promote exchange of information and technical cooperation in the field of Housing and Human Settlement.

120) Name the country which has received an ex-post facto approval from Indian cabinet for an MoU on Startup Cooperation.

- 1) Argentina
- 2) Saudi Arabia
- 3) Republic of Korea
- 4) Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Republic of Korea

Explanation:

Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval for the MoU signed in February between India and Republic of Korea on Startup Cooperation. It will facilitate and promote bilateral cooperation between the startups of both countries.

121) Which of the following is named as 'Young Scientist Programme', that initiated by Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)?

- 1) YUva Vigyani KARYakram – (Yuvika)
- 2) Rashtriya Yuva Sashaktikaran Karyakram (RYSK)
- 3) Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD)
- 4) National Young Leaders Programme (NYLP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) YUva Vigyani KARYakram – (Yuvika)

Explanation:

On the lines of Centre Govt mission “Jai Vigyan, Jai Anusandhan”, Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has initiated Young Scientist Programme named “YUva Vigyani KARYakram” – (Yuvika) for school children with a purpose to enhance their interest in the emerging areas of Space activities by imparting basic knowledge on Space Technology, Space Science and Space Applications. This two week long programme is regarded as “Catch them young”. The programme will be of two weeks duration during summer holidays (second half of May 2019) and is scheduled to be held at 4 centers of ISRO. Students of 9th standard (in the academic year 2018-19) and waiting to join 10th Std (or just joined 10th Std) are eligible for the online registration from 25 March 2019 (1800 hrs) to 03 April 2019 (1800 hrs). The selection is based on the 8th Standard academic performance and extracurricular activities. The expenses of the selected students during the entire course will be borne by ISRO.

122) Union Cabinet approved creation of additional posts of three Judicial Members and three Technical Members in which of the following quasi-judicial body in India?

- 1) Income Tax Appellate Tribunal
- 2) National Company Law Appellate Tribunal
- 3) National Human Rights Commission of India
- 4) National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) National Company Law Appellate Tribunal

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Union Cabinet approved the creation of additional posts of three Judicial Members and three Technical Members in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT). It will ensure the time frame for disposal of cases and will also meet the mandate provided to NCLAT by the Finance Act, 2017, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016 and the Companies Act 2013. The additional posts will be created in Level 17 which is equal to Rs 2,25,000 as fixed plus allowances as admissible. The total financial involvement will be Rs 2,27,82,096. The tribunal hears appeals against rulings of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT).

123) Which Programme was given 5 years extension by the cabinet recently?

- 1) Biomedical Research Career Programme
- 2) Wellcome Trust (WT)/DBT India Alliance
- 3) Theoretical and Computational Biology
- 4) Both 1 and 2
- 5) Both 2 and 3

Answer – 4) Both 1 and 2

Explanation:

On 27th March, 2019, the Union Cabinet chaired by Narendra Modi approved the extension of the Biomedical Research Career Programme and Wellcome Trust (WT)/DBT India Alliance beyond its initial 10-year term (2008-09 to 2018-29) to a new five year phase (2019-20 to 2023-24). It was launched in 2008 and has fulfilled its objectives of building and nurturing talent of highest global standards in cutting-edge biomedical research in India. The total financial implication will be Rs 1092 crore with DBT and WT. In this new phase, the programme will aim to strengthen clinical research and work for addressing important health challenges for India.

124) As per New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules-2019, drugs manufactured in India will get approval in _____ days?

- 1) 30 days
- 2) 60 days
- 3) 90 days
- 4) 130 days
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 30 days

Explanation:

The Ministry of Health has notified New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 for the approval of new drugs and conduct of clinical trials in the country. It aims to ensure patient safety and promote clinical research in the country. These rules will be applicable to all new drugs, investigational new drugs for human use, clinical trials, bio-equivalence studies and ethics committees. Time required for the approval of application has reduced – 30 days for drugs manufactured in India and 90 days for those developed outside the country. Waiving off local clinical trial – The requirement of a local clinical trial may be waived for approval of a new drug if it is approved and marketed in any of the countries (EU, UK, Australia, Japan and US) specified by the Drugs Controller General with the approval of the government. No Communication will lead to deemed approval – In case of no communication from Drugs Controller General of India, the application will be deemed to have been approved.

125) India has signed MoU with African Union to strengthen which of the following sector recently?

- 1) Education Sector
- 2) Health sector
- 3) Housing
- 4) Startup Cooperation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Health sector

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, India and the African Union signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish an India-Africa health sciences collaborative platform which is aimed to strengthen the cooperation in the health sector. The agreement aims to formalize this partnership by establishing a framework to pave the way for cooperation in research and development, capacity building, pharmaceutical trade, health services and manufacturing capabilities for drugs and diagnostics. The programme would focus on improved diagnostics for diseases which are regional priorities in India and

Africa, by training and strengthening capacity of health professionals, researchers, regulators and industry staff.

126) Where was the Interactive session between India and ambassadors & High Commissioners of European and Oceania Countries held?

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

Answer – 3) New Delhi

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, an Interactive session was held between India and ambassadors & High Commissioners of European and Oceania Countries in New Delhi. The aim of the interactive session was to take economic ties with European and Oceania countries to a next level. Various trade negotiations were also discussed in the session. Bilateral trade between India and Europe is of USD 130.1 Billion and import and export between the countries has registered double digit growth. India is the fifth largest exporter for Australia and major exports from India to Australia include refined Petroleum, Business services and Pharmaceutical. Companies from Oceania, have invested around 1034.2 million US Dollars in India market between April 2000 and December 2018.

127) Name the organization, that constituted an eight-member Advanced Technology External Advisory Council to examine the ethical challenges related to artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies.

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

Answer – 1) Google

Explanation:

Google has constituted an eight-member Advanced Technology External Advisory Council that will examine the ethical challenges related to artificial intelligence (AI) and other emerging technologies. The aim of the council is to provide recommendations for Google and other companies and researchers regarding the AI. The council will meet four times, beginning in April and will publish its report by the end of 2019.

128) Where did the second joint logistics node of tri-services become operational?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, the second joint logistics node of tri-services has become operational at naval base in Mumbai, Maharashtra to enhancing interoperability, improve maintenance of military assets and provide logistical support to all the defence services. In 2008, the first joint logistics node (JLN) consisting of the three services was set up at Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The third joint logistics node will only be among Army and Air Force and is likely to set up at Guwahati, Assam. Till now, the logistics and maintenance of three forces had been done separately, but now they have been brought under one common framework at Mumbai, where Navy is the lead force.

129) Which two countries signed Statement of Guiding Principles (SGP) on triangular cooperation for global development in Asia and Africa?

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

Answer – 3) India and US

Explanation:

On 29th March, 2019, India and the US has signed an agreement to the Statement of Guiding Principles (SGP) on triangular cooperation for global development to facilitate with a framework to promote bilateral cooperation to meet the developmental ambitions of partner countries, particularly in Asia and Africa. This agreement was signed by Devyani Khobragade, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs of India, and Mark Anthony White, Mission Director for the USAID in India. This amendment to the Statement of Guiding Principles agreement extends the validity of the pact up to 2021.

130) According to a recent report by Oxfam, which country has the highest gender wage gap among Asian nations?

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

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, a recent report by Oxfam has found that the gender wage gap in India is highest among Asian nations, women are paid 34 percent less compared to men for performing the same job and with same qualifications also the Women's labour force participation in India is the lowest in the world. The survey was based on the employment-unemployment survey (EUS) 2011-12, done by the National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), International Labour Organization (ILO) studies, and also based on the first inequality report launched by Oxfam in 2018. In India, the low participation of women in labour force is 27 percent which is the lowest among BRICS countries and among G20 countries. According to a leaked National Sample Survey Office report for 2017-18, currently, the unemployment rate in India is estimated to be at a 45-year high, reaching 7.8 percent in urban areas and 5.3 percent in rural ones. Also in terms of growth, and compared with men, the labour force participation rate for men rose from 75.5 percent in 2015-16 to 76.8 percent in 2016-17 but the rate for women declined to 26.9 percent in 2016-17 from 27.4 percent in 2015-16.

131) As per the report titled "OpenSignal's hottest city for 4G Availability", which city topped in India?

- 1) Nashik
- 2) Nagpur
- 3) Jamshedpur
- 4) Dhanbad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Dhanbad

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, Dhanbad, the coal capital of India scored 95.3 percent and become the number one city in terms of highest 4G availability in India by the report name 'OpenSignal's hottest city for 4G Availability'. Ranchi which has 95% of 4G Availability, ranked second and Srinagar ranked third with the score of 94.9% on the list with 4G Availability. Raipur and Patna ranked fourth and fifth place with a score of 94.8% and 94.5% respectively.

132) Where did Government of India set up Multi-Disciplinary Terror Monitoring Group (MDTMG)?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jammu and Kashmir

Explanation:

On 30th March 2019, a multi-disciplinary terror monitoring group (MDTMG) has been set up by the Government to ensure synergized and collective action against terror financing and terror-related activities in Jammu and Kashmir. This group will have representatives from the Jammu and Kashmir Police, Intelligence Bureau, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), National Investigation Agency (NIA), and Income Tax Department. Also, It will take action against hardcore sympathizers among government employees, including teachers, who are providing support to terror activities and investigate the network of various channels being used to fund terror and terror-related activities and take coordinated action to stop the flow of such funds. The Additional director general of police (ADGP) CID of JK Police will head the group which will meet on a weekly basis.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1) Where was the 7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting held?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 3) Bangkok, Thailand
- 4) Bali, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Siem Reap, Cambodia

Explanation:

On 2nd March 2018, the 7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Intersessional Ministerial Meeting was organized in Siem Reap, Cambodia. It was headed by Chutima Bunyapraphasara, Acting Minister of Commerce of Thailand and saw participation of ministers from the 16 RCEP Participating Countries (RPCs). It was also attended by Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation- Suresh Prabhu. Developments that have taken place since the 2nd RCEP Summit on 14 November 2018 in Singapore, especially the ones involving the 2nd Special TNC Meeting held on 25-26 January 2019 in Jakarta, Indonesia, and the 25th RCEP Trade Negotiating Committee (TNC) Meeting and Related Meetings held on 19-28 February 2019 in Bali, Indonesia were discussed. It is a proposed free trade agreement (FTA) or comprehensive regional economic integration agreement between 10 ASEAN countries (Brunei, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam) and its six FTA partners (India, China, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and South Korea).

2) UN court rejects UK's claim of sovereignty over which of the following Islands?

- 1) Brownsea Island
- 2) Canvey Island
- 3) Chagos Islands
- 4) Havergate Island
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Chagos Islands

Explanation:

The UK has been ordered to hand back the Chagos Islands to Mauritius “as rapidly as possible” after the

United Nations' highest court ruled that continued British occupation of the remote Indian Ocean archipelago is illegal. The case was referred to the court, which hears legal submissions over international boundary disputes, after an overwhelming vote in 2017 in the UN assembly in the face of fierce opposition from a largely isolated UK.

3) Which Country hosted the 46th session of Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC)?

- 1) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
- 2) Washington D.C., USA
- 3) New York, USA
- 4) London, UK
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Explanation:

On 2nd March 2019, Abu Dhabi hosted the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC). It was a two-day gathering dedicated to discuss ways to combat hate speech, extremism and conflict in the region. This is the first time that India participated in the meeting. Sushma Swaraj attended the inaugural session of the Organisation of Islamic Co-operation meeting in Abu Dhabi where she was welcomed as a "guest of honour".

4) Name the country, that hosted the 2019 North Korea – United States Hanoi Summit?

- 1) United States
- 2) North Korea
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Vietnam

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, 2 day 2019 North Korea – United States Hanoi Summit has abruptly concluded in Hanoi, Vietnam with no joint agreement after Kim insisted all US sanctions to be lifted on his country. The meeting was held between North Korean Leader Kim Jong-un and US President Donald Trump. It was the second meeting between them following the first meeting in June 2018 in Singapore. After June 2018 summit, US Secretary of state Mike Pompeo appointed Stephan Biegun as US Special Representative for North Korea. During the summit, Trump sought a guarantee from North Korea to stop testing its missiles and nuclear weapons. In return, North Korea demanded the lifting of 5 core economic sanctions which was imposed over Korea.

5) 'Sampriti-2019' is a joint military exercise between which of the following countries?

- 1) India and Bangladesh
- 2) India and US
- 3) India and Russia
- 4) India and Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) India and Bangladesh

Explanation:

The eighth edition of joint military exercise 'Sampriti-2019' between the armies of India and Bangladesh was commenced on 3rd March, 2019, which aimed to increase mutual cooperation and camaraderie with an impressive ceremony in Tangail, Bangladesh. This exercise will be conducted till 15th March as a part of the ongoing India-Bangladesh defence cooperation. The motive behind this exercise is to hone their tactical and technical skills in countering insurgency, counter terrorism and aid to civil authorities for disaster management in an UN peace keeping scenario involving a combined deployment at a battalion level.

6) Which country topped the Global Consumer Confidence Survey 2018?

- 1) US
- 2) China
- 3) India
- 4) South Korea
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) India

Explanation:

On 4th March 2019, India ranked first in the Confidence Board Global Consumer Confidence Survey which was conducted in collaboration with a global performance management company Nielsen Holdings. India maintained its 1st position from 3rd quarter and in the 4th quarter of 2018 India's Consumer Confidence Index (CCI) score is 133. South Korea has the most pessimistic consumer who are worried about rising inflation, lower wage growth, unemployment, a weak stock market and global trade uncertainties in the world. CCI Confidence Board measured optimism towards job prospects, health of personal finances and spending intentions in the next 12 months for the survey. The Global Consumer Confidence Index became highest in 14 years by increasing one point to 107 in 4th quarter of 2018. The increase in confidence is a positive sign for economic and business growth in 2019.

7) According to 2018 World Air Quality Report, which city became the most polluted city and topped the Report?

- 1) Ghaziabad, India
- 2) Gurugram, India
- 3) Noida, India
- 4) Faridabad, India
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Gurugram, India

Explanation:

On 5th March 2019, Gurugram in the National Capital Region (NCR) emerged as the most polluted region in the world in 2018 as per 2018 World Air Quality Report. As per the report, Delhi is the most polluted capital in the world. In the list of polluted cities, Delhi ranked 11th. Out of the top 10 polluted cities in 2018, seven were India, which are Ghaziabad, Faridabad, Bhiwandi, Noida, Patna and Lucknow. The report was based on a new study by Swiss based company IQ Air AirVisual and non profit organization Greenpeace on information from over 3000 cities. Bangladesh became the most polluted country closely followed by Pakistan and India while Iceland, Finland, Australia, Estonia and Sweden were among the least polluted countries.

8) Name the aerial combat training exercise conducted by the US Air Force in US?

- 1) Yudh Abhyas 2019
- 2) Ekuverin 2019
- 3) Red Flag 2019
- 4) Shatrujeet 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Red Flag 2019

Explanation:

Red Flag 2019, the 12-day long advanced aerial combat training exercise held several times a year by the US Air Force, has been initiated at Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada, United States. The exercise is scheduled from 3rd to 16th March 2019 and air forces from United States, the United Arab Emirates, Belgium, the Netherlands, Singapore and Saudi Arabia are participating in it.

9) According to the research by price comparison site cable.co.uk, which country offers cheapest mobile data in the world?

- 1) India
- 2) China
- 3) Sweden
- 4) Poland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

On 6th March 2019, India has the cheapest mobile data in the world as per the research by price comparison site cable.co.uk. The global average was USD 8.53 for 1GB. Compared to global average of about Rs. 600, 1GB is costing just Rs. 18.5 (USD 0.26) in India. In the same case countries like UK has USD 12.37 for the same amount of data. India is the second largest smartphone market in the world after China with over 4.30 million smartphone users. The study was based on 6313 mobile data plans in 230 countries. India is followed by Kyrgyzstan with \$0.27, Kazakhstan with \$0.49, Ukraine with \$0.51 and Rwanda with \$0.56. For Indian market, researchers studied 57 plans which are available in the country from as low as Rs. 1.41 to a maximum of Rs. 98.83.

10) Which of the following country, joined as the 124th member of the International Criminal Court (ICC) recently?

- 1) Singapore
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Belarus
- 4) Turkey
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Malaysia

Explanation:

Malaysia became a member of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the world's only permanent war crimes court which aims to prosecute the worst abuses when national courts are unable or unwilling. Malaysia is the 124th member of the court since its establishment in 2002. Its new government, which came to power in 2018, had vowed to join the ICC.

11) According to the Knight Frank Report titled “The Wealth Report 2019”, which of the following city topped the list and became most expensive prime residential market in the world?

- 1) Berlin, Germany
- 2) Mumbai, India
- 3) Manila, Philippines
- 4) Bengaluru, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Manila, Philippines

Explanation:

According to a Knight Frank Report, Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra and the financial capital of India, has become the 16th most expensive prime residential market in the world and is the only Indian city to feature in the global top 20 list of expensive prime residential markets recorded in The Wealth Report 2019. In terms of the growth in prices of prime residential properties globally, Mumbai ranked 67th with 0.3% rise in prices in 2018. Delhi (55th) and Bengaluru (56th) did better than Mumbai with a 1.4% and 1.1% price appreciation, respectively. The Philippines' capital Manila topped the global list with the highest price appreciation of 11.1% last year, followed by Edinburgh (Scotland) in second position with 10.6% rise. The German cities of Berlin and Munich took the third and fourth positions, respectively, followed by the Argentine capital Buenos Aires in fifth rank. Singapore was the only Asian city after Manila to feature in the top-ten list, with a price appreciation of 9.1%.

12) Name the country, where the entire government has resigned after failing to achieve a key policy goal on social welfare and healthcare reform.

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

Answer – 1) Finland

Explanation:

Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipila, along with his cabinet, resigned after failing to push through parliament plans to overhaul health services and social care in the face of an aging population, just a few weeks before the general elections. He tendered his resignation to President Sauli Niinisto, who asked him to stay on as caretaker until the elections in April 2019. Statistics Finland has estimated that more than a quarter of the population will be aged over 65 by 2030, making a more cost-effective welfare state a top priority. The Prime Minister's proposed solutions included creating regional authorities for health and welfare services, rather than the local municipalities that currently manage the system, and offering including private companies in the healthcare system to a greater extent to offer "freedom of choice". The plan involved a drastic reorganization of the way health care is administered at a local level as well as a greater role for the private sector.

13) The first high level delegation from India had visited Paraguay, since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1961. Who headed this delegation?

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

Answer – 2) Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation:

Vice President of India, M Venkaiah Naidu is on a 2 Nation visit to Paraguay and Costa Rica. He was accompanied by a high-level delegation including the Minister of State for Tourism K J Alphons, the Members of Parliament and Senior Officials. Vice President, Venkaiah Naidu met President of the Republic of Paraguay Mario Abdo Benitez, Vice President Hugo Velazquez and the President of the National Congress Silvio Ovelar. This was the first high level visit from India to Paraguay since the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1961.

14) India and Costa Rica collaborated in certain areas. Which of the following fields are part of the collaboration?

- i. In the field of Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology.
- ii. In the field of Agriculture and Food Processing,
- iii. In the field of Digital Sciences and Telecommunications,
- iv. In the field of Space Research and Climate Change.

- 1) Option i and ii are collaborated
- 2) Option ii and iii are collaborated
- 3) Option iii and iv are collaborated
- 4) All the above mention fields are collaborated
- 5) None of these are collaborated

Answer – 4) All the above mention fields are collaborated

Explanation:

Vice President addressed India-Costa Rica Business Forum. Both the countries collaborate in areas such as Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology, Agriculture and Food Processing, Digital Sciences and Telecommunications, renewable energy, Space Research and Climate Change.

15) Which country is elected as the deputy chairman of the general body of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC member States (PUIC) in Rabat, Morocco?

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

Answer – 1) Pakistan

Explanation:

On 11th March 2019, Pakistan elected as deputy chairman of the general body of the Parliamentary Union of the OIC member States (PUIC) in Rabat, Morocco. PUIC conference also adopted two resolutions presented by Pakistan related to Kashmir. Parliamentary Union of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) is an influential group of 57 countries and majority of them are Muslim-dominated. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj made history by becoming the first Indian invitee to an OIC summit, attended the inaugural plenary of the 46th session of the Council of Foreign Ministers (CFM) of the OIC in Abu Dhabi where Pakistan was elected. PUIC was established in Iran on 17th June, 1999, composed of parliaments of member states of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation with its head office situated in Tehran.

16) Which of the following organization, released a Global Influenza Strategy for 2019-2030 aimed at protecting people from the threat of influenza?

- 1) Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance
- 2) World Health Assembly
- 3) World Health Organization
- 4) National Health Service
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) World Health Organization

Explanation:

World Health Organization (WHO) released a Global Influenza Strategy for 2019-2030 aimed at protecting people in all countries from the threat of influenza, one of the world's greatest public health challenges. The aim of the strategy is to prevent seasonal influenza, control the spread of influenza from animals to humans, and prepare for the next influenza pandemic. Every year across the globe, there are an estimated 1 billion cases, of which 3 to 5 million are severe cases, resulting in 290000 to 650000 influenza-related respiratory deaths. WHO recommends annual influenza vaccination as the most effective way to prevent influenza, which is especially important for people at higher risk of serious influenza complications and for health care workers.

17) Who was conferred with an Honorary Doctorate by the University of Peace founded by the United Nations Organisations (UNO) for his contribution "to the Rule of Law, democracy and sustainable development in India"?

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

Answer – 3) Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation:

President of Costa Rica and Vice President Venkaiah Naidu made a joint press statement. Vice President also conferred and honorary doctorate by the University of Peace founded by the United Nations for his contributions "to the Rule of Law, democracy and sustainable development in India".

18) Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with the Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, unveiled e-plaques for development projects in Bangladesh. Which of the following is not a part of it?

- i. Supply of buses and trucks
 - ii. Inauguration of 36 community clinics
 - iii. 11 water treatment plants
 - iv. Extension of National Knowledge Network to Bangladesh
 - v. Inauguration of Thermal Power Plant.
- 1) Option i and ii are not part of it.
 - 2) Option ii and iv are not part of it
 - 3) All other option excluding ii are part of it.
 - 4) All other option excluding v are part of it.
 - 5) None of the above.

Answer – 4) All other option excluding v are part of it.

Explanation:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi along with the Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, unveiled e-plaques for development projects in Bangladesh, through video conferencing. The e-plaques are for the following projects: Supply of buses and trucks Inauguration of 36 community clinics 11 water treatment plants Extension of National Knowledge Network to Bangladesh. The National Knowledge Network will connect scholars and research institutes in Bangladesh to India and the world. The buses and trucks will assist the efforts towards affordable public transportation and the water treatment plants will help supply clean water. The community clinics will benefit about 2 lakh people in Bangladesh.

19) What is the name of the exercise between India and Oman that held in Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains, Oman?

- 1) Exercise Sarvada Vijay
- 2) Exercise Ajeya Warrior IV
- 3) Exercise Shoor Veer
- 4) Exercise Al Nagah III
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Exercise Al Nagah III

Explanation:

The 3rd edition of the series of bilateral joint exercise between the armies of India and Oman, called Exercise Al Nagah III, commenced on 12th March 2019 and will continue till 25th March 2019 at Jabel Al Akhdar Mountains in Oman where both the armies will be exchanging expertise in tactics, weapon handling and firing, in order to enhance inter operability in counter-terrorist operations in semi urban mountainous terrain. The Indian Army contingent will be represented by 4 Officers, 9 Junior Commissioned Officers and 47 other ranks of 10th Battalion of the Garhwal Rifles and a similar strength will be showcased by Jabel Regiment of Royal Army of Oman (RAO). The first two joint exercises were held in Oman in January 2015 and India in March 2017 respectively.

20) Which plane was banned by India after the Ethiopian Airlines crash?

- 1) Boeing 777 Max 200
- 2) Boeing 747 Max 400
- 3) Boeing 737 Max 8
- 4) Boeing 742 Max 100
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Boeing 737 Max 8

Explanation:

The entry or transit of Boeing 737 Max 8 aircraft has been banned by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in the Indian airspace from 1600 hrs IST or 1030 UTC 13th March 2019 following the Ethiopian Airlines crash that killed 157 people. The airlines affected by this are SpiceJet which has 13 jets

of the model 8 variant and Jet Airways which has 5 jets of this variant. All the top 10 countries in the air passenger travel category, except the United States and Japan have banned flights of the Boeing 737 MAX 8.

21) Indian Pavilion in London Book Fair was focused on the life of which Indian leader?

- 1) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 2) Mahatma Gandhi
- 3) Jawaharlal Nehru
- 4) Indira Gandhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Mahatma Gandhi**

Explanation:

On 12th March 2019, India Pavilion was inaugurated by Vikram Sahay, Joint Secretary in Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and Sadhana Rout, Director General in the Publications Division in the London Book Fair. London Book Fair is being organized from 12th March to 14th March 2019. The Indian Pavilion is focused on 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and it displays the digital version of Life and times of Mahatma Gandhi. The Statue of Unity and other major achievements of India is also presented in the Indian Pavilion.

22) Where is the 9th round of the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue held?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) New York
- 3) Mumbai
- 4) Washington
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Washington**

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, the 9th round of the U.S.-India Strategic Security Dialogue held in Washington DC, United States. Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale led the Indian delegation and Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Andrea Thompson led the US delegation. The two sides exchanged views on a wide range of global security and non-proliferation challenges. Both nations reaffirmed their commitment to work together to prevent the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems and to deny access to such weapons by terrorists and non-state actors. US will help in building 6 nuclear power plants in India which will boost bilateral civil nuclear energy cooperation. US reaffirmed its strong support of India's early membership in the Nuclear Suppliers Group. 3rd round of the U.S.-India Space Dialogue was held on 12th March 2019 where they discussed trends in space threats, respective national space priorities and opportunities for cooperation bilaterally and in multilateral fora.

23) Which city topped in the Mercer's annual Quality of Living Survey 2019 making it the 10th year in a row?

- 1) Auckland
- 2) Geneva
- 3) Munich
- 4) Vienna
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Vienna**

Explanation:

The human resource consulting firm, Mercer's annual Quality of Living Survey 2019 has placed Austria's capital city Vienna at the number one spot, making it the 10th year in a row. The Mercer's top 10 is dominated by European cities mainly in Switzerland and Germany and the only cities outside of Europe to make the top 10 list are Vancouver, Canada, and Auckland, New Zealand. Top 10 cities in the list:

Vienna, Austria Zürich, Switzerland (tie) Vancouver, Canada , (tie) Munich, Germany, (tie) Auckland, New Zealand Düsseldorf, Germany Frankfurt, Germany Copenhagen, Denmark Geneva, Switzerland Basel, Switzerland. Mercer bases its annual rankings of 231 cities on medical and health considerations, the natural, political, and social environment, as well as access to education, transportation, recreation, and culture. The Economist Intelligence Unit had also given Vienna the top spot in its ranking of the world's most liveable cities in 2018. Hyderabad and Pune, at a rank of 143, continue to be the most liveable cities in India for expatriates. The two cities are followed by Bengaluru (149), Mumbai (154) and New Delhi (162), whose rankings remained unchanged from last year.

24) European Union added 10 countries to Tax Blacklist making it to 15 countries in the list. Which of the following countries is not Tax Blacklisted?

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Marshall Island
- 3) Sudan
- 4) Barbados
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sudan

Explanation:

On 12th March 2019, the European Union expanded the blacklist by 10 Countries adding the United Arab Emirates, Barbados and the Marshall Island. The list had previously included five countries and now it became 15 countries. Due to their inability towards reform commitments, countries including Aruba, Belize, Bermuda, Fiji, Oman, Vanuatu, and Dominica are moved from grey list to black list. Naming and Shaming tactics through Tax blacklist or Tax havens done by European Union as a tool for securing a level playing field and as an external strategy for effective taxation by assessing, screening and listing third-country tax jurisdictions which are non-cooperative in tax matters.

25) Which of the following agency released the sixth Global Environment Outlook 2019?

- 1) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 2) United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)
- 3) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 4) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) released sixth Global Environment Outlook 2019 calls decision makers to take immediate action to address environmental issues to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals as well as other Internationally Agreed Environment Goals, such as the Paris Agreement. As per the report, a quarter of all premature deaths and diseases worldwide are due to manmade pollution and environmental damage. The report notes that as greenhouse gas emissions continue to rise. It also warns that deadly emissions, chemicals polluting drinking water, and the accelerating destruction of ecosystems crucial to the livelihoods of billions of people are driving a worldwide epidemic that hampers the global economy. The growing divide between rich and poor as uncontrolled overconsumption, pollution and food waste in the developed world leads to hunger, poverty and disease elsewhere. The lack of access to clean drinking supplies leads 1.4 million people die each year from preventable diseases such as diarrhea and parasites linked to pathogen-riddled water and poor sanitation.

26) Name the joint anti-terrorism exercise that was decided during 34th Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisations (SCOs) Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Council in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

- 1) Western Explorer 2019
- 2) Metro Surge 2019

- 3) Sary – Arka – Antiterror 2019
- 4) Black Angus 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sary Arka Antiterror 2019**

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, 34th Meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisations (SCOs) Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure (RATS) Council held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. A joint exercise 'Sary – Arka – Antiterror 2019' will be held as decided by the RATS in the session. India, Pakistan and other member nations will participate in the joint anti-terrorism exercise which will be held this year. The meeting was chaired by Russia. The meeting also decided to hold the first stage of joint border operation 'Solidarity 2019 - 2021'. India and Pakistan entered the SCO in 2017 where China plays an influential role along with Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. RATS promote cooperation of member states against terrorism, separatism and extremism. It is a permanent organ of the SCO.

27) Which city hosted the first BRICS Sherpa meeting 2019?

- 1) Curitiba, Brazil
- 2) New Delhi, India
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Johannesburg, South Africa
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Curitiba, Brazil**

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, the first BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) Sherpa meeting held in Curitiba, Brazil under the Presidency of Brazil. Indian delegation was led by Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs T S Tirumurti. India during the meeting conveyed its support for the priority areas started by the Brazil which particularly take forward counter terrorism as a rising issue. Brazil will give priority to science, technology and innovation, New Development Bank, digital economy and BRICS Business Council. It will also give priority to countering transnational crime and terrorism. The need to take forward people to people cooperation as well as cooperation in science and technology, innovation, health and traditional medicines. BRICS is a group of five emerging countries: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Earlier it was known as BRIC before South Africa joined the group.

28) What was the theme of 4th session of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) held in Nairobi, Kenya?

- 1) Theme – "Attaining the 2030 Agenda: delivering on our promise "
- 2) Theme – "Micro Irrigation and Modern Agriculture "
- 3) Theme – "Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India "
- 4) Theme – "Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – "Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption"**

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, the 4th session of United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) held in Nairobi, Kenya where the India piloted resolutions on single-use plastics and sustainable nitrogen management. The theme of the 4th session of UNEA was Innovative solutions for environmental challenges and sustainable production and consumption. India hosted the High – Level Segment of UNEA which is a session on 'Global Partnerships: Key to Unlocking Resource Efficiency and Inclusive Green Economies'. As the global nitrogen efficiency is low, it results in pollution which contributes to climate change and ozone depletion. Most of the plastics produced are of single-use which will damage the environment and aquatic bio-diversity. The availability of sufficient climate finance plays a key role in overcoming environmental challenges. The developed countries usually provide fund for climate action.

29) Which edition of India – US Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTII) held in Washington DC, United States?

- 1) 6th
- 2) 7th
- 3) 4th
- 4) 2nd
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 7th**

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, 7th India – US Defence Technology and Trade Initiative (DTII) which focused on encouraging the United States and Indian industry to work together held in Washington DC, United States. The aim of the meeting is to transform the bilateral defence relationship into an independent strategic decision maker. It will strengthen India's defence industrial base by making it more collaborative from the traditional buyer-seller. It seeks on a collaboration on science and technology by identifying opportunities for co-production, co-development and expand US- India business ties. DTII meeting is held twice in year alternately in India and United States. It seeks to overcome bureaucratic obstacles to cooperation. The US Department of Defence in 2015 established an exclusive India Rapid Reaction Cell to support the DTII.

30) Where did External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj unveil a plaque of the renovated Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Male, Maldives
- 3) Bengaluru, India
- 4) Funadhoo, Maldives
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Male, Maldives**

Explanation:

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held a 2-day joint ministerial meeting for 17th and 18th March 2019, with her Maldivian counterpart Abdullah Shahid, where the latter has assured to remain sensitive towards India's security and strategic concerns. Sushma Swaraj has also unveiled a plaque of the renovated Indira Gandhi Memorial Hospital in Male, Maldives. She has dedicated the hospital to the natives of the Maldives. It is going to be the first and largest government healthcare facility in the Maldives.

31) Name the bank of India, which had signed line of credit (LOC) worth \$800 million to finance the infrastructure projects in Maldives during External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visit?

- 1) ICICI Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) Export Import Bank of India (EXIM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Export Import Bank of India (EXIM)**

Explanation:

External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj held a 2-day joint ministerial meeting for 17th and 18th March 2019, with her Maldivian counterpart Abdullah Shahid, where the latter has assured to remain sensitive towards India's security and strategic concerns. An Agreement was signed between Export Import Bank of India (EXIM) and Maldives Finance Ministry for line of credit (LOC) of \$800 million to finance the infrastructure projects of the new government in Maldives. India will provide finance assistance of 1.4 billion US dollars, as per the announcement made during Ibrahim Mohamed Solih's visit in December 2018. The Line of Credit is a part of this finance assistance. Exim Bank will charge 1.75 percent interest rate and the loan will come with a 15-year repayment period after the 5 years of moratorium.

32) India and Maldives signed 3 agreements during External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj visit, which was not one among them?

- i. In the field of Agriculture and Research practices.
- ii. Exemption from visa requirement for holders of diplomatic and official passports
- iii. Implementation of high impact community development projects through local bodies.
- iv. In the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy.

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

Answer – 1) Option i

Explanation:

This visit has availed both India and Maldives to exchange approved agreement on visa facilitation for diplomatic and official passport holders, development cooperation, and renewable energy to benefit both the countries. Both the countries have also agreed on a wide spectrum of issues to further collaborate for development cooperation and to intensify people to people contact. India and Maldives have also signed an agreement and 2 Memorandums of Understanding to collaborate in the field of energy efficiency and renewable energy. These MoUs will focus on Indian Grant Assistance for the implementation of High Impact Community Development Projects through local bodies in the Maldives.

33) Which country had exempted the Tier 2 (General) cap of PhD-level work visas?

- 1) Russia
- 2) US
- 3) UK
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) UK

Explanation:

U.K. Chancellor Philip Hammond announced in a Budget update, referred to as the annual Spring Statement, that from Autumn 2019, PhD-level occupations will be exempt from the Tier 2 (General) cap, and at the same time the government will update the immigration rules on 180-day absences so that researchers conducting fieldwork overseas are not penalised if they apply to settle in the U.K. Indians are among the largest group of professionals set to benefit from this decision, as they form the largest chunk of highly-skilled professionals within the Tier 2 (General) category of work visas, accounting for 54% of all such visas granted in 2018. Indian nationals also marked the largest increase in the grant of Tier 2 visas last year, up by 6% at 3,023 more visas compared to the previous year.

34) Name the top three cities, that share the top spot in the world's most expensive city for first time in the 30 year long history according to Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) survey.

- i. Singapore
- ii. Paris
- iii. Hong Kong
- iv. Geneva
- 1) Option i alone
- 2) Option i & ii alone
- 3) Option i, ii & iii
- 4) All the above mentioned Options
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Option i, ii & iii

Explanation:

On 19 March 2019, the annual Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) survey listed Singapore, Paris and Hong

Kong as the world's most expensive cities. In the 30 year long history it is for the first time the three cities are sharing the top spot. Zurich and Geneva in Switzerland ranked fourth and fifth respectively in the Expensive Cities list while Osaka in Japan ranked 6th position. As per EIU, Bengaluru, Chennai and New Delhi ranked 5th, 7th and 8th position respectively among the top ten cheapest cities. Caracas in Venezuela topped the cheapest cities in the world list. Damascus in Syria 2nd followed by Tashkent in Uzbekistan and Almaty in Kazakhstan. The survey will help the companies to calculate cost of living allowances and build compensation packages for business travelers and expatriates.

35) Where did 4th Round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) to enhance the two-way commerce between India and Peru held?

- 1) Trujillo, Peru
- 2) Bengaluru, India
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Lima, Peru
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Lima, Peru**

Explanation:

4th Round of Free Trade Agreement (FTA) talks between India and Peru concluded in Lima on 15th March. The FTA agreement is aimed to enhance the two-way commerce between India and Peru. The Bilateral trade between India and Peru has been increased from 1.77 billion dollars in 2016-17 to 3.13 billion dollars in 2017-18 and Lima ranked third among export destination for India in Latin America and Caribbean region.

36) Which country has renamed its capital as Nursultan recently?

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

Answer – **2) Kazakhstan**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Kazakhstan has renamed its capital as Nursultan from its previous name Astana in order to recognize its outgoing leader Nursultan Nazarbayev (78), who has served nearly 30 years as president of Kazakhstan. The name was changed after Kassym-Jomart Tokayev sworn in as president of Kazakhstan. The new president will serve till April 2020.

37) What was the theme of the first ever High-Level Dialogue on Indo-Pacific Cooperation (HLD-IPC), that held in Jakarta, Indonesia?

- 1) Theme – “Towards a Peaceful, Prosperous and Inclusive Region ”
- 2) Theme – “Digital Disruption and Innovation: Future of Procurement ”
- 3) Theme – “Reviving the Millennial Partnership ”
- 4) Theme – “Building partnerships through global value Chain ”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Towards a Peaceful, Prosperous and Inclusive Region ”**

Explanation:

The Government of Indonesia has hosted the first ever High-Level Dialogue on Indo-Pacific Cooperation (HLD-IPC) in its capital city Jakarta. The theme of the HLD was “Towards a Peaceful, Prosperous, and Inclusive Region”. It was inaugurated by Indonesia's Vice President Jusuf Kalla. The Dialogue saw the participation of representatives from India, Australia, US, Brunei Darussalam, Japan, South Korea, Russia, New Zealand and China apart from 10 member ASEAN countries. The objective behind this meet was to urge all participating governments to talk openly about their plans for increasing cooperation and for

building trust in the Pacific Ocean and Indian Ocean region. The Indo-Pacific region is comprised of three-fifth of the world's population with gross domestic product (GDP) amounted to US\$52 trillion.

38)What is the rank of India,according to the United Nation's World Happiness Report 2019?

- 1) 127
- 2) 130
- 3) 133
- 4) 140
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 140**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, United Nations released World Happiness Report where India is ranked 140th out of 156 nations. India shows a 7 spot decline along with five other countries. For the second consecutive year, Finland topped the list. Denmark ranked second followed by Norway, Islands and The Netherlands. The report was released on World Happiness Day (Mar 20) by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network for the United Nations. Pakistan ranked 67th, Bhutan 95th, China 93rd, Bangladesh 125th and Sri Lanka 130th while South Sudan ranked last in the World Happiness Report. Income, freedom, Social support, trust, healthy life expectancy and generosity are the six key variables assessed for the report. The results of the report are correlated with factors including social security and GDP.

39)According to the world airport traffic rankings 2018 by Airports Council International (ACI),which Indian airport became the 12th busiest airport in the world?

- 1) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport
- 2) Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)
- 3) Kempegowda International Airport
- 4) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA)**

Explanation:

In accordance with the preliminary world airport traffic rankings for 2018 released by Airports Council International (ACI), the Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) of New Delhi has elevated 4 ranks to reach at 12th spot in terms of busiest airport as compared to 2017's 16 spot. The list of world's busiest airports by passenger traffic ranking has been topped by Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport (US) followed by Beijing Capital International Airport (China) and Dubai International Airport (UAE). In 2018, India has followed US and China to become the world's third-largest aviation market in terms of passenger throughput.

40)Which country has become the first G7 country to join China's 'Belt and Road' initiative?

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

Answer – **1) Italy**

Explanation:

Italy and China want to revive the spirit of the ancient Silk Road by deepening their trade and investment ties. Italy has signed a non-binding protocol with China to take part in Beijing's new Silk Road of transport and trade links stretching from Asia to Europe. Italy became the first G7 country to sign up for the project. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte both attended a ceremony in Rome yesterday for the signing of 29 Memoranda of Understanding, which Italian media said were worth 5.6 to 8 billion US Dollars.

41)What is the rank of India in the Energy Transition index 2019 released by World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- 1) 70th
 - 2) 76th
 - 3) 80th
 - 4) 81st
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) 76th**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, India ranks 76th (among 115 countries) on a global energy transition index which was compiled by Geneva-based World Economic Forum (WEF), based on their energy system performance and affordability.

42)Which country topped in the second edition of WEF global Energy Transition index 2019?

- 1) Finland
 - 2) Norway
 - 3) Switzerland
 - 4) Sweden
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) Sweden**

Explanation:

The top three performers are Sweden, followed by Switzerland and Norway. In the second edition of the Energy Transition Index, India improved its rank by two points from last year (2018) higher than China (82nd). Despite the fact that India has high pollution levels and high CO2 intensity amongst these 115 countries, it has made a significant improvement in its energy access and regulations in recent years. In the BRICS block of emerging economies, After Brazil (rank 46th) India ranked second best. Among the major economies, UK ranked 7th, Singapore ranked 13th, Germany ranked 17th, Japan ranked 18th and the US ranked 27th in this index. India scored low in terms of system performance (ranking 97 and 86, respectively), but it ranks considerably higher in terms of readiness to adapt to future energy needs (45 and 61 respectively).

43)Name the Joint training military exercise, that held between Indian and Sri Lanka Army in Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka.

- 1) Yudh Abhyas VII
 - 2) Sudarshan Shakti
 - 3) Ajeya Warrior IV
 - 4) Mitrashakti – VI
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) Mitrashakti – VI**

Explanation:

From 26 March to 08 April 2019, the joint training exercise MITRASHAKTI – VI between Indian and Sri Lanka Army is being held at Diyatalawa in Sri Lanka to strengthen interoperability, mutual understanding and built a better relationship between both the armies. An Indian contingent of 120 Army personnel, including 11 officers took part in this exercise. It is an annual event held in India and Sri Lanka alternatively. The previous exercise (MITRASHAKTI – V) was held at Pune, India where 120 personnel of Sri Lanka Army had participated. The exercise will also help to build excellence in tackling terrorism, conduct of joint tactical operations and building combat skills.

44)Where is the world's largest e-waste recycling plant inaugurated?

- 1) Kuala Lumpur Industrial Park, Malaysia
- 2) London Industrial Park, London
- 3) Dubai Industrial Park, Dubai

4) Bengaluru Industrial Park, India

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dubai Industrial Park, Dubai

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, the world's largest e-waste recycling plant has opened in Dubai Industrial Park, Dubai by 'Enviroserve' company with a total cost of \$5 million. It will recycle Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE), IT asset disposition (ITAD), refrigerant gas and specialized waste. The processing capacity of this recycling hub is 100,000 tonnes of total integrated waste (per year), of which 39,000 tonnes is e-waste. The recycling hub will use state-of-the-art reclamation technology, which beat the European Union's standards for e-waste. The project is supported by the Swiss Government Export Finance Agency.

45) What is the name of corridor approved by Pakistan Government for Hindu pilgrims recently?

1) Sharada Peeth Corridor

2) Siliguri Corridor

3) India Pakistan Economic Corridor

4) IT Corridor

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Sharada Peeth Corridor

Explanation:

After Kartarpur Corridor, now Government of Pakistan has given its consent to the proposal of opening Sharada Peeth Corridor for Hindu pilgrims to visit Sharada Peeth located in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (POK). The 5000 years old Sharada Peeth is an ancient Hindu temple and cultural site in PoK. It is also an ancient centre of learning, dedicated to the Hindu goddess of learning.

46) Where did Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA) 2019 held?

1) Abu Dhabi, UAE

2) Langkawi, Malaysia

3) New Delhi, India

4) Washington D.C., U.S.

5) None of these

Answer – 2) Langkawi, Malaysia

Explanation:

The 5 days long, Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA-2019) is being commenced at Langkawi, Malaysia. Indian Air force is participating for the first time to enhance the relationship between the two services. The Indian group consists 02xLCA, 01xC-130J and one x IL-76ac along with 27 officers, 42 air warriors and 11 HAL personnel.

47) Name the India's supersonic fighter jet that took part in Langkawi International Maritime Aero Expo (LIMA) 2019.

1) Mikoyan MiG-27

2) Sukhoi Su-30MKI

3) Mirage-2000

4) Tejas

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tejas

Explanation:

In LIMA 2019, Indian side is representing by its indigenous supersonic fighters jet Tejas and anti submarine warfare corvette INS Kadmat. The Expo will provide Indian Air Force an opportunity to interact with the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) Counterparts and create a close relationship with them.

48) According to 2018 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), India's poverty rate has been reduced to _____ percent from 55 percent?

- 1) 35%
 - 2) 30%
 - 3) 28%
 - 4) 40%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) 28%**

Explanation:

In accordance with the 2018 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI), India's poverty rate has shown a drastic decrease in 10 years, from 55% to 28%. The index has shown that, in the years between 2005-06 and 2015-16, 271 million people are moved out of poverty in India. Apart from the huge progress, India is still a home to the highest number of MPI poor comprising 364 million poor in 2015-16. Although the number is reduced from 635 million in 2005-06. More than half of the India's multidimensional poor (196 million) are from the four states viz. Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh while Delhi, Kerala and Goa have lowest multidimensional poverty. On the global front, there are 1.3 billion people live in multidimensional poverty. By region, MPI index is higher in Sub-Saharan Africa.

49) Which of these fixtures won the world's best aviation hub award continuously seventh time in Skytrax Global Airport Award 2019?

- 1) Hamad International Airport, Qatar
 - 2) Haneda Airport, Japan
 - 3) Incheon International Airport, South Korea
 - 4) Changi Airport, Singapore
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) Changi Airport, Singapore**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, Skytrax World Airport Awards named Singapore's Changi Airport as the world's best aviation hub for the seventh time in a row, while Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi climbed 8 places to rank at 59th Position. The Skytrax World Airport Awards are voted for by customers in a global airport customer satisfaction survey and the awards were distributed at the Passenger Terminal Expo 2019 in London. Tokyo International Airport (Japan) was ranked at the second spot whereas Incheon International Airport (South Korea) ranked at the third spot.

50) Pentagon has planned to establish a new wall at which of the following border in order to prevent illegal migration and drug trafficking?

- 1) Russia–United States border
- 2) Mexico–United States border
- 3) Canada–United States border
- 4) Cuba–United States border
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Mexico–United States border**

Explanation:

The Pentagon, the headquarters of the United States Department of Defence has notified that it has authorized to shift US \$1 billion from a military personnel account to establish a new wall of 57 mile and 18 foot high fence at the southern U.S. Mexico border. This wall would prevent illegal migration and drug trafficking from Mexico. Department of Defense has authorised the Army Corp of Engineers to begin planning and construction for the project. The department will direct the funds towards fencing along the Yuma and El Paso sections of the border.

51) Which two countries has signed an agreement to enrich military relations?

- 1) United States and Canada
- 2) United States and Russia
- 3) United States and Mexico
- 4) United States and Oman
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) United States and Oman

Explanation:

The United States Navy has signed an agreement with Oman to use the southern Omani ports which will allow American ships and warplanes to take advantage of omani ports and airports. This deal is aimed at bolstering Omani-American military relations. The deal will benefit the facilities offered at some of the Sultanate's ports and airports during visits of the US military vessels and aircraft, particularly in the port of Duqm.

52) Which city hosted the 16th meeting of the Canada-India Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism and its Expert Sub-group?

- 1) Toronto, Canada
- 2) Mumbai, India
- 3) Ottawa, Canada
- 4) Kolkata, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ottawa, Canada

Explanation:

The 16th meeting of the Canada-India Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism and its Expert Sub-group was held in Ottawa on 26th and 27th March to provide detailed briefings on their respective nation's counter-terrorism priorities, strategies and legislative frameworks. The meeting has reviewed the threats posed by terrorist groups worldwide and in their respective countries and regions. In this meeting, India and Canada have signed an agreement on a Joint Action Plan outlining to strengthen collaboration in counter-terrorism.

53) Where did 16th meeting of the U.S. India Counter terrorism Joint Working Group held?

- 1) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 2) Washington, DC, US
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) California, US
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Washington, DC, US

Explanation:

On 29th March, 2019, Officials from India and United States held the 16th meeting of the U.S.-India Counter terrorism Joint Working Group and the Second session of the U.S.-India Designations Dialogue in Washington, DC, US. In this meet both the countries have decided to lay their efforts to address world's most pressing counter-terrorism challenges, countering the financing and operations of terrorist organizations. In the meeting, India and USA have also underlined the need for Pakistan to take verifiable action against terrorists groups.

54) UN Security Council passed a new Resolution 2462 in order to combat which of the following issue?

- 1) Nuclear proliferation
- 2) Climate change
- 3) Terror financing
- 4) Global warming
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Terror financing

Explanation:

The Security Council of UN has passed the new Resolution 2462 which is intended to crack down on the financing of terrorist groups and ordering members to enforce laws against terror financing. The resolution will take concrete steps that would make it more difficult for terrorist groups to fund their operations. This is the first step by UN to focus solely on the issue and address the terrorist groups and their affiliates.

55) European Parliament has banned the single-use plastic, which will be effective from ____ year?

- 1) 2021
- 2) 2020
- 3) 2022
- 4) 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 2021

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, The European Parliament has banned the single-use plastic cutlery, cotton buds, straws and stirrers that despoils beaches and pollutes oceans. This ban will be effective from 2021 in all EU member states. The law sets a target to gather 90 percent of plastic bottles for recycling by 2029 and plastic bottles should be produced with 25 percent recycled material by 2025 and 30 percent by 2030.

56) Which Automotive company has developed the 'largest power storage system in Asia' installed in Osaka train station in Japan?

- 1) Daimler AG
- 2) Toyota Motor Corporation
- 3) General Motors
- 4) Tesla
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tesla

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, Tesla has developed its 'largest power storage system in Asia' at Osaka train station in Japan to reduce energy demand and provide emergency backup power to trains in Japan. It was launched in partnership with Kintetsu, a railway operator in Japan's Osaka. Tesla has installed 42 Powerpacks units at Osaka train station in Japan which will provide enough amount of energy to safely move a train and its passengers for up to 30 minutes to the nearest station if any power failure happens. This 7 megawatt-hours (MWh) system is not only the largest energy storage project in Asia, but also the fourth largest in the greater Asia-Pacific (APAC) region.

57) Who was the first Indian President to visit Croatia?

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

Answer – 4) Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation:

President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind visited Croatia as the part of his 3-nation visit along with a high level delegations from 25-28 March 2018. He became the first President to visit Croatia and Bolivia. He visited Bolivia from 28-30 March and his last destination of 3-nation visit is Chile.

58) How many MoU's were signed between India and Croatia to enhance Culture, Tourism and Sports sectors?

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

Answer – 2) 4

Explanation:

On 26th March, 2019, President, Ram Nath Kovind held productive talks with his Croatian counterpart Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic to discuss all aspects of bilateral relations. The two countries have signed 4 Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) on culture, tourism and sports. An MoU was signed between the Sports Authority of India and the Department of Kinesiology in the University of Zagreb for building capacity in sports. An MoU was signed regarding culture which consists of 2 agreements to establish Indian Council for Cultural Relations Chair for Sanskrit and Hindi language at the University of Zagreb. The 2 countries also signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of tourism to help deepen links in this important sector.

59) What was the theme of the Croatian-Indian Economic Forum in Zagreb?

- 1) Theme – “India – Croatia relations- the way forward”
- 2) Theme – “India – Croatia relations-in the Economic front”
- 3) Theme – “India – Croatia relations-in the business front”
- 4) Theme – “India – Croatia relations”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “India – Croatia relations- the way forward”

Explanation:

On 27th March, 2019, Ram Nath Kovind addressed the Croatian-Indian Economic Forum in Zagreb, Croatia to delegate Indian and Croatian businesses to partner with each other for trade, technology and investment collaboration. The theme of the address was “India – Croatia relations- the way forward”. Both the countries discussed to integrate the value and supply chains to derive maximum benefit economically.

BANKING & FINANCE

1) Name the Bank, that had signed a bancassurance agreement with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to lend LIC's insurance products?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) IDBI Bank
- 3) Yes Bank
- 4) ICICI Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) IDBI Bank

Explanation:

IDBI Bank and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) signed a bancassurance agreement under which the lender will offer LIC's insurance products at its branches. As part of the agreement, IDBI Bank will become the preferred bank for LIC premium payments and also function as premium point to boost sale of LIC products, thereby gaining from fees and float income. The State-owned life insurer, LIC, acquired a majority stake in IDBI Bank, and the bank has also appointed LIC Chairman Hemant Bhargava as its non-executive whole-time Chairman.

2)How much Crore will be infused by Reserve Bank of India(RBI) into the system through purchase of government securities under Open Market Operations (OMOs) in February?

- 1) Rs. 32,500 Crore
- 2) Rs. 35,500 Crore
- 3) Rs. 37,500 Crore
- 4) Rs. 39,500 Crore
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Rs. 37,500 Crore

Explanation:

On 26th February 2019, The Reserve Bank of India announced that in order to increase liquidity, it will infuse Rs. 37,500 crore into the system through purchase of government securities under Open Market Operations (OMOs) in February. The infusion will be made through three auctions of Rs 125 billion each during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th week. The aggregate amount will be Rs 375 billion. There will be no auction in first week of February due to scheduled MPC meeting. The dates of auction will be announced by RBI in due course.

3)According to BCG-IBA Report on EASE Reforms index released by Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs,which of the following bank,has and secured the top spot among all public sector banks(PSB's)?

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

Answer - 2) Punjab National Bank

Explanation:

According to BCG-IBA Report on EASE Reforms index released by Union Minister of Finance & Corporate Affairs, Punjab National Bank (PNB) which is fraud hit bank, secured the top spot among all public sector banks in the implementation of 'Reforms agenda'. Index has measured Banks on 140 objective metrics across 6 themes including customer responsiveness, credit off-take and digitalization. The EASE (Enhanced Access and Service Excellence) report has shown significant enhancement in PSB performance on the back of Government's 4R's strategy- recognition, recovery, recapitalisation and reforms. PNB which topped the list with a score of 78.4 out of 100 in the EASE-index was followed by BoB (77.8), SBI (74.6), Oriental Bank of Commerce (69). The PSB banks have recovered Rs 98493 crore in first nine months of FY19. The Government has infused Rs 3.19 lakh crores in PSB to strengthened their balance sheet and five banks have come out of PCA (Prompt Corrective action) restrictions.

4)Name the platform,that had partnered with ICICI Lombard to provide the insurance cover of ICICI to lenders and borrowers?

- 1) AnyTimeLoan.in
- 2) Ladder.in
- 3) Bima.in
- 4) Sureify.in
- 5) None of these

Answer -1) AnyTimeLoan.in

Explanation:

On 25th February 2019, A private sector non-life insurance company in India ICICI Lombard has entered into a strategic partnership with Hyderabad based peer-to-peer lending platform AnyTimeLoan.in (ATL) to provide insurance cover for its lenders and borrowers. ICICI Lombard will offer Group Secure Mind and Group Personal Accident policies to the customers of ATL which will cover the borrowers of all types of loans on the platform with policy term of 1 to 3 years. There will be insurance cover for the lenders

which will come with free premium for the first year on a complimentary basis. On behalf of the beneficiaries ATL will absorb this cost. The partnership will reduce the risk of exposure of its lenders and borrowers which are arising from uncertainties such as accidents, death, disability, critical illness, loss of job among others.

5) To mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, _____ based company will release 12 bank notes of zero value which is the first ever limited edition commemorative series?

- 1) US
- 2) India
- 3) UAE
- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) UAE

Explanation:

On 27th February 2019, a UAE based company will release 12 bank notes of zero value which is the first ever limited edition commemorative series to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. Dubai based Indian artist Akbar Saheb has designed these special notes. He was the main illustrator for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's book 'Mann Ki Baat'. As a tribute to Gandhi, each note will feature memorable incidents from his personal and political life. The initiative will bring Mahatma Gandhi back to life using incidents that are more than just history lessons. It will be a 12 part series. The first 2 notes with just 5000 pieces to be printed in each design will go on sale at selected outlets globally and online while the rest will be released in different phases till October 2. Out of the first 2 notes released, the first note shows the 'Promise to Mother' in 1880 made by Gandhi to his mother and the second note features the historic incident of 1893 when the young lawyer Gandhi was thrown off from a 'Whites only' compartment of a train at Pietermaritzburg railway station in South Africa.

6) Which Bank had signed the loan Agreement with Government of India for financing the Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project, which will connect 3,300 habitations?

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

Answer - 4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Explanation:

A loan agreement of USD 455 million was signed between the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) and the Government of India for financing the Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project, which will connect 3,300 habitations with a population of more than 250, and benefit around 2 million people in New Delhi. The objective of the Project is to improve road transport connectivity in previously unserved communities by providing all weather rural roads in all 13 Districts of Andhra Pradesh. It is the third project in Andhra Pradesh signed by the AIIB after two projects in Power Sector and Water Sector.

7) Name the Bank, that had launched Open Banking Platform for creating a collaborative ecosystem with enterprises, fintechs and app developers?

- 1) Bank of China
- 2) DBS Bank
- 3) HSBC
- 4) Bank of America
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) DBS Bank

Explanation:

As part of efforts towards creating a collaborative ecosystem with enterprises, fintechs and app

developers, and enhancing customer-service delivery, DCB Bank announced the launch of its Open Banking Platform. More than 20 start-ups, fintechs, merchants, enterprises and developers are set to partner with DCB Bank for access to its Open Banking Platform APIs (Application programming interface) and collaborate on innovation and customer centric products. It will provide seamless integration of banking services by improving the existing banking technology infrastructure and at the same time meet the growing demand for innovative solutions from new-age customers.

8) Which Insurance company launched India's first policy to protect bank locker such as jewelry, title documents, and other valuables?

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

Answer - 3) IFFCO Tokio General Insurance

Explanation:

IFFCO Tokio General Insurance launched 'bank locker protector policy', the first stand-alone bank locker cover offered by any insurance company with a plan to protect the contents of a bank locker such as jewelry, title documents, and other valuables. The policy offers a cover against various risks including fire, earthquake, burglary, holdup, infidelity by a bank staff or any act of terrorism. Important documents kept in a locker can also be insured under the policy as an add-on cover. The policy can be sold both as a retail and a group policy for banks. It offers 7 options of sum insured ranging from Rs 3 lakh to Rs 40 lakh and above and the premium rate is affordable with a cover of Rs 3 lakh available at just Rs 300, which is less than Rs 1 per day.

9) Government of India signed a loan agreement of USD 926 Million, with which of the following bank in order to operationalize two lines for the Mumbai Metro Rail System?

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

Answer - 4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of India signed a loan agreement of USD 926 Million in order to operationalize two lines for the Mumbai Metro Rail System and is the Single Largest Infrastructure Project Loan in ADB history. It will fund the following metro lines totalling to about 58 km: 2A (Dahisar to D.N. Nagar) 2B (D.N. Nagar-Bandra-Mandale) 7 (Dahisar [East] to Andheri [East]). It will fund 63 six-car trains, signalling and safety systems, and help establish a new dedicated metro operations organization to manage the entire metro network in Mumbai. The Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) will implement the project and will be operational by the end of 2022. The Project is also ADB's first co-financing with the Shanghai-based New Development Bank, which will provide USD 260 million for the metro systems project.

10) Who will head the 8-member task force constituted by Reserve Bank of India to examine issues related to offshore rupee markets and recommend policy measures?

- 1) Vishwanathan
- 2) Shaktikanta Das
- 3) Usha Thorat
- 4) Viral Acharya
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Usha Thorat

Explanation:

On 28th February, 2019, Reserve Bank of India has constituted a task force which will be headed by its former deputy governor, Usha Thorat to examine issues related to offshore rupee markets and recommend policy measures. The 8-member task force will aim to ensure stability of the external value of the domestic currency. The motive behind this is to develop deep and liquid on-shore financial markets that will act as a price setter of the Rupee globally.

11) According to a report by Credit Suisse, which of the following online platform became the largest fintech lending platform?

- 1) PSBloansin59minutes.com
- 2) I2IFunding.com
- 3) Lendbox.com
- 4) Faircent.com
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) PSBloansin59minutes.com

Explanation:

PSBloansin59minutes.com has become the largest fintech online lending platform, as quoted by a report from Credit Suisse. The portal was launched in November 2018 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It provides loans amounting up to Rs 1 crore to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in just 59 minutes. The report stated that loans worth Rs. 300 billion have been provided and disbursements of around Rs. 250 billion have been done. Loan disbursal time has been reduced to 7-8 working days. The average ticket size (ATS) for new borrowers is Rs 27 lakh and Rs 34 lakh for repeat borrowers.

12) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) penalised Karnataka Bank with _____ Crore, for the delay caused in following the guidelines mentioned in 'Time bound implementation and strengthening of SWIFT related controls'?

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

Answer – 4) 4 Crores

Explanation:

A penalty of the following amount has been imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on 4 PSU banks and 1 private sector bank: Union Bank– Rs. 3 crores Dena Bank– Rs. 2 crores IDBI Bank– Rs. 1 crore Karnataka Bank– Rs. 4 crores. The penalty has been imposed for the delay caused in following the guidelines mentioned in 'Time bound implementation and strengthening of SWIFT related controls' issued by the Reserve Bank of India on 20th February 2018. State Bank of India- Rs. 1 crore for delaying the implementation of the daily reconciliation of Swift transaction logs with effect from February 20, 2018 at 226 "low intensity branches" of the bank.

13) SEBI board with a view to make more cost-effective trade in Indian stock market, the fee for agri-commodity derivative transactions is reduced from Rs.15 per crore to Rs. ____?

- 1) Rs.10
- 2) Rs.1
- 3) Rs.5
- 4) Rs.12
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs.1

Explanation:

On 1st March 2019, SEBI board with a view to making more cost-effective trade in Indian stock market approved lowering of fees charged from brokers, stock exchange and the companies seeking to get

listed. The fees payable to brokers is reduced by 33.33% from Rs.15 per crore of transactions to Rs.10. In case of agri-commodity derivative transactions, the fee would be reduced sharply by 93.33% from Rs.15 to just Re.1. A proposal to grant permanent registration to custodians, instead of periodical renewal every year got approval from SEBI board. The initiative would facilitate ease of doing business for custodians. SEBI also decided to reduce fees payable by the issuers for one refiling is done within one year of validity of observation letter.

14) Government of India had signed the loan agreement worth \$25.2 Million with which of the following bank to provide support to Chhattisgarh Public Financial Management and Accountability Program?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
- 4) Reserve Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) World Bank

Explanation:

A loan agreement worth \$25.2 Million was signed between the central government, Chhattisgarh state government and the World Bank. The agreement was signed in New Delhi by Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India; Ms Kamal Preet Dhillon, Secretary, Finance, on behalf of the Government of Chhattisgarh; and Mr. Hisham Abdo, Acting Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank. It aims to provide support to reforms such as expenditure planning, investment management, budget execution, public procurement and accountability which are undertaken by the state for expenditure management.

15) Government of India had signed the loan agreement worth \$96 Million with World Bank, for Financing Disaster Recovery Project for which of the following State?

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

Answer – 4) Uttarakhand

Explanation:

A loan agreement worth \$96 Million was signed between the World Bank, Government of India and Government of Uttarakhand. It was signed by Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India; Mr. Amit Negi, Secretary, Finance and Disaster Management, Government of Uttarakhand and Program Director, Uttarakhand Disaster Recovery Project on behalf of the Govt. of Uttarakhand; and Mr. Hisham Abdo, Acting Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank.

16) Name the Bank that was approved by government to handle import and export transactions with Iran recently?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) IDBI Bank
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Indian Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) IDBI Bank

Explanation:

The government has given a nod to the IDBI Bank to handle import and export transactions with Iran. This has been done to boost the trade between India and Iran amidst US sanctions on Iran. Earlier, UCO

Bank used to handle the payments during the previous sanctions. The channel of payment to Iran through Euros using European banking channels was blocked from November 2018. Iran is the third largest supplier of oil to India, after Iraq and Saudi Arabia. Bilateral trade between India and Iran increased to USD 13.8 billion in 2017-18 from USD 12.9 billion in the previous fiscal. However, India's exports to Iran were only worth USD 2.5 billion.

17) Which of the following life insurance company partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) to offer home loan?

- 1) Axis housing company Pvt. Ltd
- 2) ICICI Home Finance Company Ltd
- 3) Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL)
- 4) Edelweiss Tokio Life Insurance Company Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL)

Explanation:

Life Insurance Corporation Housing Finance Ltd (LICHFL) partnered with India Mortgage Guarantee Corporation (IMGC) to offer home buyers enhanced loan eligibility and easy loans and it will now be in a position to offer extended loan tenure for borrowers till the age of 75 years, increasing the loan quantum and reducing the burden of monthly EMIs for borrowers. LICHFL will now be able to accommodate more home loan borrowers, increase market penetration, besides combating non-performing assets (NPAs). IMGC will provide LICHFL mortgage guarantee, which is a financial product that compensates financial institutions for losses that may arise from a default on a mortgage loan.

18) In order to boost rural income across 13 states in India, which of the following bank will provide \$250 million to National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP)?

- 1) State Bank of India
- 2) Reserve Bank of India
- 3) Asian Development Bank
- 4) World Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) World Bank

Explanation:

In order to boost rural income across 13 states in India, World Bank shall provide \$250 million support to the National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP). The agreement was signed between the World Bank and Government of India. The Agreement was signed in New Delhi by Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India and Mr. Hisham Abdo, Acting Country Director, World Bank India. Key Points: i. The loan aims to help rural women entrepreneurs in setting up their businesses related to farm and non-farm products. ii. The loan has a 5-year grace period with a final maturity of 20 years. iii. National Rural Economic Transformation Project (NRETP) is an add-on to the National Rural Livelihoods Project (NRLP) worth \$500-million, which was approved by the World Bank in July 2011. iv. The National Rural Livelihoods Project (NRLP) currently spans across 13 states, 162 districts and 575 blocks. It has integrated 8.8 million women from poor rural households into 7.5 lakh self-help groups (SHGs).

19) World Bank has decided to provide a loan of Rs. 2200 crores (\$328-million) to which of the following state government to improve the quality of healthcare?

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

Answer - 1) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The World Bank has decided to provide a loan of Rs. 2200 crores (\$328-million) to Andhra Pradesh for implementation of the AP Health Systems Strengthening Project (APHSSP). The loan agreement was signed between the Government of India, government of Andhra Pradesh and the World Bank. The agreement was signed by Bandana Preyashi, director, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance (GoI), Poonam Malakondaiah, Special Chief Secretary (Medical and Health, AP government) and Mohini Kak and Kari L Hurt, representatives of World Bank in India. The project aims to improve the quality of healthcare, availability and accessibility of primary health services to the majority population of the state. The quality of healthcare delivery will be enhanced through National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certifications for Community Health Centres (CHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs). It involves setting up of an integrated online patient management system and patient feedback system, functional e-subcentres will provide tele-consultations and non-communicable disease (NCD) management and screening at sub-centres (SCs) and PHCs. The loan has a six-year grace period and a maturity of 29 years and 6 months.

20) National Housing Bank (NHB), subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to increase the capital adequacy ratio (CAR) in a phased manner, on the Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) from 12% to ____% in 2022?

- 1) 13%
- 2) 15%
- 3) 17%
- 4) 20%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 15%

Explanation:

National Housing Bank (NHB), a mortgage sector regulator and a fully owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to impose stricter regulations on the Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) to prevent them from falling prey to liquidity and credit risks. Following proposals have been put forward: Increasing the capital adequacy ratio (CAR) of these companies from 12% to 15%, in a phased manner by 31st March 2022. This will be accomplished by increasing the minimum CAR to 13% by 31st March 2020, 14% by 31st March 2021 and 15% by 2022. Bringing down the public borrowings to 12 times of the Net Owned Fund (NOF) from the existing 16 times, by March 2022. Implementing graded reduction in the limit on the overall borrowings of Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) from 16 times of Net Owned Fund (NOF) to 14 times of Net Owned Fund (NOF) by 31st March 2020, 13 times of Net Owned Fund (NOF) by 31st March 2021 and 12 times of Net Owned Fund (NOF) by 31st March 2022. Capping the ceiling on public deposits at 3 times of the Net Owned Fund (NOF) of the Housing Finance Company (HFC).

21) State Bank of India (SBI) along with which of the following payment service launched the SBI Payment Services Pvt Ltd (SBIPSPL) for establishing a digital payments platform for India?

- 1) Razorpay payment service Pvt Ltd.
- 2) Zaak ePayment Services Pvt Ltd.
- 3) Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd.
- 4) Citrus Payment Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd.

Explanation:

State Bank of India (SBI) and Hitachi Payment Services Pvt Ltd, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hitachi Ltd, launched their merchant-acquiring joint venture, SBI Payment Services Pvt Ltd (SBIPSPL), for establishing a digital payments platform for India and other countries in the region, in Mumbai. It will facilitate expansion of the digital payments landscape in India via its digital payments platform and offer innovative products to suit the requirements of all segments of merchants by leveraging the brand value

and vast distribution network of SBI, and bring Artificial Intelligence and other technological capabilities of Hitachi to SBI Payment Services. SBI has a 74% stake in the joint venture and the balance 26% is with Hitachi Payment Services.

22) United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance deal with which of the following insurance company to provide the facilities of life insurance products to its customers?

- 1) HDFC Life
- 2) Life Insurance Corporation of India
- 3) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 4) SBI Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) HDFC Life

Explanation:

United Bank of India has signed a bancassurance deal with HDFC Life. United Bank of India aims to provide the facilities of life insurance products to its customers through HDFC Life. This is the third PSU bank tie-up this year for HDFC Life. They aim to utilise each other's customer base to spread their mutual business.

23) Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India signed a loan agreement, worth USD 26-million for improving drainage infrastructure in which of the following city?

- 1) Kavali town in Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Dibrugarh town of Assam
- 3) Athagad town of Odisha
- 4) Hoskote town of Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Dibrugarh town of Assam

Explanation:

For improving drainage infrastructure in Dibrugarh town of Assam, Asian Development Bank (ADB) and Government of India signed a loan agreement of USD 26-million in New Delhi. It was signed by Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary in Department of Economic Affairs and Hoe Yun Jeong, India Resident Mission of ADB. The loan provided is additional financing under the ongoing loan of USD 51 million under Assam Urban Infrastructure Investment Program (AUIIP) which is helping to improve water supply infrastructure in major cities of Assam like Guwahati and Dibrugarh. ADB approved the Multi-tranche Financing Facility (MFF) for the AUIIP for an amount of USD 200 million comprising of two Tranches on 30 September 2011. The ADB's ongoing India portfolio comprises of 80 projects worth USD 4.3 billion in the public sector and USD 1.6 billion in the private sector.

24) RBI decided to offer guaranteed financial support of 2% per annum for short term crop loans upto ____ lakhs for farmers at an interest rate of 7%?

- 1) Rs.7 lakh
- 2) Rs.5 lakh
- 3) Rs.3 lakh
- 4) Rs.4 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rs.3 lakh

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, The Reserve Bank of India notified a 2% interest subvention or Subsidy for short-term crop loans during 2018-19 and 2019-20. RBI decided to offer guaranteed financial support of 2% per annum for short term crop loans upto Rs.3 lakhs for farmers at an interest rate of 7%. Interest subvention is calculated on the crop loan and from the date of its disbursement upto the date of actual repayment of the crop loan by the farmer or upto the due date of the loan fixed by the banks whichever is earlier. The maximum period is one year. For those farmers who are repaying loans promptly will get an

additional 2% interest subvention under the scheme. Then the effective rate of short term crop loans to be 4% per annum.

25) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has eased business guidelines for which of the following ATM's to source cash directly from the central bank?

- 1) White Label ATM
- 2) Green Label ATM
- 3) Yellow Label ATM
- 4) Pink label ATM
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) White Label ATM**

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, The Reserve Bank of India has eased business guidelines for white label ATMs by allowing companies that manage these machines to source cash directly from the central bank. The guidelines released by RBI include managing machines to source cash directly from RBI offices, offer non bank services like bill payment and advertise even non financial products in their premises. As per the statement, RBI has allowed the operators to source cash from any Scheduled banks in India including cooperative and rural banks. RBI allowed White Label ATM Operators (WLAOs) to offer bill payment and deposit services depending on the technical feasibility of the device as determined by NPCI. The ATMs setup, owned and operated by non-bank Entities are called White Label ATMs (WLAs). They provide banking services to customers of banks based on the debit/credit/prepaid cards issued by banks.

26) AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. partnered with which of the following insurance company to provide customized insurance products to its customers?

- 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 2) National Insurance Company Limited
- 3) HDFC ERGO General Insurance
- 4) Acko General Insurance Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Acko General Insurance Limited**

Explanation:

India's first digital insurer, AU Small Finance Bank Ltd. announced its partnership with a new age insurtech company, Acko General Insurance Limited and is now able to provide customized insurance products to its customers. AU Small Finance Bank is working on offering customers access to financial services and products directly through their digital channels and building a robust digital banking platform to offer best in class products in Digital Loans, Deposits, and Investment segments. It is tying up with various technology partners who share a similar vision and have the relevant technology advancements to back up their offering and Acko is the first such partner. Acko's solution is designed to offer contextual insurance, enabling AU to deliver tailor-made policies that offer the right coverage when the customer needs it. Acko is a licensed digital-only general insurance company that aims at redefining insurance by making it more transparent and providing hassle-free access to policies directly to the end user.

27) Government of India, World Bank and representatives of 5 States of India signed loan agreement worth _____ million for the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP)?

- 1) \$137 Million
- 2) \$147 Million
- 3) \$117 Million
- 4) \$127 Million
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) \$137 Million**

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, a loan agreement worth \$137 million was signed in New Delhi, between the World Bank, the Government of India and representatives of 5 States of Government of India and Implementing Agencies, for the Additional Financing of the Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP). The project involves more than 220 selected large dams in Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand. The Loan Agreement was signed by Mr. Sameer Kumar Khare, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India; and Mr. Junaid Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank, and the representatives from the State Governments of Karnataka, Kerala, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Uttarakhand. This fund shall be utilised for the construction of an additional spillway for Hirakud Dam, Odisha and to facilitate rehabilitation and improvement of other dams including strengthening the institutional, legal and technical framework for dam safety assurance within the Government of India and in the participating States. This from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), has a 3-year grace period and a final maturity of 16 years.

28) Which Bank extends loan worth Rs. 4,100 crores for Visakhapatnam (Vizag) metro rail project?

- 1) Korea Exim Bank (KEXIM)
- 2) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- 3) World Bank
- 4) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Korea Exim Bank (KEXIM)**

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM) proposed to provide a soft loan worth Rs. 4,100 crore for the Visakhapatnam (Vizag) metro rail project. The matter was discussed in a meeting involving a delegation led by KEXIM Director (Operations) Yang Dong, Chief Secretary Anil Chandra Punetha, Amaravati Metro Rail Corporation Limited (AMRCL) Managing Director N.P. Ramakrishna Reddy and other officials at the Secretariat. The State government had sent a proposal to Central government for asking KEXIM Bank to provide loan at 8-10% rate of interest. No firm decision has been taken on this yet. The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 8300 crores and it constitutes 3 corridors spread over 42 km.

29) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed an agreement with which of the following member of World Bank Group (WBG) for technical assistance up to June 30, 2021?

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

Answer – **4) International Finance Corporation (IFC)**

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed an agreement with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in cooperation. IFC is a member of the World Bank Group. The cooperation agreement provides a technical assistance by IFC to IBBI until 30th June, 2021. It will provide training of insolvency professionals and trainers by the IFC to IBBI. IBBI provides a platform for re-organization and insolvency resolution of corporate persons, individuals and partnership firms in a time bound manner for maximization of the value of assets. IFC would help IBBI to effectively implement the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 and its allied rules and regulations for the purpose of the bankruptcy code.

30) Which of the following bank became the first bank to link its interest rate on savings account with balance above Rs. 1 lakh and short-term loans to the repo rate of the Reserve Bank of India?

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

Answer – 3) State Bank of India

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, the State Bank of India (SBI) became the first bank to link its interest rate on savings account with balance above Rs. 1 lakh and short-term loans to the repo rate of the Reserve Bank of India. This shall be effective from 1st May 2019. The current repo rate of RBI is 6.25%. The bank will link savings accounts with balance greater than Rs. 1 lakh to repo rate at current effective rate of 3.5% (2.75 percentage points lower than the current repo rate of 6.25%). All cash credit accounts and overdrafts having limits greater than Rs. 1 lakh shall also be linked to the benchmark policy rate, plus a spread of 2.25%—amounting to 8.5%. A risk premium, above 8.5%, will be charged on these loans on the basis of the risk profile of the borrower. The interest rate on home loans will continue to be determined by MCLR (marginal cost of funds-based lending rate).

31) Which of the following bank has sanctioned loans worth Rs. 689 crore, to over 1,600 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) via portal psbloansin59minutes.com?

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

Answer – 2) Punjab National Bank

Explanation:

The Punjab National Bank (PNB) has sanctioned loans amounting to Rs. 689 crore, to over 1,600 Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) via [the psbloansin59minutes.com](https://psbloansin59minutes.com) portal. The bank has sanctioned loans to more than 2.69 lakh small entrepreneurs under the Mudra Yojana during this fiscal till 14th February 2019. Under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, the bank has sanctioned loan to over 17.16 lakh accounts with total amount of Rs. 21,019 crores from the starting of the scheme till December 31, 2018. With regard to the current fiscal year, the bank has sanctioned loans to over 2.69 lakh accounts, amounting to Rs. 5,290 crores till February 14, 2019. In February 2019, Punjab National Bank was awarded under the Enhanced Access and Service Excellence (EASE) reforms agenda. It was also honoured with the Reforms Excellency Award. It also emerged successful in the customer responsiveness, responsible banking and credit Off-take category and got featured in the Forbes World's Best Bank 2019 report in the field of customer satisfaction ratings.

32) According to India Ratings and Research, how much percent of credit growth is witnessed by state-owned banks?

- 1) 8%
- 2) 7.5%
- 3) 8.4%
- 4) 7.2%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 8.4%

Explanation:

India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) predicted that the dependence of Scheduled commercial banks on bulk deposits shall witness an increase if credit growth is higher than deposit growth. The system level credit growth of 12.9% year-on-year continues to be greater than 9.3% deposit growth and thus banks

are keen on harnessing more deposits. State-owned banks have witnessed a credit growth of 8.4 % and deposit growth at 4.9% as compared to the previous year.

33) Name the bank, that became the first PSB (Public Sector Bank) to launch creche/day-care facility for employees' children.

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

Answer – 4) Bank of Baroda

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda has become one of the first public sector banks to launch a crèche/child day-care facility for children of its employees. The day-care facility has been launched at its Mumbai corporate office in Bandra Kurla Complex and is being mulled further on being implemented at the head office in Vadodara, Gujarat. The bank will bear 60% of the cost incurred every month and rest 40% will be borne by the parents. The bank has tied up with Klay Prep Schools and Daycare for launching this facility.

34) Which bank celebrated its 114th Foundation Day on 12th March?

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

Answer – 1) Corporation Bank

Explanation:

On 12th March 2019, Corporation Bank celebrated its 114th Foundation Day at various centres of the bank across the nation and undertook 114 Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities to mark the day. CEO and MD for the bank P.V Bharathi, Executive Directors Gopal Murli Bhagat and Birupaksha Mishra and other senior officials were present at the occasion.

35) Name the mobile banking app launched by Corporation Bank in 10 regional languages on its 114th Foundation Day?

- 1) Corp Mob
- 2) Corp Bank
- 3) Corp Ease
- 4) Corp Online
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Corp Ease

Explanation:

Corp Ease– which is a mobile banking app in 10 regional languages, was launched by P.V Bharathi. Under its CSR scheme, the bank declared that it would provide funds to the Shivamogga Institute of Medical Sciences for buying three haemodialysis machines. A Walkathon from the bank's Centenary Library to the head office was organised for the bank employees, articulating the bank's motto, "Prosperity for all".

36) Which bank became the third Indian company to achieve a market value of more than Rs.6 trillion?

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

Answer – 2) HDFC Bank

Explanation:

On 13th March, HDFC Bank became the third Indian company after Reliance Industries (Rs. 8.52 trillion) and TCS (Rs. 7.49 trillion) to achieve a market value of Rs. 6 trillion, owing to a sudden upsurge in its share prices. The shares of the bank have risen in each of the last five trading sessions, capping a 6% jump to a record high of Rs. 2,227.40. The bank witnessed a 20% growth in profits and a bad loan ratio of less than 1.5%.

37) Name the scientist, who was honoured by Royal Mint by issuing a new 50 pence 'black hole' coin.

- 1) Pierre Curie
- 2) Alfred Nobel
- 3) Stephen Hawking
- 4) Alexander Graham Bell
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Stephen Hawking

Explanation:

The Royal Mint has honoured Stephen Hawking's legacy by issuing a new 50 pence piece. The coin has drawn its inspiration from Hawking's work on black holes discussed in his bestselling book- A Brief History of Time. The coin has his name engraved along with an illustration of concentric circles that represent a black hole. It also has his equation on the black hole theory. The coin will not be circulated as normal change and has only been made as a commemoration edition.

38) Which country's central bank released the new coin that features the Crimea or Kerch Strait Bridge, to mark Crimea's reunification?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Iceland
- 3) Spain
- 4) Austria
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Russia

Explanation:

A new coin that features the Crimea or Kerch Strait Bridge has been released by Russia's central bank, to mark Crimea's reunification with Russia. Two million new five ruble (about \$0.08, €0.07) coins were pressed which depict an outline of the peninsula which was annexed by Russia in 2014. This is second commemoration of Crimea, the first being a 200 ruble note released in 2015 and depicted the desire of the people of Russia to see these symbols on notes.

39) India provides financial support of USD 250 million to which of the following country for reconstruction of infrastructures after earthquake?

- 1) Haiti
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Taiwan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nepal

Explanation:

India has provided a financial support worth USD 250 million to Nepal, to reconstruct infrastructure in fields of housing, education, health and cultural heritage, which had been ruined by the earthquake that took place on April 2015. Discussions about the grant and progress of work were held during the India-Nepal Joint Project Monitoring Committee meeting held in Kathmandu, Nepal. The meeting was headed by Arjun Kumar Karki, Secretary, National Reconstruction Authority from the Nepal and the Indian

delegation was led by Sudhakar Dalela, Joint Secretary (North), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The decision of providing grant was a part of an agreement signed between Indian Embassy in Kathmandu and the Central Building Research Institute (CBRI), Rourkee. India will also provide a supporting hand in reconstructing 72 education facilities in Nepal that were ruined due to earthquake.

40) What is the new trade credit limit per import transaction, for oil and gas refining & marketing, airline and shipping companies under the automatic route, which is relaxed by RBI recently?

- 1) \$120 million
- 2) \$180 million
- 3) \$100 million
- 4) \$150 million
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) \$150 million

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, norms for imports of capital and non-capital goods were relaxed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), by raising the trade credit limit to \$150 million under the automatic route. RBI announced the modified revised framework for Trade Credit Policy. Trade Credits up to \$150 million or equivalent per import transaction for oil and gas refining & marketing, airline and shipping companies can be availed under the automatic route, while for other industries, this limit has been fixed at \$50 million or equivalent per import transaction. Previously, under the automatic route the banks were allowed to approve trade credit of up to \$20 million and anything beyond that required RBI's approval. RBI has decreased the all-inclusive cost (all-in-cost) for overseas loans to benchmark rate plus 250 basis points from the earlier 350 bps. All-in-cost comprises rate of interest, other fees, expenses, charges, and guarantee fees and does not include withholding tax payable in Indian currency.

41) RBI will buy, how many billion from the banks under swap deal for the first time to enhance liquidity in the system using a new tool on 26th March, 2019?

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

Answer – 1) \$5 billion

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to use a new tool for the first time to enhance liquidity in the system using which it will buy \$5 billion from the banks in a swap deal that is capable of injecting around Rs. 35,000 crores into the system. Banks will have to deposit dollar funds with RBI with the condition of buying them back from RBI after 3 years. The first-ever auction of this kind involving US dollar buy/sell swap will happen on 26th March 2019. Minimum bid size for the auction has been fixed at \$25 million and multiple bids submission by banks will be allowed. However, the aggregate amount of bids submitted by single eligible entity should not exceed the notified amount of auction.

42) Bank of India (BoI) raised an amount of Rs 660.80 crore by issuing shares to employees under which of the following scheme?

- 1) Employees Stock Purchase Scheme
- 2) Employee Share Purchase Scheme
- 3) Employee Sale and Purchase Scheme
- 4) Employee Sharing and Purchasing Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Employee Share Purchase Scheme

Explanation:

On 12th March 2019, Bank of India (BoI) declared that it has raised an amount of Rs 660.80 crore by

issuing shares to employees under Employee Share Purchase Scheme (ESPS). 6,25,52,188 shares worth Rs 10 each were issued by the bank to its eligible employees. A discount of 24.28% on the applicable price was offered by the bank to its employees. The scheme witnessed a participation of around 94.70% of total employees. The shares have been issued with a lock-in period of one year.

43) According to ICRA (Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Ltd) which bank expected to witness a growth rate of 25-30% over the medium-term?

- 1) Payment Bank
- 2) Small Finance Bank
- 3) Commercial Bank
- 4) Development Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Small Finance Bank

Explanation:

A report by ICRA (formerly known as Investment Information and Credit Rating Agency of India Limited) has stated that Small finance banks (SFBS) are expected to witness a growth rate of 25-30% over the medium-term if they arrange an additional external capital in the range of Rs 4,000-6,000 crore till FY23. In the nine-month period till December 2018, SFBs have reported an annualised growth of 33% in the assets under management to Rs 64,325 crore. It has also suggested that a portion of this funding can be met through initial public offerings that comply with regulatory requirements. SFBs have diversified their product mix, leading to a decrease in share of microfinance as an asset class, from 60% in March 2017 to 44% in December 2018. The gross NPAs reduced to 5.8% in December 2018 from 9% in March 2018.

44) Name the bank, which offered a new 'doorstep banking' service for senior citizens, differently-abled and infirm account holders as well as visually impaired customers?

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

Answer – 4) State Bank of India

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, The State Bank of India has initiated a new 'doorstep banking' service for senior citizens, differently-abled and infirm account holders as well as visually impaired customers. The person to avail the benefit should have a KYC-compliant account, having one's mobile number registered with the bank, and being domiciled within a five-kilometer radius of one's home branch. Cash pickup and delivery, cheque pickup, cheque book requisition slip pickup, delivery of drafts and term deposit advice, life certificate pick-up and pickup of form 15H which is used for Income tax reasons will be provided at doorstep. Cost for availing these services would be Rs 100 for each financial transaction and Rs 60 for each non-financial transaction. Those aged above 70 years would be treated as senior citizens for the facility. Service cannot be available to joint accounts or non-personal accounts. Minor accounts also are not eligible. A medical certificate should be produced in case of claiming the benefits under the differently-abled or infirm categories.

45) Name the bank which is categorized as Private Sector Lender by RBI recently.

- 1) JK Bank
- 2) IDBI Bank
- 3) RBL Bank
- 4) Yes Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) IDBI Bank

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, The Reserve Bank of India categorized IDBI Bank as a Private Sector Bank with effect from January 21, 2019 following Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) is acquiring 51 per cent of the total paid-up equity share capital of the bank. Following the appointment of MR Kumar as the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC), Hemant Bhargava ceases to be the Non-Executive chairman of IDBI Bank as he no longer heads the parent company LIC. IDBI Bank has been under the Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) framework of RBI which bans it from corporate lending, branch expansions, salary hikes and other regular activities. IDBI has charted out a revival strategy to bring banking and insurance under one roof along with LIC. The bank also informed about appointment of LIC as a corporate agent under bancassurance channel.

46) According to ICRA, Gross NPAs for banks is expected to be at what percent in March 2020?

- 1) 7.2%
 - 2) 7.5%
 - 3) 8%
 - 4) 7.9%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 4) 7.9%

Explanation:

According to ICRA, fresh NPAs in the banking sector are expected to come down 1.9-2.4 % in FY'20 from 3.7% in FY 19, owing to a dedicated NPA recovery mechanism and write offs by banks. Public sector banks (PSBs) will earn profit after 4 continuous years of losses. Gross NPAs for banks is expected to be 8.3 lakh crore (7.9 %) for March 2020, against the estimated 9.2% of March 2019. Losses pegged at Rs 93,100 crore in FY'19 are lesser than capital infusion amounting to Rs 1.22 lakh crore. The credit loss provisioning being undertaken can potentially lead to 14 PSBs being but the overall return on assets and return on equity may continue to be weak. The ratings outlook for 4 PSBs- Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, Punjab National Bank and Oriental Bank of Commerce has been revised from negative to stable. Also, the rating for IDBI Bank has been revised from negative to 'Rating watch with developing implications' but the forecast for Punjab and Sind Bank was worsened from stable to negative.

47) Which of the following bank, has raised Rs 487 crore through Basel-III compliant bonds for funding its growth plans?

- 1) HDFC Bank
- 2) Yes Bank
- 3) Karur Vysya Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Karur Vysya Bank

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, Karur Vysya Bank announced that it has raised Rs 487 crore through Basel-III compliant bonds for funding its growth plans. The decision was taken in the Capital Raising Committee of the board. The committee allotted 48,700 BASEL-III compliant unsecured, redeemable, non-convertible tier-II bonds of Rs 1,00,000 each, totalling to Rs 487 crore and the capital raising was done on private placement basis. iii. The instrument will be listed on NSE.

48) Name the specially designed mentorship program launched by Aviva Life Insurance to empower the female workforce.

- 1) Wings
- 2) Shakthi
- 3) Mahila
- 4) Business
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Wings**

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, Aviva Life Insurance announced the launch of 'Wings', a specially designed mentorship program to empower the female workforce. It will help women dream about what they will become, giving them a clearer picture of their future and their growth prospects. The programme will give them an avenue to freely communicate in a safe environment, allowing them to focus on growth and improvement. Wings program is an initiative of the SHE division of Aviva Life Insurance for mentoring all the women employees in Aviva. SHE was started in 2016 by Aviva India's Women Network as an active community of socially enabled women who take up the charge of addressing causes in the interest of women empowerment. Additionally, mentoring will also develop a leadership pipeline for the company thus ensuring that the practice is not just beneficial to the individual but to the organisation at large.

49) Name the new service, launched by State Bank of India (SBI) for its customers to withdraw money from ATMs without using debit cards.

- 1) YONO Debit
- 2) YONO Money
- 3) YONO Cash
- 4) YONO Cardless
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) YONO Cash**

Explanation:

The State Bank of India has launched a new service called 'YONO Cash' for its customers using which customers can withdraw money from ATMs without using debit cards. This facility is available over 16,500 of its ATMs through the You Only Need One (YONO), mobile app platform for the first time in the country. The ATMs enabled for this service will be called as YONO Cash Point. Customers can initiate the cash withdrawal process on the YONO app and set a six-digit YONO Cash pin for the transaction. Also, they will get a six digit reference number for the transaction on their registered mobile number via SMS, which has to be used within 30 minutes at the nearest YONO cash point. Transactions using YONO will be secured with two-factor authentication and will also eliminate the risk of skimming and cloning, at the same time it also maximizes convenience and enhances the banking experience for its customers.

50) Which of the following banks are named as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- i. State Bank of India
- ii. ICICI Bank
- iii. HDFC Bank

- 1) i alone named
- 2) ii alone named
- 3) I and ii named
- 4) ii and iii named
- 5) i, ii and iii are named

Answer - **5) i, ii and iii are named**

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, Reserve Bank of India named State Bank of India, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank as Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs). The banks which are too big to fail are named by the RBI. D-SIB inclusion indicates that the failure of these banks would have a steep fall on Indian financial system. It will give more comfort to investors thus the borrowing cost of these banks from the markets are cheaper than its peers. The banks are required to set aside more capital for their continued operation as per the norms by April 1. RBI has started listing the banks since 2015. From April 1, SBI will have to set aside 0.60% of its risk weighted assets while ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank will set aside 0.20% as capital requirement.

51) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has declared some guidelines to stop misuse of price-sensitive information. These guidelines were not applicable to which of the following participants?

- i. Public Sector Bank
- ii. Central government
- iii. Private Sector Bank
- 1) Option i is not applicable
- 2) Option ii is not applicable
- 3) Option iii is not applicable
- 4) Option i, ii & iii are not applicable
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Option i, ii & iii are not applicable

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, The Reserve Bank of India has declared some guidelines to stop misuse of price-sensitive information by the participants in markets for financial instruments. RBI mentioned that Market participants, either acting independently or in collusion, shall not undertake any action with the intention to manipulate the calculation of a benchmark rate or a reference rate. In addition, no market participant would carry out a transaction or initiate any action with the sole or dominant intention of influencing a benchmark rate or a reference rate. For, regulatory action on market abuse, the RBI said market participants indulging in any such activity are liable to be denied access to markets in one or more instruments for a period that may not exceed one month at a time. All these directions, the RBI added, would exclude transactions executed through the recognized stock exchanges. In addition, the directions would not apply to banks and the central government in furtherance of monetary policy, fiscal policy or other public policy objectives.

52) Within how many days of default, RBI has directed lenders to resolve the loan account which is more than Rs.2000 crore under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)?

- 1) 180 days
- 2) 90 days
- 3) 60 days
- 4) 30 days
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 180 days

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, Reserve Bank of India maintained that there is no dilution in its stand regarding February 12 circular on stressed assets recognition and resolution. The central bank said in a statement that it is restated that the RBI maintained its stand on all aspects of the Framework as has been consistently stated in its communications, including the clarification given during the post-monetary policy press conference which was held on February 7, 2019. Also there would be no changes in the circular, said RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das on last month. The circular directed lenders to refer any loan account more than Rs 2,000 crore under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) if the loan amount is not resolved within 180 days of default. Also it underscored IBC's status as the cornerstone of the bad loan resolution framework, scrapping all previous mechanisms. The circular imposed a one-day default rule and banks have to treat a company as a defaulter even if it misses repayment schedule by a day.

53) Which Insurance Company partnered with MobiKwik to provide cyber-insurance cover of Rs.50000?

- 1) New India Assurance
- 2) SBI General Insurance
- 3) Acko General Insurance
- 4) ICICI Lombard
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) ICICI Lombard

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, ICICI Lombard and digital financial services company MobiKwik entered into a partnership to provide cyber insurance cover of Rs. 50000. It aims to provide protection against unauthorised and fraudulent transactions online across debit/credit cards, bank accounts and mobile wallets. The service will be available through an app at Rs. 99 per month along with an insured sum of Rs. 50000. To enjoy the benefit of a stress-free and secured transaction MobiKwik users can avail the 'Commercial Cyber Insurance' policy underwritten by ICICI Lombard. It will strengthen the relationship between MobiKwik and ICICI Lombard and will provide innovative and unique products against the new-age risks.

54) Name the organization, that became the first clearing corporation of India to receive recognition as a Third-Country Central Counterparty (TC-CCP) by Bank of England for offering various clearing services to UK-based entities.

- 1) NSE IFSC Clearing Corporation Limited
- 2) Metropolitan Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (MCCIL)
- 3) National Securities Clearing Corporation Ltd.
- 4) India International Clearing Corporation (IFSC) Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Metropolitan Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (MCCIL)

Explanation:

Metropolitan Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (MCCIL) has become the first clearing corporation in India to receive recognition as a Third-Country Central Counterparty (TC-CCP) by Bank of England for offering various clearing services to UK-based entities. The recognition has been granted under United Kingdom's Temporary Recognition Regime (TRR). In the year 2017, the European Securities and Markets Authority (ESMA) also recognized the Metropolitan Clearing Corporation of India Ltd (MCCIL) as a third Country Central Counterparty. A financial institution which provides clearing and settlement services for trading in foreign exchange, securities, and derivative contracts as well as deals with the counter party credit risk between the two parties known as Central counterparty clearing (CCP).

55) Which regulatory body of India has signed MoU with Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) seeking effective implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code)?

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

Answer – 4) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

Explanation:

The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) seeking effective implementation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code) and its allied rules and regulations, which have redefined the debt-equity relationship and aims to promote entrepreneurship and debt market, at Mumbai. IBBI Notifies regulation Under Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Under the MoU, they agreed to assist and cooperate with each other for the effective implementation of the Code, subject to limitations imposed by the applicable laws. The MoU provides for: Sharing of information between the two parties, subject to the limitations imposed by the applicable laws. Sharing of resources available with each other to the extent feasible and legally permissible. Periodic meetings to discuss matters that the parties believe would be of interest to each other in fulfilling their respective statutory obligations. Cross-training of staff in order to enhance each party's understanding of the other's mission for effective utilisation of collective resources. Capacity building of insolvency professionals and financial creditors. Joint efforts towards enhancing the level of awareness among financial creditors about the importance and necessity of swift

insolvency resolution process of various types of borrowers in distress under the provisions of the Code, etc.

56) Name the bank, that has signed a loan agreement worth USD 83.11 million to Congo for financing three solar power projects.

- 1) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)
- 4) RBL Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank)

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, Export-Import Bank of India (Exim Bank) signed a loan agreement on behalf of the government of USD 83.11 million (approx Rs.5,72,08,76,850) to Congo for financing three solar power projects in the central African country. It aims to provide support for financing three solar photovoltaic power projects with a total capacity of 35 megawatts in the three provinces — Karawa, Mbandaka, and Lusambo. Exim Bank. During the three days of 14th CII-Exim Conclave 2019 which was concluded on 19th March in New Delhi, these LOC agreements were exchanged between Ambassador of Congo to India Mossi Nyamale Rosette and Exim Bank Managing Director David Rasquinha. Till now, Exim Bank has extended 10 LOC total value of USD 578.05 million, to the government of Congo on behalf of the Government of India. With this agreement, Exim Bank has a total of 244 LOCs covering 63 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) with around \$23.43 billion credit commitments.

57) What is the name of the short term loan given by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to state government in order to bridge temporary liquidity mismatches in the state?

- 1) Ways and Means Advances
- 2) Short term loans and Advances
- 3) Short term repaying loans
- 4) Grants against Fixed Deposits
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ways and Means Advances

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, Reserve Bank of India proposed to replace the previous expenditure-based system with a rule-based approach in fixing new Ways and Means limits for the state governments and set up a panel to recommend the parameters of the new system. The objective of this reform is to prevent automatic monetization of deficits. To bridge temporary liquidity mismatches Reserve Bank of India which acts as debt manager for state governments make available short-term loan for them. This short-term loan facility is called Ways and Means Advances. The state Government also agreed to link their receipts and payment systems with Core Banking Solution (e-Kuber) of Reserve Bank of India for the effectiveness of this new reform.

58) Which bank has signed MoU with State Bank of India to boost business opportunities between both the banks?

- 1) Bank of America
- 2) Bank of China
- 3) Bank of Scotland
- 4) HSBC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bank of China

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, State Bank of India (SBI) signed a pact with the third largest Bank in the world by

capital size, Bank of China (BoC) to boost business opportunities. It will enhance the business cooperation between both the banks. It will facilitate the two major banks to provide its clients access to banking products and services of each other. It will be mutually beneficial for both the banks and the two largest and fastest growing economies. India's largest lender SBI already has a branch in Shanghai and Bank of China, one of the major players in the Chinese banking sector is planning to open its branch in Mumbai. Partnering with SBI will make BoC an opportunity to grow through established relationships and market expertise as India is increasingly making its global presence across the world.

59) Which bank has signed loan agreement worth USD 50 million with Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL) to expand the Renewable Energy Capacity in India?

- 1) World Bank
- 2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 3) European Investment Bank (EIB)
- 4) New Development Bank (NDB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation:

To expand the Renewable Energy Capacity in India, Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a loan agreement of USD 50 million with India's renewable energy producer company Avaada Energy Private Limited (AEPL). It was signed by Avaada Energy chairman Vineet Mittal and ADB Principal Investment Specialist Mayank Choudhary. This agreement will help in Government's strategy to give a boost in the share of renewable energy generation capacity from about 20% in 2018 to 40% by 2030, and to reduce India's emission intensity of its gross domestic product (GDP) by 33% to 35% by 2030. The investment will be done through ADB's Ordinary Capital Resources and Leading Asia's Private Infrastructure Fund (LEAP), a funding arm of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) administered by ADB.

60) According to Global Economic Outlook by Fitch ratings, what is the growth projection of Indian economy?

- 1) 6.5%
- 2) 6.8%
- 3) 7.2%
- 4) 7.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 6.8%

Explanation:

Fitch rating in its Global Economic Outlook, has decreased the India's economic growth forecast to 6.8% from 7% earlier for FY19-20 (1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020). Fitch also slashed GDP growth forecast for FY19 (ending March 2019) to 7.2% from 7.8% that was projected in the December edition. For FY21, the economic growth of India is forecasted at 7.1% from earlier 7.3%. The key reason behind the decrease in growth forecast is the cutting of interest rates by 0.25 percentages by RBI in February 2019 after adapting dovish monetary policy.

61) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has turned down which of the following bank's proposal to change its name recently?

- 1) IDBI Bank
- 2) Dena Bank
- 3) Bank of Baroda
- 4) Vijaya Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) IDBI Bank

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has turned down IDBI Bank's proposal to change its name following the

transfer of controlling 51 per cent stake to insurance behemoth LIC from the government of India. The board of IDBI Bank had last month sought RBI's approval for change in the name of the lender to either LIC IDBI Bank or LIC Bank following the takeover by Life Insurance Corporation (LIC). "The board of directors has in its meeting held on March 19, 2019, taken note of RBI's communication conveying their inability to accede to bank's request for change of name of IDBI Bank Limited," IDBI Bank said in a regulatory filing.

62) Reserve Bank of India postponed the implementation of the Ind AS by banks until further notice. What is the full form of Ind AS?

- 1) Indian Administrative Standards
- 2) Indian Account Standards
- 3) Indian Administrative Service
- 4) Indian Accounting Standards
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Indian Accounting Standards**

Explanation:

On 22nd March 2019, Reserve Bank of India postponed the implementation of the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) by banks until further notice for the reason of requisite legislative amendments, which are still under consideration of the government. Earlier, Reserve Bank of India had postponed the implementation of the Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) by the banks in April 2018 by one year. Legislative amendments are recommended by the Reserve Bank of India. From 1st April 2018, Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS) are the norms which are required to be implemented for Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs), excluding Regional Rural Banks (RRBs). According to Fitch Ratings' local unit, if the rule had implemented India's state-run lenders would have had to increase provisions by approx. 1.1 trillion rupees (\$16 billion) in the fiscal first quarter (end in June). It would have an impact to the public sector lenders to boost "substantial" amounts of extra capital, beyond the estimated 1.9 trillion rupee infusion which was committed by the government for the two-year period to the end of March.

63) Who is the head of 5-member committee, that is constituted by RBI to strengthen digital payments?

- 1) Nandan Nilekani
- 2) Shaktikanta Das
- 3) Urjit Patel
- 4) Viral Acharya
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Nandan Nilekani**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019 Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed 5-member committee under the chairmanship of Nandan Nilekani to strengthen digital payments as well as to boost financial inclusion through Financial Technology. It will provide recommendations in 3 months. The decision regarding the formation of committee was taken during the first event of Financial Technology (Fintech) Conclave, which was organized by NITI Aayog in New Delhi. The purpose of the event was to shape India's predominance in FinTech, build the future strategy and policy to uplift the financial inclusion. With the revolution in the FinTech sector India's aim is to emerge as a 10 trillion dollar economy. Financial technology, popularly known as FinTech, is the new technology and innovation to make financial services more accessible for the common people. Mobile banking, internet banking, digital payment are examples of Financial technologies.

64) Name the Bank that was imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently for non-compliance of regulatory directions regarding SWIFT operations?

- 1) Indian Bank
- 2) Union Bank of India

- 3) Punjab National Bank
- 4) Yes Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Punjab National Bank**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, The Reserve Bank of India slapped Rs.2 crore as penalty for non-compliance of regulatory directions regarding SWIFT operations on Punjab National Bank. Society for World Wide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (SWIFT) is a network which enables the financial institutions worldwide to send and receive information about the financial transactions in a secure manner. The misuse of SWIFT messaging software has led to the massive Rs.14000 Cr fraud in the PNB which attracted the penalty.

65) Which Asset management company launched Bharat Consumption Scheme recently?

- 1) HDFC Mutual Fund
- 2) SBI Mutual Fund
- 3) Tata Mutual Fund
- 4) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund**

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund launched ICICI Prudential Bharat Consumption Scheme to get advantage from the Indian consumption market, which is considered as one of the fastest growing consumption markets globally. Nifty India Consumption Index is the benchmark for the Scheme. It will be managed by Rajat Chandak, Dharmesh Kakkad and Priyanka Khandelwal will manage the overseas investments. The offer will open on 26th March and close on 9th April 2019. Features of this scheme are: Minimum investment of this scheme is Rs 5,000 and in multiples of one rupee thereafter. Penalty for leaving the scheme is 1 percent if investments are redeemed within 12 months from the date of allotment.

66) Name the agri-digital platform launched by Bank of Baroda along with 6 other firms.

- 1) Baroda Digi
- 2) Baroda Agri
- 3) Baroda Kisan
- 4) Baroda Shakthi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Baroda Kisan**

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda has signed memorandum of understanding (MoU) with six firms namely Skymet Weather Services, Weather Risk Management Services, BigHaat, Agrostar India, EM3 Agri Services and Poorti Agri Services to develop "Baroda Kisan". It will provide solutions for all major agricultural requirements through its holistic approach. The execution of the platform will be done by IT Centre of Excellence (ITCoE) of Bank of Baroda in partnership with IBM India.

67) Name the Bank, which received a capital infusion of Rs 5,042 Crore from the government recently?

- 1) Bank of Baroda
- 2) Dena Bank
- 3) Vijaya Bank
- 4) Union Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bank of Baroda**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, The government has decided to infuse a capital of 5,042 crore rupees into state-owned Bank of Baroda ahead of its merger with two other public sector lenders Dena Bank and Vijaya Bank, with Bank of Baroda which would be effective from 1st April 2019. With this initiative, the share price of Bank of Baroda rose 6.21% to 129.10 compared to the previous close of 121.55 on BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange). According to the Scheme of Amalgamation, shareholders of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank will get 402 equity shares and 110 equity shares of BoB respectively for every 1,000 shares held.

68) How much billion (approximately) is accepted by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) from banks at its currency swap auction to ease liquidity?

- 1) \$2 billion
- 2) \$5 billion
- 3) \$3 billion
- 4) \$7 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) \$5 billion

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Reserve Bank of India received a huge response for introducing a \$5-billion swap facility for the banks to facilitate permanent liquidity support. To ease the liquidity crunch, Reserve Bank of India will buy dollars from banks for three years and offer them rupees in return, which will bulk up the central bank's foreign-exchange reserves while injecting cash into the banking system. Banks offered \$16.31 billion at the auction against the notified amount of \$5 billion for the rupee-dollar swaps and out of this \$16.31 billion received via 240 offers by market participants, the RBI accepted \$5.02 billion via 89 offers.

69) What is the new average base rate set by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to be charged by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) and Micro Finance institutions (MFI) for the first quarter (April to June)?

- 1) 9.25%
- 2) 9.50%
- 3) 9.21%
- 4) 9.45%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 9.21%

Explanation:

On 29th January 2019, Reserve Bank of India set the average base rate to be charged by Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC) and Micro Finance institutions (MFI) at 9.21% for the first quarter (April to June). RBI declares average base rates on the last working day of every quarter, so new rates will be applicable from 1st April 2019. The average of base rate charged by five largest commercial banks is used to calculate the base rate for NBFC and MFI.

70) What is the interest rate of girl child savings scheme "Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana account"?

- 1) 8.1%
- 2) 8.2%
- 3) 8.7%
- 4) 8.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 8.5%

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, the interest rates on small-saving schemes including Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National Savings Certificate (NSC) have been kept unchanged by the Government for the April-June quarter of the financial year 2019-20. The interest rate for Public Provident Fund (PPF) and National

Savings Certificate (NSC) will continue at 8 percent, while the interest rate of Kisan Vikas Patra (KVP) will be at 7.7 percent as against 7.3% earlier and mature in 112 months. Also, Interest rates for small savings schemes are notified on a quarterly basis. The interest rate for the five-year Senior Citizens Savings Scheme will offer 8.7 percent and the interest rate of girl child savings scheme Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana account will offer 8.5 percent.

71) Name the Non-banking finance company withdrew a release which has issued earlier regarding securing Rs 695 crore debt funding from NABARD.

- 1) Manappuram Finance
- 2) Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited
- 3) Muthoot Finance Ltd
- 4) Bajaj Finance Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Manappuram Finance

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, Manappuram Finance, a Non-banking finance company withdrew a release which had issued earlier regarding securing Rs 695 crore debt funding from NABARD. Previously this Rs 695 crore funding will agree to use for priority sector lending.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

1) According to the US-based rating agency - Moody's quarterly Global Macro Outlook, Indian economy is expected to grow at _____ per cent in 2019 and 2020?

- 1) 6.7 per cent
- 2) 7 per cent
- 3) 7.5 per cent
- 4) 7.3 per cent
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) 7.3 per cent

Explanation:

According to the US-based rating agency – Moody's quarterly Global Macro Outlook which was released on 1st March, 2019, Indian economy is expected to grow at 7.3 per cent in 2019 and 2020. According to Moody's India is less exposed to decline in global manufacturing trade growth than other Asian economies and emerging markets and is balanced to grow at a relatively stable pace in the next two years. According to Moody's growth in 2018-19 fiscal, ending March 2019, Indian economy is estimated to have grown 7 per cent.

2) What is the growth rate of India's Economy for the third Quarter (December) forecasted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO)?

- 1) 7 per cent
- 2) 6 per cent
- 3) 6.6 per cent
- 4) 7.2 per cent
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 6.6 per cent

Explanation:

On 28th February, 2019, the Central Statistics Office (CSO) has estimated the India's economy to have slowed to 6.6% in the December quarter (Q3) from 7% in the previous (July-September) quarter which is slowest in five quarters. This estimate is lower than Reuters estimate of 6.9% for the same quarter. This data has revised the country's 2018-19 GDP forecast to 7% from 7.2%.

3) Along with which of the following organization, International Labour Organization (ILO) released a report titled "Exports to Jobs : Boosting the Gains from Trade in South Asia"?

- 1) World Trade Organization
- 2) World Bank
- 3) International Monetary Fund
- 4) World Health Organization
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) World Bank

Explanation:

On 28th February 2019, A report titled 'Exports to Jobs : Boosting the Gains from Trade in South Asia' released by World Bank and International Labour Organization (ILO) reveals that increasing exports can lead to better Jobs and higher wages in India. As per the report increasing exports will create more formal sector employment for youth and women and would boost the average wages. Labour market policies can effectively help workers of different groups to acquire right skills ensure that the gains of increased exports are shared more broadly across the society.

4) Ayushman Bharat inked MoU with which of the following transport company, for providing free healthcare for drivers?

- 1) Rivigo
- 2) RedTaxi
- 3) Ola
- 4) Uber
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Uber

Explanation:

The National Health Authority (NHA), which is the apex body responsible for implementation of Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Uber– a ride-hailing app to provide free healthcare services to Uber drivers. The agreement states that under the Uber CARE initiative- meant for drivers and delivery partners which has been launched by Uber, it will help in establishing common service centres (CSCs) at Partners Seva Kendras across India. CSCs have entrepreneurs at the village level who will go to these centres and verify eligibility and issue e-cards to drivers for the Ayushman Bharat Scheme. Drivers and delivery partners can avail this benefit by paying merely Rs 30 for procuring an Ayushman Bharat card, without any charges for pre-hospitalisation, hospitalisation and post-hospitalisation expenses.

5) According to the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), unemployment rate in India rose to ____% in February 2019?

- 1) 6.5%
- 2) 7%
- 3) 7.1%
- 4) 7.2%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 7.2%

Explanation:

The unemployment rate in India rose to 7.2% in February 2019, the highest since September 2016, and up from 5.9% in February 2018, according to data compiled by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE). The number of employed persons in India was estimated at 400 million in February 2019 compared with 406 million last year.

6) Organisation for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD) forecast the global economy growth rate to ____% in 2019?

- 1) 3.4%

- 2) 3.3%
 - 3) 3.5%
 - 4) 3.2%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 2) 3.3%**

Explanation:

The Organisation for Economic Co-Operation & Development (OECD) has cut the forecasts for the global economy in 2019 and 2020, owing to trade disputes and uncertainty over Brexit that would largely affect the world commerce and businesses. The interim outlook report by OECD predicts the growth rate of 3.3% for 2019 and 3.4% for 2020, which is 0.2% and 0.1% lesser respectively as compared to the November 2018 forecasts. The forecasted growth rate for Germany in 2019 is 0.7%, down from previous 1.6%. A growth rate of 1.1% is expected for 2020. Personal income in USA had fallen for the first time in more than three years in January while consumer spending dropped the most since 2009 in December.

7) Which country announced a complete ban on import of solid plastic waste/scrap recently?

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

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

The government of India, has put a complete ban on import of solid plastic waste/scrap into the country. Import of plastic was earlier partly banned as it was prohibited in special economic zones (SEZ) but allowed by Export-Oriented units (EOUs) who would obtain it from other countries in the form of post-recycling resources. This complete prohibition has been done by amendment of Hazardous Waste (Management & Trans-boundary Movement) Rules on March 1. The rule is a part of India's aim to completely phase out single-use plastic by 2022. A study by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) states that 10,376 tonnes (40%) out of the 25,940 tonnes of plastic waste per day remains uncollected in the country.

8) According to Monster Salary Index (MSI) Survey, a high gender pay gap (GPG) is observed in which of the following country, where women earn 19% less than men?

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

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

As per Monster Salary Index (MSI) Survey, a high gender pay gap (GPG) is observed in India, as women earn 19% less than men, where men earn Rs 242.49 and women earn Rs 196.3, that is Rs 46.19 lesser than men. The gap in 2018 was 20% and has narrowed by only 1% in 2019. Semi-skilled work shows no gender pay gap, however, the gap touches 20% for skilled women and 30% for highly skilled occupations. It increases with experience and is highest at 15% in favour of men for talent with 10 and more years of experience. This index is complemented with the key findings from the third annual survey titled 'Women of India Inc' undertaken by Monster.com. The survey witnessed maximum share of participation from Mumbai at (24%), followed by Bengaluru (23%) and Delhi/NCR at (18%). The participation from non-metros was only at about 29%. Sectoral analysis of the GPG showed that wage inequalities in favour of men are present in all the relevant sectors including IT/ITES services (26%); manufacturing (24%); healthcare, caring services and social work (21%). Financial services, banking and insurance is the only industry where men earn just 2% more.

9) What is the new revised income tax exemption for gratuity, decided by Union Labour Ministry under section 10 (10) (iii) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to benefit employees who are not covered under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and the employees of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs)?

- 1) Rs.30 lakh
- 2) Rs.20 lakh
- 3) Rs.40 lakh
- 4) Rs.50 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs.20 lakh

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, Union Labour Ministry decided to double the income tax exemption to Rs.20 lakh from the existing Rs.10 lakh for gratuity. The enhancement of gratuity under section 10 (10) (iii) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 to Rs.20 lakh will benefit employees who are not covered under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and the employees of Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs). The ceiling amount of gratuity has been raised from time to time under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 keeping in view overall economic condition and employers capacity to pay and the salary of the employees. The notification issued on March 29, 2018 was the latest enhancement of tax exemption limit on gratuity. Under this notification ceiling was increased from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.20 lakh which was effective from March 29, 2018.

10) According to the 'Suggested Election Manifesto' released by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), what is the average growth rate projected for political parties to achieve in the next 5 years?

- 1) 7.5%
- 2) 8%
- 3) 7%
- 4) 8.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 8%

Explanation:

Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) released a 'Suggested Election Manifesto' for political parties to achieve an average growth rate of 8% per annum in the next 5 years. The manifesto provides an economic roadmap for the upcoming government covering a range of subjects like agriculture, education, health, infrastructure, manufacturing, technology as well as environment. The industry grouping has called for compressing Goods and Services Tax (GST) rate slabs to 2% or 3% and lowering corporate income tax to 18% with no exemptions to make Indian tax rates globally competitive. On electoral reforms, it suggests devising a model for simultaneous elections of Parliament and state legislatures from 2024.

11) According to the report titled 'India and ASEAN: Co-creating the Future' by industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and consulting major KPMG, the e-commerce market in India is estimated to reach how much billion dollars by 2025?

- 1) 165.5 billion dollar
 - 2) 90 billion dollar
 - 3) 97 billion dollar
 - 4) 135 billion dollar
 - 5) 150 billion dollar
- None of these

Answer – 1) 165.5 billion dollar

Explanation:

On 10th March 2019, According to 'India and ASEAN: Co-creating the Future' report by industry body Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and consulting major KPMG, India and

10 member ASEAN are among the fastest growing economies in the world. India and ASEAN shows a faster growth rate even for e-commerce and digital trade sectors. Global E-commerce Sector topped by China. Global e-commerce sales are expected to reach 4.5 trillion dollars from 1.3 trillion dollars by 2021. By 2025, the e-commerce market in India is expected to reach a volume of 165.5 billion, while ASEAN countries grow by 90 billion dollars as per the report. The speed of the growth everywhere is led by rising internet penetration and smart phone use by young population and expanding middle class. China's e-commerce market will expand to 672 billion dollars by 2025.

12) According to the Assocham – PwC Study, what will be the Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of data consumption in India by 2022?

- 1) 80.5%
- 2) 70.8%
- 3) 72.6%
- 4) 75.9%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 72.6%

Explanation:

On 10th March 2019, According to the Assocham – PwC Study India's data consumption is expected to grow at a Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of about 72.6% by 2022. Internet consumption is clearly on the rise in India. It is expected that Video on Demand (VoD) market will show a significant development as per the study. In 2013 the average monthly spend on voice services was Rs.214 compared to Rs.173 spend on data which became Rs.124 on voice and Rs.225 on data in 2016. Instead of content creators and packagers, social media and technology platforms emerged as the primary beneficiaries of the increase in user time and spending. As per the study internet penetration shows an increase in India with mobile internet penetration is set to reach 56.7% in 2022 from 30.2% in 2017. But connectivity and consistency in speed issues are badly needed to be addressed.

13) As per the Finance Ministry Report, the total liabilities of the government increased to _____ lakh crore during October to December 2018?

- 1) Rs.81.50 lakh crore
- 2) Rs.83.40 lakh crore
- 3) Rs.85.70 lakh crore
- 4) Rs.87.50 lakh crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rs.83.40 lakh crore

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, according to Finance Ministry Report during the period October to December 2018, the total liabilities of the government increased to Rs.83.40 lakh crore from 82.03 lakh crore in the previous quarter of the current fiscal. Public debt accounted for 89.5% of total outstanding liabilities at the end of December 2018 with an internal debt accounting for 83.3% share. In the third quarter of the fiscal G-Sec yields have shown a softening trend with the decrease in weighted average yield of primary issuances to 7.82% from 8.01% in the last quarter.

14) As per Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), which country became the world's largest importer of weapons between 2014-2018?

- 1) Saudi Arabi
- 2) India
- 3) Egypt
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Saudi Arabi

Explanation:

India lost its position as the world's largest importer of weapons, which it held for over a decade, with Saudi Arabia topping the global share of arms imports between 2014 and 2018, as per the data published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), the leading Stockholm-based think tank that measures weapons imports over five-year periods. Saudi Arabia accounted for 12% of the global share of arms imports between 2014-2018, followed by India with a 9.5% share. Indian arms imports fell 24% between 2009-13 and 2014-18 because of delays in deliveries of fighter jets and submarines produced under licence from Russian and French original equipment manufacturers. India's top arms supplier, Russia, accounted for 58% of India's arms imports during the last 5 years, compared to 76% in the previous five-year period. US, Israel and France increased their arms exports to India in 2014-18.

15) Which of the following from Erode, Tamil Nadu gets GI tagged after 8-year process?

- 1) Sungudi
- 2) Jamakkalam
- 3) Turmeric
- 4) Wet Grinder
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Turmeric**

Explanation:

On 6th March 2019, Geographical Indication (GI) tag was granted by the Geographical Indication Registry to Erode turmeric after a process spread over 8 years. The cultivar is known as Erode local (Chinnanadan). Average length of the fingers of turmeric is approximately 4.15 cm and average circumference is 3.03 cm. The average bulb length of the mother rhizome is about 4.54 cm and the average circumference is 6.54 cm. It consists of 2.5-4.5% curcumin, has a golden yellow colour and is resistant to pests after boiling.

16) What is the rank of India in holding gold as per latest report by the World Gold Council (WGC)?

- 1) 1
- 2) 4
- 3) 9
- 4) 11
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 11**

Explanation:

According to the latest report by the World Gold Council (WGC), India, the world's largest consumer of gold, has the 11th largest gold reserve, with the current holding secured at 607 tonnes. The number one slot is occupied by the U.S., which has gold reserves of 8,133.5 tonnes, followed by Germany with 3,369.7 tonnes. International Monetary Fund (IMF) is positioned at third rank on the list with total gold reserves of 2,814 tonnes followed by Italy and France with reserves of 2,451 tonnes and 2,436 tonnes respectively. Among Asian countries, China (1,864.3 tonnes) and Japan (765.2 tonnes) have more gold reserves as compared to India. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which added 6.5 tonnes of gold to its reserves in January 2019, taking its total holding forming part of its foreign exchange reserves to 607 tonnes, is set to become the 10th largest holder of gold worldwide, displacing the Netherlands.

17) According to an EEPC India-Deloitte strategy paper, which year is set as 'aspirational' target by India for engineering exports to reach USD 200 billion?

- 1) 2022
- 2) 2025
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2030
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2025**

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, According to an EEPIC India-Deloitte strategy paper, India can achieve a three-fold “aspirational” increase in its engineering export to reach USD 200 billion by 2025, if concerted efforts are made by the government and Industry to develop a conducive ecosystem, and ensuring inputs at competitive prices. In the current financial year ending March 31, India’s engineering exports, which contribute 25 per cent to the overall merchandise shipments are projected to touch about USD 80-82 billion. Strategy paper has identified areas where government and industry interventions are required which includes various aspects such as product-market optimization, eco-system development, promotion and branding, and competitive procurement of inputs.

18) Name the country, that made the first shipment under the United Nations ‘Transports Internationaux Routiers’ (TIR) through Iran’s Chabahar Port.

- 1) Russia
- 2) US
- 3) Iran
- 4) Afghanistan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Afghanistan

Explanation:

The first shipment under the United Nations ‘Transports Internationaux Routiers’ (TIR) convention arrived in India from Afghanistan through Iran’s Chabahar Port. India had joined the TIR Convention (the United Nations Customs Convention on International Transport of Goods under cover of TIR Carnets) on June 15, 2017. It allows goods to be outlined in a TIR carnet and sealed in load compartments. Customs officials verify the carnet without physical checking, enabling shipments to pass through countries without being opened at borders.

19) Who is the head of the sub-committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) to review issues concerning the economy?

- 1) Hemant
- 2) Ajay Tyagi
- 3) Shaktikanta Das
- 4) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Shaktikanta Das

Explanation:

Markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), insurance regulator Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDAI), and pension fund regulator Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), along with senior officials of the finance ministry, discussed the key issues facing the economy at the meeting of the sub-committee of the Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC) chaired by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. The sub-committee reviewed the major developments on the global and domestic fronts that impinge on the financial stability of the country. The panel discussed ways to address challenges pertaining to the quality of credit ratings; and inter-linkages between housing finance companies and housing developers. It also deliberated on the interlinking of various regulatory databases and the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion.

20) Name the project launched by Microsoft in order to boost India’s Swachh Bharat Mission.

- 1) Micro-Bharat
- 2) Swachh
- 3) Sangam
- 4) Micro Boost
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sangam

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, Microsoft has announced that it has partnered with The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to promote its Project 'Sangam' which is developed to accelerate Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) in India. It is one of the world's largest Cleanliness Programme. The Microsoft's Project Sangam is a cloud-hosted, mobile-first community learning platform. It trained over 110000 municipal functionaries across over 4000 cities on Swachh Bharat e-Learning Portal. The aim of Swachh Bharat Mission is to clean up the streets, roads and infrastructure of India's urban and rural areas.

21) Under which mission, IIT Kharagpur signs MoU with C-DAC to build India's first 1.3 PetaFlop High Performance Computing facility at Kharagpur?

- 1) National Highcomputing Mission(NHM)
- 2) National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)
- 3) National Computing Mission(NCM)
- 4) National High Performance Computing Mission(NHPCM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)

Explanation:

Under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM), India's 1st state-of-the-art 1.3 PetaFlop High-Performance Computing facility and data center ecosystem will set up at IIT Kharagpur. On March 12, 2019 IIT Kharagpur signed a MoU with the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). C-DAC would facilitate supply, installation, commissioning and operations of state-of-the-art HPC facility along with Data Center ecosystem at the institute funded under the NSM project. This Facilitation will be provided for large-scale computational support to the researchers. It will accelerate and evolve the level of research currently being done with manifold improvement in output and efficiency. This new facility is likely to be ready for use in three to four months. National Super computing Mission(NSM) is being carried out by the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and Department of Electronics and Information Technology (DeitY) with an estimated cost of Rs.4,500 crore.

22) Which Organization has tied up with NASSCOM Foundation, to tackle the challenge of misinformation?

- 1) Facebook
- 2) WhatsApp
- 3) Instagram
- 4) Twitter
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) WhatsApp

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, WhatsApp has joined hands with NASSCOM Foundation, to tackle the challenge of misinformation. The aim of the partnership is to train 100,000 Indians to spot false information and provide tips and tricks to stay safe on WhatsApp. With this partnership, WhatsApp aims to reach approximately 100,000 Indians with training to spot false information and provide tips and tricks to stay safe on WhatsApp. The company said that the co-created curriculum encourages people to be mindful about forwarding rumors. The training will include real-world anecdotes, tools which can be used to verify a forward and actions users can take like reporting problematic content to fact checkers and law enforcement also the curriculum will be disseminated in multiple regional languages. On March 27, the first training will start in Delhi and will be followed by more planned interventions like hosting training workshops for representatives from rural and urban areas along with road shows across numerous colleges.

23) Which State Government has signed MoU with Ola to strengthen traffic infrastructure in its capital city?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Telangana

Explanation:

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ola and the Government of Telangana to support the government's initiative to implement smart solutions to enhance mobility experience further strengthening traffic infrastructure in Hyderabad. Under the MoU, the first pilot project proposed is the dynamic mapping of riding quality of various major roads in Hyderabad through the network of vehicles operating on the Ola platform. The desired outcome of this pilot project is to reduce accidents causing because of potholes, monitor the construction of roads, and prioritize budget for road repair.

24) According to World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), which country filed the greatest number of Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), patent applications in 2018?

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

Answer – 4) US

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, India registered the highest growth of 27% among countries in patent applications in 2018 with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). India filed 2013 international patent applications during the year. In the volume of patent filings, India fall below China and the US. China is expected to overtake the US as the leading hub for global innovation as per WIPO. China filed 53345 international patent applications last year which was 48905 in 2017. Innovators and research organizations in India in the previous year filed 1583 patent applications with WIPO. The report on patents are filed by members of the WIPO's Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) under which innovators from the member countries file their patent applications with the WIPO which is to be transmitted to the patent regulators in different countries for securing patent rights. US-based applicants filed 56,142 PCT applications, followed by those from China (53,345), Japan (49,702), Germany (19,883), and Korea (17,014).

25) What is the new rate slashed by GST Council for construction flats during its 34th GST Council that held in New Delhi?

- 1) 10%
- 2) 6%
- 3) 5%
- 4) 1%
- 5) None of the these

Answer – 3) 5%

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley chaired 34th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax Council in New Delhi. It discussed the operational details for implementation of the recommendations made by the 33rd meeting of the council. The tax rate for under construction flats slashed to 5% and affordable homes to 1% without input tax credit (ITC) by the GST Council. Currently 12% GST is levied with input tax credit on payments made for under construction properties. It will be effective from April 1st. The council approved transition plan for new tax rates on residential properties.

The developers of under construction buildings may either opt to shift to the revised lower rates without input tax credit or stick on to the previous rates. For housing projects launched after April 1st, the developers need to follow the new GST rates recommended by the Council. As per the council the changes will boost the real estate selling and ensure the rate cut benefits on to the middle class home buyers.

26) Name the first Indian low-cost carrier, which received International Air Transport Association (IATA) membership recently.

- 1) SpiceJet
- 2) GoAir
- 3) Air India
- 4) IndiGo
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) SpiceJet

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, SpiceJet received the International Air Transport Association (IATA) membership, becoming the first among the Indian low-cost carriers. The membership will be helpful for SpiceJet for its expansion plans by to have code shares and agreements with other carriers. SpiceJet is the fifth member of IATA from India. The membership will allow the carrier to infuse innovative ideas and best practices. IATA is a trade association for world's airlines. It represents around 290 airplanes or 82% of the total air traffic.

27) Name the Indian rail coach manufacturer, which became the world's largest rail coach manufacturer surpassing Chinese manufacturers.

- 1) Indian Railway Coach Factory, Haldia
- 2) Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli
- 3) Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- 4) Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai

Explanation:

Indian Railways Integral Coach Factory (ICF) has surpassed the top Chinese manufacturers after creating a 40% record increase in its production. With this, Indian Railway's oldest and premier coach manufacturing unit becomes the single largest rail coach manufacturer in the world. ICF has manufactured 2,919 coaches from April 2018 to February 2019 as compared to 2,600 coaches by Chinese manufacturers. Besides ICF Indian Railways has 2 coach manufacturing facilities namely Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala and Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli.

28) According to European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) report, how much percent of global trade represent Counterfeit and pirated goods in the year 2019?

- 1) 3.3%
- 2) 3.9%
- 3) 4.3%
- 4) 4%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 3.3%

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, As per European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) report, counterfeit and pirated goods amounted to 3.3% of global trade. It amounts to \$522 billion in global sales. When compared to 2016, counterfeit and pirated goods shows a considerable increase since the year. It was 2.5% of global trade in 2016. While considering the imports to the European Union alone, such goods worth 121 billion euros which is 6.8% of total imports to the region. It was 5% in 2016. China, Hong

Kong, United Arab Emirates, Turkey, Singapore, Thailand, India and Malaysia are the countries which mainly export pirated and counterfeits goods. United States, Japan, South Korea and EU state are the countries where the companies affected the most by counterfeit and pirated goods.

29) Union Defence Minister decided to purchase 10 lakh hand grenades worth _____ crores for Indian Army under 'Make in India' programme?

- 1) Rs.400 crores
- 2) Rs.450 crores
- 3) Rs.550 crores
- 4) Rs.500 crores
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) Rs.500 crores**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Union Defence Minister cleared the proposal to purchase 10 lakh hand grenades for Indian Army under 'Make in India' programme. It costs around Rs. 500 crores which will replace the existing HE-36 grenades manufactured by the Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and a production agency has been selected to manufacture the multi-mode grenades. The government also signed a Rs. 700 crore agreement with a US manufacturer for purchase of Sig Sauer Assault Rifles. Make in India is a type of Swadeshi Movement which encourage the companies to manufacture their products in India and invest in the manufacturing sector.

30) Government crosses disinvestment target for the financial year 2018-19 by _____ crore against its target Rs.80000 crore.

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

Answer - **1) 5000 crore**

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, Government outreached its disinvestment target of Rs 80,000 crore for the current financial year (2018-19) by Rs 5,000 crore. The disinvestment target has been fixed at Rs 90,000 crore for the next financial year (i.e. FY 2020). This is the second time in a row that Government has been able to hit the target.

31) Which Financial services company along with Goldman Sachs partnered with Apple to launch new credit card termed Apple Card?

- 1) HSBC
- 2) Mastercard
- 3) Deutsche Bank
- 4) Standard Chartered
- 5) None of these

Answer - **2) Mastercard**

Explanation:

The Tech Giant Apple has partnered with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard to launch a new credit card called Apple Card. Apple Card can be used along the wallet app of the iPhone. This virtual credit card will replace the traditional credit card with the smart and secure one. It can be used online and offline. The partnership with Goldman Sachs and Mastercard will help Apple for payment handling and processing. Through the Apple Wallet App, the application for Apple Card can be made and the users can also track expenses on a daily, weekly, monthly or even category-wise basis.

32) India revised the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreements (DTAAs) with which country that will come into effect from April 1?

- 1) Mauritius
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Both 1 and 3
- 5) Both 2 and 3

Answer - 4) Both 1 and 3

Explanation:

Changes in the SEBI listing and prevention of insider-trading regulations, revisions in the double-taxation avoidance agreements (DTAAs) with Mauritius and Singapore are set to come into effect from April 1. The changes in DTAAs give India the right to tax capital gains arising on Indian equity shares sold by a Singapore or Mauritian resident. Indian financial markets recently saw several cases of high volatility in companies, like Sun Pharma, DHFL and IL&FS, which created panic among retail investors. In all these, the role of the board came under lens.

33) How much percent of India's energy demand has increased in 2018 according to International Energy Agency (IEA)'s Global Energy & CO2 status report?

- 1) 4%
- 2) 3.3%
- 3) 3.5%
- 4) 3.1%
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) 4%

Explanation:

In accordance with the International Energy Agency (IEA)'s Global Energy & CO2 status report, India's energy demand has surpassed the global demand growth in 2018. India's primary demand increased 4% in 2018 in comparison to energy consumption worldwide grew by 2.3%. This accounts for 11 per cent of global demand growth. The growth in India was led by coal for power generation and oil for transport.

34) Which country has signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement for exchange of Country-by-Country (CbC) reports to check the tax evasions of Multinational Companies with India?

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

Answer - 2) United States

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, India and United States signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement for exchange of Country-by-Country (CbC) reports to check the tax evasions of Multinational Companies in income allocation and taxes paid. MNEs with revenue of 750 million Euros (5500 cr) or more per annum are required to file CbC reports in their parent entity's jurisdiction. The Bilateral Competent Authority Arrangement for exchange of CbC reports will enable the countries to automatically exchange the reports filed by the ultimate parent entities of Multi National Enterprises (MNEs). The Chairman of Central Board of Direct Taxes, PC Mody and US Ambassador to India, Kenneth Juster signed the agreement. India has been enabled with 62 jurisdictions by signing the Multilateral Component Authority Agreement (MCAA) earlier. The CbC reports requires MNCs to provide information about the name of each country where it operates, names of Subsidiaries and affiliates, performance of each Subsidiary, tax charge in accounts, detail of cost and net book value of fixed asset and gross and net assets details.

35) What does the name of first Indian Port operator to achieve a record in handle cargo movement of 200 million tonnes (MT) in 2018-19?

- 1) Kamarajar Port Limited
- 2) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ)
- 3) APM Terminals
- 4) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ)

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Adani Port and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ), a part of Gautam Adani-led Adani Group becomes the first Indian port operator to achieve a new record of handling 200 million tonnes (MT) cargo movement in 2018-19. Adani Port achieved this milestone before their estimate time that is by 2020. Adani Port and Special Economic Zone (APSEZ) has 10 ports and terminals including Mundra, Dahej, Kandla and Hazira in Gujarat, Dhamra in Odisha, Mormugao in Goa, Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and Kattupalli and Ennore in Chennai, all this represents 24 percent of the country's total port capacity. Also, it has set an aim to double growth up to 400 MT by 2025.

36) Which Ministry has unveiled a blockchain based e-marketplace for coffee farmers?

- 1) Corporate Affairs Ministry
- 2) Commerce Ministry
- 3) Finance Ministry
- 4) Home Affairs Ministry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Commerce Ministry

Explanation:

The commerce ministry has unveiled a blockchain-based coffee e-marketplace which will facilitate farmers to integrate with markets to get aware of fair prices for the commodity. It will reduce the number of layers between coffee growers and buyers and help farmers double their income.

37) What is the Current account deficit (CAD) of India in the 3rd quarter of the year 2019?

- 1) 2.1% of GDP
- 2) 2.5% of GDP
- 3) 2.3% of GDP
- 4) 2.9% of GDP
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 2.5% of GDP

Explanation:

Current account deficit (CAD) of India has widened to 2.5% of GDP in the 3rd quarter of the current fiscal year primarily on account of a higher trade deficit though the foreign exchange reserves which continued to soar. Current account deficit has been widened merely 0.4% from 2.1%, a year ago. The CAD had moderated to USD 19.1 billion or 2.9 per cent of GDP in the preceding quarter.

38) Which Indian Shipyard became the first to deliver its 100th Warship-Landing Craft Utility, L-56?

- 1) Great Eastern Shipping Companies
- 2) Shipping Corporation of India Ltd
- 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited
- 4) ABG Shipyard
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited

Explanation:

On 30th March, 2019, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited has delivered its 100th Warship which is a Landing Craft Utility, L-56, to the Indian Navy. This has made GRSE the first Indian Shipyard to make and deliver 100 warships to the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and Mauritius Coast Guard. The 100th Warship, IN LCU L-56 was handed over by Rear Admiral V. K. Saxena, Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE to Lt. Cdr. Gopinath Narayanan, Commanding Officer of the Ship.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) Which of the following State received the first prize in the National Water Awards ceremony under the category best state in resource management?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On 27th February 2019, The Union Minister for Water Resources, River development and rejuvenation Nithin Gadkari presented 82 National Water Awards in 14 categories for the year 2018 at a ceremony held in New Delhi. The department of geology at Kakatiya University, Warangal Telangana received the best campus in India in terms of water usage. Panjab University secured 2nd position in the category. Madurai district received first prize for rejuvenations and creating new water bodies in the National Water Awards 2018. In best state category Maharashtra, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh bagged first, second and third prizes resource management in India.

2) Name the first Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a Blue Plaque at 4 Taviton Street in Bloomsbury, London?

- 1) Brinda Karat
- 2) Lilly Singh
- 3) Noor Inayat
- 4) Amelia Rajput
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Noor Inayat

Explanation:

British Indian World War II spy, Noor Inayat Khan, confirmed as the first Indian-origin woman to be honoured with a Blue Plaque at 4 Taviton Street in Bloomsbury, London (her former home). She was the daughter of Indian Sufi saint Hazrat Inayat Khan and an agent for Britain's Special Operations Executive (SOE) during World War II. She was captured and killed by the Nazis in 1944 at the age of 30 years. The Blue Plaque scheme run by English Heritage honours notable people who lived or worked in particular buildings across London.

3) Who became the First Indian to join top 10 richest billionaire list of Hurun Research?

- 1) Pallonji Mistry
- 2) Lakshmi Mittal
- 3) Azim Premji
- 4) Mukesh Ambani
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Mukesh Ambani

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Chairman and Managing Director Mukesh Ambani became the first Indian and the only Asian to enter the Global top 10 richest billionaire list compiled by Hurun Research, China after a

USD 9 billion or 20% surge in his wealth to USD 54 billion. India is at 5th spot with 104 billionaires. Last year, the country had added 32 billionaires, but this year it lost 28. Mumbai and New Delhi are the billionaire capitals of the country.

4) Name the Insurance company, which is conferred with the Non-Life Insurer of the Year Award 2019 by ASSOCHAM?

- 1) Bharti AXA General Insurance
- 2) Life Insurance Corporation
- 3) HDFC Standard Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 4) ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Co. Ltd.
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Bharti AXA General Insurance

Explanation:

On 1st March, 2019, ASSOCHAM (The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India), which is one of the apex trade associations of India has conferred 'Non-Life Insurer of the Year Award 2019' to Bharti AXA General Insurance which is a joint venture between Bharti Enterprises and French insurance giant AXA. The award has been awarded for its contribution to the non-life insurance sector during the recently-held Insurance Leaders Meet 2019 and Excellence Awards in Kolkata. This award recognizes efficacy, excellence and contribution in the insurance industry annually.

5) Which of the following University is the only private Indian University featured in QS World Rankings?

- 1) University of Petroleum and Energy Studies
- 2) Manipal Academy of Higher Education
- 3) SRM Institute of Science And Technology
- 4) Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Manipal Academy of Higher Education

Explanation:

Manipal Academy of Higher Education achieved another milestone, as it became the only private University in India to be featured in the QS World rankings in the areas of Medicine and Pharmacy. This is the third consecutive year that MAHE is the highest ranked private University in the country, speaking volumes about its commitment to excellence in education and research, given the strict evaluation parameters for the rankings.

6) According to the Delta ranking report released by NITI Aayog, which district, has become the top aspirational district among the 112 aspirational districts?

- 1) Maharashtra's Chandrapur
- 2) Assam's Hailakandi
- 3) West Bengal's Alipurduar
- 4) Odisha's Bhadrak
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Assam's Hailakandi

Explanation:

According to the Delta ranking report released by NITI Aayog, Assam's Hailakandi has become the top aspirational district among the 112 aspirational districts of the country. Hailakandi in Assam has made a giant leap from 52nd position to no. 1 position on the basis of its performance during November-December 2018 and January 2019. For securing first rank to be the top aspirational district, Hailakandi will be given an allocation of Rs.10 crore.

7)SKOCH award,the highest independent honour is conferred to which of the following organization in the field of disaster management?

- 1) Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA)
- 2) Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA)
- 3) WestBengal State Disaster Management Authority (WSDMA)
- 4) Maharashtra State Disaster Management Authority (MSDMA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA)

Explanation:

SKOCH award, the highest independent honour in the country, was given to Odisha State Disaster Management Authority (OSDMA) for the first time for its remarkable achievements in the field of disaster management. The award was presented at the mega event of 56th SKOCH Summit in New Delhi. OSDMA received this SKOCH award in the Disaster Management category and “Order-of-Merit” Gold for building community resilience by establishing 879 Multi-Purpose Cyclone and Flood Shelters across the coastline and flood prone areas of Odisha.

8)Name the Organization,which was recognized as one of the World’s Most Ethical Company?

- 1) Yahoo
- 2) Google
- 3) Tata Steel
- 4) Apple
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Tata Steel

Explanation:

Tata Steel has received an award as one of the 2019 World’s Most Ethical Companies. The award has been given by Ethisphere Institute, USA. The company was also recognised 7 times previously (this being the eighth recognition) and is one of the only two awardees in the ‘Metals, Minerals and Mining’ industry. In 2019, 128 honourees across 21 countries and 50 industries have been recognised.

9)Name the England Cricketer,who was officially awarded with the knighthood for his services to cricket recently?

- 1) Jos Buttler
- 2) Joe Root
- 3) James Anderson
- 4) Alastair Cook
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Alastair Cook

Explanation:

On 27th February 2019, Alastair Cook– formerly a skipper of the England cricket team was officially awarded the knighthood for his services to cricket. He was honoured by Elizabeth II, the Queen of England at the Buckingham Palace, London, England. He is the 11th English cricketer to be awarded knighthood for services to cricket and also the first English cricketer to get the honour after Sir Ian Botham received it in 2007. He made his Test debut in 2006 against India, was the captain of England for 59 Test matches and captained the team to win 24 matches in the longest format of the game. He has played a total of 160 test matches.

10)Which bank received the Best Bank Award from the state government of Tamil Nadu?

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

Answer – 1) Indian Bank

Explanation:

Indian Bank, a Public Sector Bank (PSB), headquartered at Chennai, Tamil Nadu has been awarded the Best Bank Award by the Tamil Nadu government for successfully meeting the needs of women's self-help groups (SHGs). The award was given to MK Bhattacharya, the executive director of Indian Bank by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu K Palaniswami at Salem, Tamil Nadu.

11) Who was conferred with the 2019 National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education Award?

- 1) Raman
- 2) Rajagopalachari
- 3) Radhakrishnan
- 4) Kavya Kopparapu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kavya Kopparapu

Explanation:

Kavya Kopparapu, an Indian-American teenager residing in Herndon, Virginia has been awarded the National STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education Award 2019. She has been awarded for her significant invention in enhancing treatments of glioblastoma– which is the deadliest form of brain cancer. She has developed GlioVision, which is a high accuracy medicine platform powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI). It performs prediction of brain tumour characteristics by using a scanned image of a biopsy rather than a DNA sample, in lesser time and at lower costs. The prize money amounts for STEM amounts to \$10,000. She is a student of computer science and biology at Harvard University. She has also heads Girls Computing League– a non-profit organisation which has raised more than \$100,000 for computer science programming and has impacted more than 3,800 American students. She has also delivered speeches at Smithsonian Institution, NASA Kennedy Space Centre, and was a participant in numerous AI conferences.

12) Which organisation created a new Guinness World Record for the longest single moving line bicycle parade?

- 1) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 2) Women's Research and Action Group (WRAG)
- 3) Textiles Research Associations
- 4) India Chemicals and Pharmaceuticals Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)

Explanation:

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) on Sunday created a new Guinness World Record for the longest single moving line bicycle parade at the Yamuna Expressway. The 1,327 bicycles parade covered 3.2 km distance non-stop with a uniform distance between bicycles in a single line. Earlier the record was held by Hubballi Bicycle Club, India, with 1,235 bicycles in a single chain. Guinness World Records chose Ahmed Gamaleldin Ahmed Gabr from Egypt as the adjudicator for the event.

13) Which State/Territory created Guinness World Record for performing the Virabathrasan or the Warrior II Pose for 3 minutes?

- 1) Hong Kong
- 2) Osaka
- 3) New York
- 4) Yokohama
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Hong Kong

Explanation:

A Guinness World Record in Yoga was set by more than a thousand people who performed the Virabathrasan or the Warrior II Pose for 3 minutes, in Sun Yat Sen Memorial Park, Hong Kong. This initiative to promote yoga was taken by Overseas President of BJP for Hong Kong and China Sohan Goenka. The previous record was of 387 people.

14) Name the organization that was awarded with the 'Green Era Award for Sustainability' at Lisbon, Portugal?

- 1) Infosys
- 2) TCS
- 3) TVS Motor
- 4) Wipro
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) TVS Motor

Explanation:

On 4th March 2019, TVS Motor was awarded the 'Green Era Award for Sustainability' at Lisbon, Portugal. The company also won the 'Quality and Business Excellence Award' for its unmatched product quality. The research for the awards was conducted by Otherways Management and Consulting, France. The award-event was held at Lisbon, Portugal and saw participation by 34 companies spanning across 25 countries. TVS Motor is the flagship company of 8.5 billion-dollar TVS Group.

15) Which city bagged the cleanest city award for third straight year in Swachh Survekshan 2019 Awards in New Delhi?

- 1) Indore
- 2) Gauchar
- 3) Ujjain
- 4) Bhopal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Indore

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Swachh Survekshan 2019 Awards in New Delhi and appreciated those who are taking active part in cleanliness drive in the country. Indore bagged award for cleanest city for third straight year in Swachh Survekshan. New Delhi Municipal Council area gets cleanest small city award while Uttarakhand's Gauchar was adjudged Best Ganga Town in the survey. Top ranked cities received a statue of Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi as award for their work towards cleanliness. Swachh Survekshan 2019 covered all Urban Local Bodies in the country, making it the largest such cleanliness survey in the world.

16) Who will be conferred with Pritzker Architecture Prize 2019 Award, the highest international honour in the field of architecture,?

- 1) Richard Rogers
- 2) Arata Isozaki
- 3) Renzo Piano
- 4) Frank Gehry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Arata Isozaki

Explanation:

Japanese architect Arata Isozaki, who integrated the East and West in his creative designs has been honoured with Pritzker Architecture Prize 2019. This prize was incorporated in 1979 and is said to be the highest international honour in the field of architecture. The prize was announced by the jury of the Hyatt Foundation. He is the 8th Japanese to be honoured with this award. The award ceremony will be held in May, 2019 at the Chateau de Versailles in France.

17) Name the person, who was declared as the youngest ever self-made billionaire by Forbes magazine recently?

- 1) Evan Spiegel
- 2) Katharina Andresen
- 3) Kylie Jenner
- 4) Gustav Magnar Witzoe
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kylie Jenner

Explanation:

Kylie Jenner was declared by Forbes magazine as the youngest ever self-made billionaire. The credit of this success goes to her company Kylie Cosmetics which introduced the popular Kylie Lip kit. She is 21 and holds the 2,057th position in whether her wealth was self-made or inherited.

18) According to the Forbes World's Billionaires list, who attained the top position in the list with USD 131 billion wealth?

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

Answer – 4) Jeff Bezos

Explanation:

Reliance Industries Chairman, Mukesh Ambani, jumped six positions to rank 13th on Forbes World's Billionaires list with USD 50 billion wealth and leads 106 billionaires from India on the list where Wipro Chairman Azim Premji ranked 36th with USD 22.6 billion wealth. Last year, he was ranked 19th with USD 40.1 billion. The list was topped by Amazon's Jeff Bezos and family with USD 131 billion wealth followed by Bill Gates (USD 96.5 bn) in the 2nd place and Warren Buffet (USD 82.5 bn) on the 3rd. Other Indians in the list include: Aditya Birla Group Chairman Kumar Birla (122nd) Chairman and founder of the Adani Group Gautam Adani (167th) Bharti Airtel head Sunil Mittal (244th) co-founder of consumer goods giant Patanjali Ayurveda Acharya Balkrishna (365th) Piramal Enterprises Chair Ajay Piramal (436th) Biocon founder Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw (617th) Infosys co-founder N R Narayana Murthy (962nd) RCom chairman Reliance Anil Ambani (1349th).

19) Who was conferred with the "Sulabh Sculpture Award" on the 49th Foundation Day of Sulabh International?

- 1) Vipul Mehta
- 2) Phani Bhushan Biswas
- 3) L. V. Revanth
- 4) L K Advani
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Phani Bhushan Biswas

Explanation:

Nonagenarian artist Phani Bhushan Biswas was awarded the Rs 10 lakh "Sulabh Sculpture Award" on the 49th Foundation Day of Sulabh International. He hails from the Sitamari district in Bihar, received the award from Sulabh International founder Bindeshwar Pathak.

20) Name the Indian Air Force Wing Commander, who will be honoured with the first-ever 'Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar'?

- 1) Douglas Bader
- 2) Roland Beamont
- 3) Guy Gibson
- 4) Abhinandan Varthaman

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Abhinandan Varthaman

Explanation:

Indian Air Force Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman has been chosen for the first Bhagwan Mahavir Ahimsa Puraskar constituted by the Akhil Bharatiya Digambar Jain Mahasamiti. The award which carries a cash prize of Rs. 2.51 lakh, a memento and a citation will be presented to Abhinandan Varthaman on April 17 the Mahavir Jayanti. Abhinandan Varthaman, a wing-commander in the Indian Air Force shot into limelight in the ongoing bilateral tensions between Indian and Pakistan aftermath of the Pulwama terror attack. He was flying MiG-21 as a part of a sortie that was scrambled to intercept an intrusion by Pakistan Air craft. In the dogfight that followed, he crossed into Pakistan territory wherein he was struck by missiles. Later he ejected and descended safely at the village of Horran in Pakistan Occupied Kashmir around 7 km from Line of Control. He was captured by the Pakistan Military and was later handed over to India.

21) Nobel Prize will be awarded twice this year for which of the following category?

- 1) Nobel Prize in Peace
- 2) Nobel Prize in Economics
- 3) Nobel Prize in Literature
- 4) Nobel Prize in Chemistry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nobel Prize in Literature

Explanation:

The Swedish Academy has said that two Nobel Prizes for literature will be awarded this year. The decision comes after a sex scandal causing the suspension of the award last year. The Academy in a statement at Stockholm yesterday said the Nobel Prize in Literature will be awarded this autumn for both 2018 and 2019. The much-awaited award had to be postponed last year for the first time since 1949.

22) Name the airport, that won the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award for being the best airport in size and region (2-5 million passengers in Asia-Pacific) for the year 2018?

- 1) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- 2) Kempegowda International Airport
- 3) Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA)
- 4) Indira Gandhi International Airport
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA)

Explanation:

Biju Patnaik International Airport (BPIA) in Bhubaneswar won the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) award for being the best airport in size and region (2-5 million passengers in Asia-Pacific) for the year 2018. It has been chosen for the award by the Airports Council International. ii. Chandigarh Airport, Devi Ahilyabai Holkar Airport in Indore, SM Badaruddin II Airport in Indonesia, SS Kasim II Airport in Indonesia and Yichang Sanxia Airport in China were also chosen for the award. iii. The award is given on the basis of independent survey among passengers on the parameters of security, safety, experience, ambience, ease of availability and cleanliness.

23) Which of the following airport, was declared as the best airport in the category of over “40 million passengers per annum (MPPA)” in Asia Pacific in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Programme for 2018?

- 1) Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport
- 2) Kempegowda International Airport
- 3) Cochin International Airport

4) Veer Savarkar International Airport

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport

Explanation:

The Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, New Delhi was declared as the best airport in the category of over “40 million passengers per annum (MPPA)” in Asia Pacific by Airports Council International (ACI) in the Airport Service Quality (ASQ) Programme for 2018. It had maintained the position of World no. 2 from 2011 to 2013 and in 2014 went up to become the World no. 1 in the 25-40 MPPA category and stayed at that position in 2015. It stood World No. 2 in the highest category of more than 40 MPPA in 2016 and in 2017, it was adjudged as the best airport in the highest category of over 40 MPPA.

24) According to Bloomberg Billionaires Index, who became the third richest person in the world?

1) Carlos Slim

2) Amancio Ortega

3) Warren Buffett

4) Bernard Arnault

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bernard Arnault

Explanation:

Bernard Arnault, the chairman of Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE (LVMH) has overtaken Warren Buffett, the chairman of Berkshire Hathaway to become the third-richest person of the world, on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index. His net worth is \$83.1 billion, which is about \$100 million more than that of Mr. Buffett. He is the second European to reach this position on the list, first being Amancio Ortega, the owner of Zara.

25) Marayoor jaggery gets Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the central government recently. It belongs to which of the following district?

1) Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh

2) Purba Medinipur, West Bengal

3) Idukki, Kerala

4) Kodagu, Karnataka

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Idukki, Kerala

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, Marayoor jaggery from Idukki, Kerala gets Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the central government. This jaggery is made from sugarcane and no chemicals are added during the manufacturing process which makes it a world class delicacy. Marayoor jaggery is made using only traditional methods. It is dark brown in colour with high sweetness and iron, less sodium content and insoluble impurities. The GI tag will help the traditional sugarcane farmers in Marayoor and provide them with more windows of opportunities.

26) Name the 116-year-old Japanese woman, who was honoured as the world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records.

1) Kane Tanaka

2) Chiyo Shiraishi

3) Asa Takii

4) Tae Ito

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kane Tanaka

Explanation:

Kane Tanaka, a 116-year-old Japanese woman born on January 2, 1903, who loves playing the board game Othello was honoured as the world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records. She was

officially on records recognised by the global authority in a ceremony at the nursing home where she lives in Fukuoka, Japan. Another Japanese woman, Chiyo Miyako, who died in July 2018 at age 117 was the previous oldest person.

27) Which insurance company was awarded with the prestigious Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award - 2019, for their contextual microinsurance product - "Ola Ride Insurance"?

- 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 2) Aditya Birla Health Insurance
- 3) ACKO General Insurance
- 4) Kotak Mahindra General Insurance
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) ACKO General Insurance

Explanation:

The new-age digital insurance company, ACKO General Insurance was awarded the prestigious Golden Peacock Innovative Product Award - 2019, for their contextual microinsurance product - "Ola Ride Insurance". The award was presented to Bireesh Giri, Appointed Actuary & CRO, Acko at an event in Dubai. Launched in March 2018, Ola Ride Insurance is a first of its kind insurance in the Indian market where Acko partnered with the leading ride-sharing company, Ola. The Re. 1 Ola ride insurance is a contextual microinsurance solution that protects the user against any unfortunate mishaps while commuting, providing benefits in cases of loss of baggage/laptops, missed flights, accidental medical expense, ambulance transportation cover, etc.

28) Name the country, that won the International 'Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019' in the category of 'TV Cinema Spot' at ITB, Berlin?

- 1) Ministry of Tourism, India
- 2) Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Malaysia
- 3) Ministry of Tourism, U.S
- 4) Ministry of Tourism, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ministry of Tourism, India

Explanation:

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India was awarded the First Prize in the category- TV Cinema Spot at the International Golden City Gate Tourism Awards 2019 held at Internationale Tourismus-Börse (ITB), Berlin. The awards were received by Shri Yogendra Tripathi, Secretary, Tourism. The awards were given for the following promotional films and TV commercials produced under the Incredible India 2.0 Campaign: Yogi of the Racetrack, The Reincarnation of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, Sanctuary in Paris, Maharani of Manhattan, The Masala Master Chef. The Incredible India 2.0 Campaign was started by the Ministry of Tourism in September 2017.

29) Who won the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2018 for outstanding women journalist?

- 1) Nidhi Razdan
- 2) Priyanka Dubey
- 3) Neha Dixit
- 4) Barkha Dutt
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Priyanka Dubey

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, a bilingual correspondent with the BBC at its Delhi bureau, Priyanka Dubey won the Chameli Devi Jain Award 2018 as outstanding women journalist. She was chosen for her multi-faceted, interrogative and investigative reports. She helped to uncover the reality underlying in the social and political issues. Chameli Devi Jain Award has been awarded to women journalist for upholding standards of excellence through a sustained body of work for the past 37 years. The award was presented at a

function in Delhi. She was a freedom fighter. This award is the country's longest running media award for women. The jury comprised Vandita Mishra, National Opinion Editor in Indian Express, Bharat Bhushan, former editor in NewsX and Sheela Bhatt, National editor of NewsX.

30) Who received Yashwantrao Chavan National Award, for his contribution towards economic development?

- 1) Urjit Patel
- 2) Raghuram Rajan
- 3) Shaktikanta Das
- 4) D. Subbarao
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Raghuram Rajan

Explanation:

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Raghuram Rajan, for his contribution towards economic development, was awarded the 'Yashwantrao Chavan National Award 2018' on March 12, 2019, which was the 106th birth anniversary of late Yashwantrao Chavan, the first chief minister of Maharashtra. i. The award is given annually to individuals or institutions for their outstanding contribution towards national integration.

31) Prajapati Trivedi won Harry Hatry Performance Management practice award by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the Center for Accountability and Performance (CAP). He is the director of which of the following association?

- 1) Commonwealth
- 2) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
- 3) BRICS Association
- 4) Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Commonwealth

Explanation:

The Harry Hatry Award for Performance Management has been awarded to Prajapati Trivedi, the Commonwealth's Director of Economic, Youth and Sustainable Development, by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) and the Center for Accountability and Performance (CAP). The award was presented by Richard Greene, Chair of the Center for Accountability and Performance at a ceremony in Washington, USA. It is awarded to someone who is exceptional in teaching, education, training and consultation in performance measurement and has hugely contributed to the practice of public administration. He is a visiting fellow at the IBM Center for the Business of Government in Washington DC and also a visiting faculty member at the Kennedy School of Government in Harvard. He earlier held the post of a Secretary to the Government of India in the Cabinet Secretariat, from 2009-14. He has also held the posts of a Senior Economist with the World Bank from 1995-2009 and Economic Adviser to Government of India from 1992-1994.

32) Who was conferred with the Social Enterprise Network (SEN) sustainability award for helping youth to develop skills?

- 1) Skill India
- 2) Daksha
- 3) Sona Yukti
- 4) Smart
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sona Yukti

Explanation:

Sona Yukti, a skill development institute, was honoured with the Social Enterprise Network (SEN) sustainability award for education by Young Presidents Organisation at its annual event held in Cape

Town, South Africa. It is the only Indian organisation to be selected as part of the SEN awards for 2018. The award was given to Sona Yukti for helping over 55,000 economically disadvantaged individuals, mostly women, by training them to achieve highly skilled jobs in marginalised communities. The organisation focuses on providing opportunity for the disadvantaged, in partnership with the government of India, and follows standards set up by the National Skills Development Corporation. It runs 50 vocational schools in rural India providing a skilled workforce for companies and opportunities for those workers to lift themselves from poverty. It is present in rural areas of Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

33) Who has been chosen for Kusumagraj Rashtriya Sahitya Puruskar?

- 1) Anita Desai
- 2) Ved Rahi
- 3) Vikram Seth
- 4) Kiran Desai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ved Rahi**

Explanation:

Famous Novelist and Film Director, Ved Rahi will be awarded with prestigious Kusumagraj Rashtriya Sahitya Puruskar which carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh, A memento and a citation. Ved Rahi was born in Jammu in 1933 and he had written seven novels in Dogri Language. He also wrote in Hindi and Urdu. He was given Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983 for his Novel "Aale" which was written in Dogri Language. Kusumagraj award is named after Marathi Poet and playwright, late V V Shirwadkar who was popularly known as Kusumagraj.

34) Name the campaign under which Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar set Guinness World Record for donating more than 3 Lakh clothing items?

- 1) Vastradan
- 2) BeAllHeart
- 3) BHTribe
- 4) Vasthram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Vastradan**

Explanation:

On 10th March 2019, An Official of Guinness Book of World Records, UK presented a certificate to Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar for the largest collection of clothes for donation after he donated more than 3 lakh clothing items in Udaipur. Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar who is a descendant of Rajpur ruler Maharana Pratap started the 'Vastradan' campaign under which 329250 cloths from around 76000 donors were collected and distributed among the needy people.

35) Read the following carefully and find who is not featured in the list of Young Global Leaders, according to the World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- 1) Poonam Mahajan
- 2) Manu Kumar Jain
- 3) Nara Lokesh
- 4) Sachin Pilot
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Sachin Pilot**

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh IT minister Nara Lokesh, BJP MP Poonam Mahajan and Xiaomi India head Manu Kumar Jain are among the 6 Indians featuring in the list of Young Global Leaders, according to the World Economic Forum (WEF). The list has 127 of the world's most promising social activists, business leaders, public servants, artists and technologists under the age of 40. Telangana government's Chief Innovation

Officer Phanindra Sama, SaveLife Foundation's Piyush Tewari and Kaleidofin's co-Founder Sucharita Mukherjee are also in the list. Nara Lokesh is the minister of Information Technology, Electronics and Communications in Andhra Pradesh and is accelerating development in the most rural villages of Andhra Pradesh as one of the youngest ministers in the country. Poonam Mahajan is both president of the Youth Wing of one of India's major political parties and the first female President of India's Basketball Federation. Manu Kumar Jain is one of the country's youngest internet entrepreneurs, building bridges between China and India while managing a multi-billion dollar business.

36) "Sirsi Supari" gets GI tag recently, which is the first in the areca nut sector. It is cultivated in which of the following state?

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

Answer – 1) Karnataka

Explanation:

'Sirsi Supari' cultivated in Yellapura, Siddapura and Sirsi talukas of Uttara Kannada, Karnataka, has received the Geographic Indication (GI) tag which is the first time in the areca nut sector. Totgars' Cooperative Sale Society Ltd., Sirsi, is the registered proprietor of the GI and the Registrar of Geographical Indications, under the Union government, Chennai issued the certificate to the society. Its GI number is 464. According to it, the particular arecanut "is medium in size, somewhat flat and rounded in shape, somewhat ash coloured, and has a hard seed."

37) Who was awarded, with the Uttam Yuddh Seva Medal?

- 1) Bipin Rawat
- 2) Saranjeet Singh
- 3) Vijayant Bist
- 4) David Manlun
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Saranjeet Singh

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind conferred 3 Kirti Chakras and 15 Shaurya Chakras to Armed Forces Personnel for displaying conspicuous gallantry, indomitable courage and extreme devotion to duty at the Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi. 2 Kirti Chakras and 1 Shaurya Chakra were given posthumously. 15 Param Vishisht Seva Medals, 1 Uttam Yuddh Seva Medal and 25 Ati Vishisht Seva Medals were also conferred on senior officers of the Armed Forces for their distinguished service by the President. One of the Param Vishisht Seva Medal was conferred on Army Chief General Bipin Rawat. Lt. Gen. Saranjeet Singh was awarded the Uttam Yuddh Seva Medal.

38) Name the person, who was honoured with the Commonwealth Youth Award for the Asian region?

- 1) Sree Vidhya
- 2) Padmanaban Gopalan
- 3) Zubaida Bai
- 4) Mahalakshmi Saravanan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Padmanaban Gopalan

Explanation:

Social entrepreneur from Tamil Nadu, Padmanaban Gopalan, founder of No Food Waste, was named the winner of the Commonwealth Youth Award for the Asian region worth 3,000 Pounds at a ceremony at the Commonwealth Secretariat in London. He was given the honour for his work towards achieving the

UN's Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of Zero Hunger with his innovative system of recovering excess food to distribute to those in need. The initiative runs a geo-mapping platform, which allows users to drop food at located "hunger spots" and has so far recovered over 650,000 meals across 14 cities and the platform has been used by over 12,000 volunteers.

39) Name the person, who topped the 2019's ESPN World Fame 100 list, an annual list of the most famous athletes on the planet.

- 1) LeBron James
- 2) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 3) Lionel Messi
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Cristiano Ronaldo

Explanation:

Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli and former captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni are among the 8 Indian cricketers in the 2019's ESPN World Fame 100 list, an annual list of the most famous athletes on the planet. Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo is at the top spot, followed by basketball player LeBron James and FC Barcelona captain Lionel Messi. These top 3 positions have not changed from the previous year. Virat Kohli jumped to the 7th position from last year's 11th position and is now the only Indian athlete in the top 10, whereas Dhoni is placed in the 13th spot. All the Indian men mentioned in this list were from the cricketing fraternity, including Yuvraj Singh (18), Suresh Raina (22), R Ashwin (42), Rohit Sharma (46), Harbhajan Singh (74) and Shikhar Dhawan (94). There are only 3 women in the list- Serena Williams (17), Maria Sharapova (37) and Sania Mirza (93), making the latter the only Indian woman athlete to feature in the list. The list was prepared by looking at three aspects, namely- Search Score, Endorsements and Social Following.

40) Which organization won the Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2018-19 for its RO+UV+UF technology at the Water Digest Water Awards?

- 1) Kent RO Systems Pvt. Ltd.
- 2) UEM Clean Solution
- 3) Voltas water management and treatment limited
- 4) SIMENS water technologies
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kent RO Systems Pvt. Ltd.

Explanation:

Kent RO Systems Pvt. Ltd. has received the Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2018-19 for its RO+UV+UF technology at the Water Digest Water Awards function that was held at The Lalit, New Delhi. The Water Digest Water Awards are given jointly by the Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation and UNESCO. Kent had also earlier received awards like Organization of the Year Awards 2017, Best Domestic Water Purifier Award 2016-17, Asia's Most Promising Brand 2016 etc.

41) Geographical Indications Registry recently granted Geographical Indication (GI) tag to Coorg Arabica Coffee. It belongs to which of the following district?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Wayanad, Kerala
- 3) Kodagu, Karnataka
- 4) Koraput, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kodagu, Karnataka

Explanation:

Geographical Indication (GI) tags have been granted to Coorg Arabica Coffee, Wayanad Robusta Coffee,

Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee, Araku Valley Arabica Coffee and Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee, by the Geographical Indications Registry on 1st March 2019. Coorg Arabica Coffee is grown in Kodagu, Karnataka. Wayanad Robusta Coffee is grown in Wayanad, Kerala. Chikmagalur Arabica Coffee and Bababudangiris Arabica Coffee are grown in Chikmagalur, Karnataka. Araku Valley Arabica Coffee is grown around Visakhapatnam district in Andhra Pradesh and Koraput district in Odisha.

42) Who won the BusinessLine Changemaker Of The Year award for introducing Goods and Services Tax (GST) in New Delhi?

- 1) Arun Jaitley
- 2) Sridhar Vembu
- 3) Rani Bang
- 4) Srikanth Bolla
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Arun Jaitley

Explanation:

On March 15, 2019, the former Prime Minister, Manmohan Singh presented the BusinessLine Changemaker Of The Year award to Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, for successfully introducing the Goods and Services Tax (GST). The Union Finance Minister, Mr Jaitley accepted the award from Dr Singh on the behalf of the GST Council at The BusinessLine Changemaker Awards ceremony at the Leela Palace, New Delhi.

43) As per brand consultancy Interbrand of Omnicom Group, which brand topped the report based on the brand value?

- 1) Big Bazaar
- 2) Airtel
- 3) Reliance
- 4) Tata
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tata

Explanation:

A recent report by brand consultancy Interbrand, a division of Omnicom Group, Tata, Reliance and Airtel are the top three Indian brands of 2019, with Tata holding the top position as its brand value grew by 6%, mainly due to Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). Reliance took the second position as its brand value grew by 12%, mainly due to the success of Jio. Following Airtel at number three, HDFC Bank, LIC, State Bank of India, Infosys, Mahindra, ICICI Bank and Godrej rounded off the top 10 list. Kishore Biyani-owned Big Bazaar grabbed the 33rd spot with Rs.26.86 billion, along with supermarket chain DMart at 37 with Rs.20.15 billion. Along with Big Bazaar and DMart, Nerolac Paints, which came in at 39 with a brand value of Rs.19.19 billion, were the three new entrants in this year's ranking. The Interbrand's annual ranking is based on three key components — financial performance, the brand's role in influencing customer choice and strength, and the premium price that the brand commands.

44) President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' to Seema Mehta. She belongs to which field?

- 1) Politician
- 2) Katha Dancer
- 3) Singer
- 4) Actress
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Katha Dancer

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind awarded the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' to the renowned Kathak dancer Seema Mehta for her contribution towards women empowerment over the last 15 years at Rashtrapati Bhawan

in New Delhi as part of the Women's Day celebrations. She began her journey in Kathak and set up her dance school in Mumbai in 2010. She is the Director of 'Chhandam Nritya Bharati' in Mumbai and was actively involved in promotion of Kathak dance form.

45) Who was conferred with DD Mahila Kisan Award?

- 1) Indra Nooyi
- 2) Swati Shingade
- 3) Indu Jain
- 4) Vandana Luthra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Swati Shingade**

Explanation:

Swati Shingade of Pune, has bagged the first prize of DD Mahila Kisan Award for 2018-19. A Surya Prakash, the Chairman Prasar Bharati, gave this award to Ms Swati Shingade at a grand finale event organized by DD Kisan Channel in New Delhi. The Kisan Channel has provided a platform to the women farmers and the main purpose of the channel is to make aware the people about the various schemes of the government.

46) Where did two-day national convention of War Decorated India held?

- 1) Adampur, Varanasi
- 2) Agwanpur, Patna
- 3) Abhaypur, Guwahati
- 4) Chandimandir, Chandigarh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Chandimandir, Chandigarh**

Explanation:

The two-day national convention of War Decorated India was held at the Manekshaw Auditorium in Chandimandir, the headquarters of the Western Command, near Chandigarh and was attended by some living gallantry award winners and relatives of the deceased awardees. Next of kin, relatives of the awardees were felicitated at the convention. Among Victoria Cross awardees, the relatives of Late Naib Subedar Nand Singh (Sikh Regiment), Late Subedar Ram Sarup Singh (1 Punjab) and Late Badlu Ram (Cavalry) were felicitated. Among Param Vir Chakra awardees, relatives of Late Col. Hoshiar Singh (Grenadiers) and Late Subedar Joginder Singh (Sikh Regiment) were felicitated. Among Maha Vir Chakra awardees those felicitated were the relatives of late Brigadier N.S. Sandhu (Dogra), late Brigadier K.S. Chandpuri (Punjab Regiment), late Lt General Gowry Shankar (Signals), late Lt Ved Prakash Trehan (Rajputana Rifles), late Sepoy Anusuya Prasad (Mahar Regiment) and late Porter Mohammed Ismail (Punjab Regiment Civilian Porter).

47) Name the 13 year old Indian pianist, from Chennai, who won a million dollars for his performance in the American reality show "The World's Best".

- 1) Lydian Nadhaswaram
- 2) Stephen Devassy
- 3) Ashley William Joseph
- 4) Satyajit Prabhu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Lydian Nadhaswaram**

Explanation:

13 years old pianist from Chennai Lydian Nadhaswaram won the prize of \$1 million (6.9 crore) for his performance on the American reality show 'The World's Best'. The young prodigy also made his debut on The Ellen Show. Lydian Nadhaswaram is also a student of the Chennai-based KM Music Conservatory which is run by A.R. Rahman in Chennai.

48) Who topped in the Forbes list titled "World's Richest Sports Team Owners 2019"?

- 1) Roman Abramovich
- 2) Steve Ballmer
- 3) Dietrich Mateschitz
- 4) Mukesh Ambani
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Mukesh Ambani**

Explanation:

Asia's richest man and Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani topped the Forbes World's Richest Sports Team Owners 2019 list with a total net worth of about \$50 billion. He bought the IPL team Mumbai Indians for over \$100 million in 2008 through RIL's 100 percent subsidiary IndiaWin Sports. He has been followed by CEO of Microsoft, Steve Ballmer (\$41.2 billion), who owns Kroenke Sports & Entertainment and Micky Arison (Net worth: \$8.9 billion), owner of the NBA franchise Miami Heat.

49) Name the Indian filmmaker, who has been chosen for 22nd Gollapudi Srinivas National Award.

- 1) Rima Das
- 2) Vetrimaaran
- 3) C Prem Kumar
- 4) Shankar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) C Prem Kumar**

Explanation:

C Prem Kumar who is a Cinematographer-turned-director, will be awarded with 22nd Gollapudi Srinivas National Award for his debut film Tamil '96' on 12th August 2019 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. The award is presented to debutant filmmaker by Gollapudi Srinivas Memorial Foundation in the memory of Gollapudi Srinivas who passed away while making his first project. The award consists of a cash prize of Rs 1.5 lakh and a memento. '96' is the 2nd Tamil film after Kutty (2011) directed by Janaki Viswanathan to receive this award. The Movie '96' was set against the backdrop of a school alumni reunion. Trisha and Vijay Sethupathi played the leading characters in the movie.

50) Greta Thunberg, who has been nominated for 2019 Nobel Peace Prize, is an environmental Activist of which country?

- 1) Sweden
- 2) France
- 3) Russia
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer - **1) Sweden**

Explanation:

Greta Thunberg, the Swedish schoolgirl who has inspired an international movement to fight climate change, has been nominated as a candidate to receive this year's Nobel Peace Prize. The 16-year-old was nominated by three Norwegian MPs. If she were to win, she would be the youngest recipient since Pakistan's Malala Yousafzai, who was 17 when she received the prize.

51) Which bank is restricted by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), to hold 9.9% stake in Bandhan Bank?

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

Answer – **3) HDFC Bank**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has prohibited India's largest mortgage lender HDFC from owning more than the regulatory limit in Bandhan Bank. HDFC can hold 9.9% in the bank which is the maximum a non-banking finance company can own in a private bank. HDFC, which will merge its low-cost arm Gruh Finance with Bandhan Bank, had sought approval to hold 14.96%.

52) Name the book for which, Raghu Karnad was awarded with Windham-Campbell prize in the UK?

- 1) Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations by Mira Jacob
- 2) Daisy Jones & The Six by Taylor Jenkins Reid
- 3) Farthest Field: An Indian story of Second World War
- 4) Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family by Mitchell S. Jackson
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Farthest Field: An Indian story of Second World War**

Explanation:

Indian journalist, author and chief of The Wire, 'Raghu Karnad' received the prestigious Windham-Autgor RaghuCampbell prize of USD 165,000 for his debut book, 'Farthest Field: An Indian story of Second World War', published in the year 2015 in non-fiction category. The award was given by Yale University in the United Kingdom to 8 recipients of English language writers from around the world. The book was also awarded the Sahitya Akedemi Yuva Puraskar for a writer in English in the year in 2016, the book was shortlisted for the Hessel-Tiltman Prize.

53) Who was awarded with 'Uttam Yudh Seva Medal' for successfully organizing the counter-terrorist operations in Jammu & Kashmir?

- 1) Pradip Kumar Panda
- 2) Anil Kumar Bhatt
- 3) Vijay Kumar
- 4) Irfan Ramzan Sheikh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Anil Kumar Bhatt**

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, the Gallantry Awards and Distinguished Service Decorations were conferred by President Ram Nath Kovind at the Defence Investiture Ceremony, which was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Name	Award	purpose
Sepoy Vijay Kumar of Indian Army (posthumously)	Kirti Chakras	For their exceptional bravery and commitment towards duty during counter-terrorist operations in Jammu and Kashmir.
Constable Pradip Kumar Panda of CRPF (posthumously)		
Lieutenant General Anil Kumar Bhatt	'Uttam Yudh Seva Medal'	For successfully organizing the counter-terrorist operations in Jammu & Kashmir.
Irfan Ramzan Sheikh	Shaurya Chakra	For preventing a terrorist attack.

54) Who is chosen for Vyas Samman 2018 for his collection of poems "Jitne Log Utne Prem"?

- 1) Sunita Jain
- 2) Mamta Kalia

- 3) Surendra Verma
- 4) Leeladhar Jagudi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Leeladhar Jagudi

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, Hindi writer Leeladhar Jagudi honoured with Vyas Samman 2018 for his collection of poems “Jitne Log Utne Prem” published in 2013. He also authored several poetry anthologies. The award carries an amount of Rs. 4 lakhs and it was started by K K Birla foundation in 1991. Leeladhar was born in Dhangal village of Uttarakhand. He received Padma Shri in 2004 and Sahitya Akademi Award, Akashvani National Award and Uttarakhand Gaurav Samman as well. Shankhmukhi Shikharo Par, Natak Jaari Hai, Raat Ab Bhi Maujood Hai and Bhay Bhi Shakti Deta Hai are some of his famous books.

55) Karen Uhlenbeck has become the first woman to win Abel Prize. Abel Prize is referred as noble prize of which field?

- 1) Physics
- 2) Mathematics
- 3) Chemistry
- 4) Poetry
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Mathematics

Explanation:

Mathematician Karen Uhlenbeck(76) became the first woman to be conferred with 6 million Norwegian kroner (\$700,000) Abel Prize, which is regarded as Nobel prize of mathematics. Karen Uhlenbeck. She was recognized for her work in the field of gauge theory and geometric analysis gave an extensive impact in mathematics as well as in physics. In 2014, Maryam Mirzakhani, became the only woman to win the other major international mathematics prize, the Fields Medal.

56) Name the Indian psychologist professor, who won the Hans-Kilian Award 2019 for providing deeper insight regarding human psyche.

- 1) Vipul Rastogi
- 2) Kamna Chhibber
- 3) Ashis Nandy
- 4) Subin Vazhayil
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ashis Nandy

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, Indian psychologist professor Ashis Nandy, who was Former director of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS) and co-founder of the postcolonial theory, has been chosen for the Hans-Kilian Award 2019 which carries an amount of 80,000 Euros. He received the prestigious Fukuoka Asian Culture Prize in 2007. The award is given for the achievements of providing deeper insight regarding human psyche and aims to boost the growth of interdisciplinary social psychology. It was named after the late social psychologist and psychoanalyst Hans Kilian and given by the Köhler Foundation. Dr. Hartmut Bohme (2011), Dr. Hans Joas (2013), Dr. Jessica Benjamin (2015) and Dr. Jaan Valsiner (2017) are the previous recipients of this award.

57) Name the first latin American, who won the 2019 Templeton Prize worth \$1.4m for combining science and spirituality in his work.

- 1) King Abdullah II
- 2) Marcelo Gleiser
- 3) Dalai Lama
- 4) Mike Brown
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Marcelo Gleiser

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, Brazilian physicist and astronomer Marcelo Gleiser won the 2019 Templeton Prize, worth \$1.4m (Rupees 9,61,20,500), for combining science and spirituality in his work. 2019 Templeton Prize - Marcelo Gleiser. He is the first Latin American to win the award, which is given for exceptional contribution for directing life's spiritual dimension. The prize started by late global investor Sir John Templeton in 1972. In the year 2018, it was won by King Abdullah II of Jordan.

58) Which football club won the I-League Champion by All India Football Federation (AIFF) in Chennai?

- 1) Minerva Punjab
- 2) Bengaluru FC
- 3) Chennai City
- 4) Aizawl
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Chennai City

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Chennai City FC crowned as the I-League Champion by All India Football Federation (AIFF) in Chennai. The I-League aka Hero I-League is the men's top most professional football league in India. The owner of Chennai City FC is Rohit Ramesh.

CATEGORY	WINNER
Fair Play Award	Shillong Lajong
Top Goal Scorer	Pedro Manzi (Chennai City) and Willis Plaza (Churchill Brothers) 21 goals each.
Best Goalkeeper	Billal Khan (Real Kashmir)
Best Defender	Roberto Eslava (Chennai City)
Best Midfielder	Nestor Gordillo (Chennai City)
Best Forward	Pedro Manzi (Chennai City)
Best Home Match Organizer	East Bengal
Emerging Player	Gaurav Bora (Chennai City)
Best Coach	Akbar Nawas (Chennai City)
Hero of the League	Pedro Manzi (Chennai City)

59) Name the Indian personality who was not in the list of world's 100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy for 2019.

- i. Piyush Goyal
- ii. Harsh Vardhan
- iii. Mukta Tilak
- iv. Narendra Modi
- v. Sunita Narain

- 1) All Options excluding i
- 2) All Options excluding ii
- 3) All Options excluding iii
- 4) All Options excluding iv
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) All Options excluding iv

Explanation:

The "100 Most Influential People in Climate Policy" list is comprised of seven Indian names including Union Ministers Piyush Goyal and Dr Harsh Vardhan, who took important measures to combat climate change.

Other 5 winners

Awardees	Designation
Mukta Tilak	Mayor of Pune
Jyoti Kirit Parikh	Executive director of Integrated Research and Action for Development
Sunita Narain	Director of the Centre for Science and the Environment
Vandana Shiva	Founder of the Research Foundation for Science, Technology, and Natural Resource Policy
Upendra Tripathy	Director general of the International Solar Alliance

60) Name the India's first forest certification scheme, which gets global recognition by a Geneva based non-profit firm.

- 1) Certification Standard for Habitat restoration and improvement
- 2) Certification Standard for Sustainable Forest Management
- 3) Certification Standard for Protection and Conservation measures
- 4) Certification Standard for Mitigation of Human Wildlife Conflict
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Certification Standard for Sustainable Forest Management

Explanation:

On 22nd March 2019, the forest certification scheme 'Certification Standard for Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)' developed by the Network for Certification and Conservation of Forest (NCCF) got global recognition by a Geneva based non-profit firm. The decision was made through a postal ballot by the council of Programme for Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) which is an international non-profit firm that provides independent third party certification for Sustainable Forest Management. The Government has emphasized the importance of buying products made from certified wood for promoting sustainable forest management under the Green Good Deeds Movement. iv. Sustainable Forest Management Certificates become mandatory for exports as several developed countries have put trade restrictions on import of non-timber forest products, non-certified timber and wood based goods into their countries.

61) Who won Life Time Achievement Award in the 64th Film Fare Awards 2019?

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

Answer – 1) Sridevi

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, The 64th Filmfare Awards 2019 was held at Jio Garden, BKC, Mumbai. The event was hosted by Bollywood's leading Actors, Directors, Musicians and Singers. The winners of the 64th Filmfare Awards are as below:

Category	Winner
Life Time Achievement Award	Sridevi
Best Debut Female	Sara Ali Khan (Kedar Nath)
Best Debut Male	Ishaan Khattar (Beyond the Clouds)
50 Years of Outstanding Contribution to Cinema	Hema Malini
People's Choice Award for Best Short Film	Plus Minus
Best Short Film in Fiction	Rogan Josh
Best Short Film in Non-Fiction	The Soccer City
Best Actor Female in Short Film	Kirti Kulhari (Maya)

62) Which film won the 64th Film Fare Awards 2019 under the Best Film Category?

- 1) Patmaavat
- 2) Sanju
- 3) Andhadhun
- 4) Raazi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Raazi**

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, The 64th Filmfare Awards 2019 was held at Jio Garden, BKC, Mumbai. The event was hosted by Bollywood's leading Actors, Directors, Musicians and Singers. The winners of the 64th Filmfare Awards are as below:

Category	Winner
Best Film	Raazi
Critics Best Film	Andhadhun
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Male)	Ranbir Kapoor (Sanju)
Critics Best Actor in Leading Role (Male)	Ayushmann Khurrana (Andhadhun), Ranveer Singh (Padmaavat)
Best Actor in a Leading Role (Female)	Alia Bhatt (Raazi)
Critics Best Actor in Leading Role (Female)	Neena Gupta (Badhaai Ho)
Best Director	Meghna Gulzar (Raazi)
Best Actor in Supporting Role (Male)	Gajarij Rao (Badhaai Ho), Vicky Kaushal (Sanju)
Best Actor in Supporting Role (Female)	Surekha Sikhri (Badhaai Ho)

63) Name the organization presenting National Academy Awards to promote visual arts such as painting, sculpture and graphics etc.

- 1) National Center For Performing Arts (NCPA)
- 2) Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)
- 3) Lalit Kala Academy
- 4) Indian Numismatic Historical and Cultural Research Foundation (INHCRF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Lalit Kala Academy**

Explanation:

On 22nd March, Lalit Kala Akademi (LKA) announced 15 winners of the 60th Annual Academy Awards. All the awardees will be honoured with a plaque, a shawl and prize money of Rs 1 lakh at the 60th National Exhibition of Art, scheduled from March 25 to April 8 at the National Gallery of Modern Art (NGMA) and Sir JJ School of Art in Mumbai. [Click here for winner list.](#)

64) Who was conferred with Global Teacher Prize 2019?

- 1) Nurten Akkus
- 2) Marjorie Brown
- 3) Glenn Lee
- 4) Peter Tabichi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Peter Tabichi**

Explanation:

Peter Tabichi, a Kenyan math and physics teacher and a member of the Franciscan religious order has been conferred with the prestigious \$1 million Varkey Foundation Global Teacher Prize for 2019 at a

ceremony in Dubai hosted by Hollywood actor, Hugh Jackman. Peter Tabichi gives away 80 per cent of his monthly income to the poor. The award recognises the “exceptional” teacher’s commitment to pupils in a remote part of Kenya’s Rift Valley.

65) Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton and Yann LeCun have been conferred with Turing Award 2018. Turing Award is referred as noble prize of which field?

- 1) Computing
- 2) Physics
- 3) Mathematics
- 4) Chemistry
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Computing**

Explanation:

Regarded as “Godfathers of AI”, Yoshua Bengio, Geoffrey Hinton, and Yann LeCun, have been recognized with Nobel Prize of computing, Turing Award 2018. The \$1 million annual prize recognized their work for developing the AI (Artificial intelligence) subfield of deep learning. The troika has developed a base for the recent growth of AI technologies, through their work in the 1990s and 2000. Geoffrey Hinton is a faculty member in the University of Toronto and Brain researcher of Google. Yoshua Bengio is a professor at the University of Montreal and founder of AI company called Element AI. Yann LeCun is a chief AI scientist of Facebook and a professor at New York University (NYU).

66) Name the Indian Nobel prize laureate, who was conferred with Oxford University’s Bodley award recently.

- 1) Alvin E. Roth
- 2) Clive Granger
- 3) Amartya Sen
- 4) Robert F. Engle
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Amartya Sen**

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Nobel Prize-winning economist Amartya Sen has been honoured with the prestigious Bodley Medal, the highest honour bestowed by the University of Oxford’s world-famous Bodleian Libraries for his contribution in literature, culture, science, and communication. Amartya Sen. In 1998, he was awarded the prestigious Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for his work in welfare economics and social choice theory. The other winners of the Bodley Medal are Nobel Prize-winning novelist Kazuo Ishiguro, physicist Stephen Hawking, novelist Hilary Mantel and inventor of the World Wide Web Tim Berners-Lee.

67) Who was honoured with the Martha Farrell award for Excellence in Women’s Empowerment 2019?

- 1) Nadiya Shafi
- 2) Reena Ramteke
- 3) Yougan Tamang
- 4) Manu Gulati
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Manu Gulati**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, a Delhi government school teacher, Manu Gulati has been honoured with the Martha Farrell award for Excellence in Women’s Empowerment 2019 in the Most Promising Individual category with prize money of INR 1,50,000 for promoting gender quality and women’s empowerment. She collaborates with America India Foundation’s “Market Aligned Skills Training Program”, through which she assists the training programs for beauticians, weavers, salesgirls, etc in

Jalandhar in Punjab, Betul in Madhya Pradesh and Baramullah in Kashmir. The Awards were first awarded in 2017 in the memory of Dr. Martha Farrell, a prominent activist for gender equality and women's empowerment. The Award is co-sponsored by Rizwan Adatia Foundation (RAF) and Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) and backed by Martha Farrell Foundation (MFF).

68) Which of the following railway was conferred with "Gold Rating" by Indian Green Building Council for Green Measures?

- 1) Appikatla railway station
- 2) Vijayawada railway station
- 3) Amravati railway station
- 4) Ankorah Akorha railway station
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Vijayawada railway station

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, The Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) awarded the Gold Rating to Vijayawada railway station, which is known as the busiest railway junctions in India for Green Measures. This Railway Station was ranked fourth in the Indian Railways for cleanliness among A-1 category stations and also it has 100 percent LED lighting, five star rated fans, pumps, and motors and solar water heating systems. With the help of the Environment Directorate of Indian Railways, the IGBC-CII (Confederation of Indian Industry) developed the Green Railway Stations Rating System. It was introduced to help the adoption of green concepts, which in turn minimizes the adverse environmental impact due to station operation and maintenance.

69) Tashigang, became the world's highest polling station belongs to which state?

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

Answer – 4) Himachal Pradesh

Explanation:

Tashigang at an altitude of 15,256 feet has now become the world's highest polling station in the sleepy hamlet of Buddhist-dominated Lahaul-Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh. Tashigang polling station falls in one of the 17 assembly segments that form the Mandi Lok Sabha seat. This polling station covers two villages of Tashigang and Gete. As per the revised electoral rolls, the two villages have 48 voters, of which 30 are men and 18 women.

70) Name the Actress, Emmy, Grammy, Oscar, and Tony awardee, who will be honoured with Career Achievement Award at the 2019 Peabody Awards.

- 1) Taylor Swift
- 2) Ariana Grande
- 3) Lady Gaga
- 4) Rita Moreno
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rita Moreno

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, Rita Moreno will be honoured with the Career Achievement Award at the 2019 Peabody Awards, which will be bestowed on 18th May at a gala event at Cipriani Wall Street in New York City. The award is presented by Mercedes Benz in the 78th Annual Peabody Awards Ceremony, co-sponsored by Coca-Cola Co. She will be the second recipient of the award followed by Carol Burnett. With this achievement, she will have the "PEGOT" status by winning a Peabody, two Emmys, Grammy, Oscar and Tony award. She also honoured with the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President George W.

Bush and the National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama. Moreno received the Kennedy Center Honor for her lifetime contributions to American culture.

71) Who was conferred with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award 2019 for his magnificent achievements in the field of science, education and medicine?

- 1) S.R. Nathan
- 2) Prakash Lohia
- 3) Rajendra Kumar Joshi
- 4) Rajesh Kumar Saraiya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rajendra Kumar Joshi

Explanation:

Dr. Rajendra Kumar Joshi, the founder and chairman of the RUJ Group has been conferred with the prestigious Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award on 29th March, 2019. He was awarded by the Embassy of India in Switzerland, on behalf of the President of India with a commendation letter and a medal. He claimed this award was for his magnificent achievements in the field of science, education and medicine. The theme of 2019 Pravasi Bharatiya Divas convention was “Role of Indian Diaspora in building New India.”

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNS

1) Who became the Member of 15th Finance Commission after Shri Shaktikanta Das resigned?

- 1) Ajay Narayan Jha
- 2) Ashok Lahiri
- 3) N. K. Singh
- 4) Ashwini Choubey
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Ajay Narayan Jha

Explanation:

Shri Ajay Narayan Jha joined the 15th Finance Commission as its Member in place of Shri Shaktikanta Das who had resigned as a Member of the Commission after being appointed as Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). A 1982 batch IAS officer of Manipur cadre, he was the Finance Secretary to the Government of India and has also served as Secretary to the 14th Finance Commission, headed by former RBI Governor, Shri Y.V. Reddy. The 15th Finance Commission was constituted by a Presidential Order in November, 2017 under the Chairmanship of Shri N. K. Singh to decide the formula for devolution of revenue between Centre and States, for a period of 5 years – April, 2020 to March, 2025.

2) Who was appointed as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- 1) Air Marshal Sir Richard Peirse
- 2) Air Marshal Sir Patrick Playfair
- 3) Air Marshal R D Mathur
- 4) Air Marshal Gerald Gibbs
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Air Marshal R D Mathur

Explanation:

Air Marshal R D Mathur assumed charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force (IAF). He had joined the National Defence Academy in 1978 and was commissioned into the fighter stream of the IAF in June 1982. He was awarded the Vishisht Seva Medal in 2003 and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2014 by the President of India, Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

3)Pranay Kumar Verma was appointed as the India's Ambassador to which of the following country?

- 1) Tajikistan
- 2) Swaziland
- 3) Uzbekistan
- 4) Vietnam
- 5) None of these

Answer –4) Vietnam

Explanation:

On 1st March, 2019, Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Pranay Kumar Verma as the India's Ambassador to Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Pranay Kumar Verma is an 1994 cadre Indian Foreign Services Officer and presently working as the Joint secretary at Ministry of External Affairs(MEA).

4)Who was appointed as the non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda?

- 1) Ajay Kumar
- 2) Hasmukh Adhia
- 3) Biju Varkkey
- 4) Soundara Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer –2) Hasmukh Adhia

Explanation:

On 1st March 2019, Hasmukh Adhia, the ex-finance secretary was appointed as non-executive chairman of Bank of Baroda.He has been assigned the post of part-time non-official director and non-executive chairman by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet. He would serve for a duration of 3 years.He is a 1981-batch IAS officer from the Gujarat cadre.11th March, 2019 has been fixed as the date for issuing and allotting equity shares of the Bank of Baroda to the shareholders of Vijaya Bank and Dena Bank.As per the Scheme of Amalgamation, shareholders of Vijaya Bank will get 402 equity shares of Bank of Baroda for every 1,000 shares held.Dena Bank shareholders will get 110 shares of Bank of Baroda for every 1,000 shares held.

5)Who was appointed as the President of Senegal?

- 1) Léopold Sédar Senghor
- 2) Macky Sall
- 3) Abdou Diouf
- 4) Abdoulaye Wade
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Macky Sall

Explanation:

Macky Sall has again won the election with 58.27% of votes casted to be the President of Senegal. This majority votes has handed Macky Sall a second term to be the President without the need for a second round of voting. Macky Sall was elected as president in 2012 for the first time.He is known for enhancing infrastructure of the country. He is also known as a moderniser who has helped to boost economic growth in the country.

6)Bhagwan Lal Sahni was appointed as the Chairman of the which of the following Indian Constitutional body under Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment?

- 1) National Commission for Backward Classes
- 2) National Commission for Scheduled Castes
- 3) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights
- 4) National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) National Commission for Backward Classes

Explanation:

Bhagwan Lal Sahni who hails from Muzaffarpur, Bihar has been appointed as the chairman of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). Other members of the commission are: Kaushalendra Singh Patel– BJP leader and former mayor of Varanasi Sudha Yadav- BJP national secretary and former Haryana MP. Achary Talloju– Telangana BJP general secretary.

7) Who was reappointed as the Chairman of the Tea Board?

- 1) P K Bezbaruah
- 2) V K Sharma
- 3) K V Chowdary
- 4) K. K. Venugopal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) P K Bezbaruah

Explanation:

The Commerce Ministry has reappointed P K Bezbaruah as the chairman of Tea Board for a period of three years, a notification has said. Bezbaruah, the owner of Bokahola Tea Company in Assam, was earlier appointed as chairman of Tea Board as its first non-IAS officer. His new term began from February 19, 2019, the notification said. Before the end of his first term as chairman, Bezbaruah had urged the Indian tea industry to explore export opportunities in the vast Chinese market. Bezbaruah was also instrumental in initiating a revamp of the old electronic auctioning system. The Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore has been assigned to do the task.

8) Who was appointed as the Secretary of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)?

- 1) Ajay Tyagi
- 2) Nagendra Nath Sinha
- 3) Sanjeev Ranjan
- 4) Ajit Doval
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sanjeev Ranjan

Explanation:

As a part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle effected by the central government according to a Personnel Ministry order, Senior IAS officer Sanjeev Ranjan has been designated as secretary of Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). He will succeed Yudhvir Singh Malik. Sanjeev Ranjan, 1985-batch IAS officer of Tripura cadre, is currently the chairman of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI). He will be succeeded by Nagendra Nath Sinha as a NHAI chief, who is managing director in National Highways and infrastructure Development Corporation.

9) Anil Kumble, a former India captain was re-appointed as the chairman of which of the following committee for a final 3 year term?

- 1) International Cricket Council Committee
- 2) Board of Control for Cricket in India Committee
- 3) Cricket Association for the Blind in India Committee
- 4) Cricket Federation of India Committee
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) International Cricket Council Committee

Explanation:

On 2nd March, 2019, Anil Kumble, a former India captain and great leg spinner was re-appointed ICC (International Cricket Council) Cricket Committee Chairman for a final 3 year term in a board meeting of cricket council in Dubai. Anil Kumble has been the chairman of the committee since 2012. The committee headed by Anil Kumble has further decided to stick to the coin toss as an “integral part” of the Test match narrative.

10) Who was re-elected as the president of the Olympic Council of Asia?

- 1) Song Luzeng
- 2) Roy de Silva
- 3) Timothy Fok
- 4) Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah

Explanation:

On 3rd March, 2019, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Sabah of Kuwait, who is considered a major power broker in sport world, is re-elected as president of the powerful Olympic Council of Asia. Sheikh Ahmad has won a new five-year term until 2024. An IOC member, stepped down from his position in the global Olympic body in November because of his forgery accusation in a criminal court against the Kuwaiti and four others.

11) Who was appointed as the chairman of Coordination Committee for 2022 Asian Games?

- 1) Kumar Birla
- 2) Randhir Singh
- 3) Shantanu Narayen
- 4) Pierre Nanterme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Randhir Singh

Explanation:

On 4th March 2019, Indian Sports Administrator Randhir Singh appointed as the Chairman of Coordination Committee of 2022 Asian Games which will be hosted in Hangzhou, China. He has been appointed to the post by the General Assembly of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA). Randhir served as Secretary General of OCA for 24 years from 1991 to 2015. Randhir Singh is currently an Honorary Life Vice President Of the OCA and he is a five time Olympian Shooter. Randhir served as Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association from 1987 to 2012 and was a full time member of the International Olympic Committee from 2001 to 2014 before becoming its honorary member. Asian Games 2022 is set to be held at Hangzhou, China with a return of cricket. OCA added cricket to the list of sports programme which was last played at the Olympics in 1900 Paris Games.

12) Kaja Kallas appointed as the first female prime minister of which of the following country?

- 1) Estonia
- 2) Ukraine
- 3) Spain
- 4) Iraq
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Estonia

Explanation:

Kaja Kallas, the leader of the Reform Party has been appointed as the first female Prime Minister of Estonia, after the liberal Reform Party declared victory in the elections against centre-left Prime Minister Juri Ratas's party. She will sworn in as the 18th Prime Minister of Estonia. She will succeed Juri Ratas. The Reform Party secured 28.8% votes against Centre party votes of 23%. The coalition government will be formed between Reform Party and far-right EKRE.

13) Who was appointed as Secretary-General of the Medical Council of India?

- 1) Braj Raj Sharma
- 2) Ruolkhumlein Buhiril
- 3) Rajni Sekhri Sibal
- 4) Rakesh Kumar Vats
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rakesh Kumar Vats

Explanation:

Rakesh Kumar Vats, currently Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has been appointed as the new Secretary-General of the Medical Council of India, as part of a top-level bureaucratic reshuffle by the Central Government. Dharmendra S Gangwar, currently Additional Secretary and Financial Adviser in Culture Ministry, will assume his post of in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

14) Venkata Ramesh Babu appointed as the Director General of which of the following organization/departments?

- 1) Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- 2) Department of Border Management
- 3) National Archives of India
- 4) Department of Land Resources
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) National Archives of India

Explanation:

P Venkata Ramesh Babu has been appointed as the Director General of the National Archives of India by the Central government. i. He is an IAS officer from the 1985 batch and is currently the Chairman and Managing Director of Rural Electrification Corporation Limited. Previously, he was the Principal Secretary, Department of Finance in Andhra Pradesh government. The National Archives of India comes under the Ministry of Culture.

15) Who was nominated as the Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) by President Ram Nath Kovind?

- 1) Sharad Arvind Bobde
- 2) N. V. Ramana
- 3) Arun Kumar Mishra
- 4) Rohinton Fali Nariman
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Sharad Arvind Bobde

Explanation:

President Ram Nath Kovind has nominated Justice Sharad Arvind Bobde of the Supreme Court as Executive Chairman of National Legal Services Authority (NALSA). The post is currently held by Justice AK Sikri who is due to retire on 6th March.

16) India has nominated NITI Aayog's member Ramesh Chand for the post of Director General to which of the following organization?

- 1) World Trade Organization(WTO)
- 2) Food and Agriculture Organisation(FAO)
- 3) International Labour Organization(ILO)
- 4) World Health Organization(WHO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Food and Agriculture Organisation(FAO)

Explanation:

United Nations, India has nominated NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand for the post of the new Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Director-General and he will be facing candidates from China and three other countries.

17) Who was appointed as the Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO)?

- 1) Soumya Swaminathan
- 2) Assad Hafeez

- 3) Saleh Banoita Tourab
- 4) Alejandro Svarch
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Soumya Swaminathan

Explanation:

Soumya Swaminathan who is currently a Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) has been appointed as the Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO). She used to be one of the 3 Deputy Director-General assisting Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The Chief Scientist is a newly created position and division. This new division is the Department of Digital Health, in the Division of the Chief Scientist. She will oversee the digital work and help the department in assessing digital technologies, and help countries in deciding as to how to prioritise, integrate and regulate them.

18) Ajit Kumar Mohanty is appointed as the Director of which of the following organization?

- 1) National Atmospheric Research Laboratory
- 2) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre
- 3) Indian Space Research Organisation
- 4) National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bhabha Atomic Research Centre

Explanation:

On 6th March 2019, Ajit Kumar Mohanty, a distinguished scientist was appointed as the Director of Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) by the Ministry of Personnel. Currently, he holds the position of Director of Physics Group, BARC and Director of Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics. His tenure would last for a period of three years. Soumya Swaminathan appointed as Chief Scientist at WHO Soumya Swaminathan who is currently a Deputy Director-General of the World Health Organisation (WHO) has been appointed as the Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation (WHO). She used to be one of the 3 Deputy Director-General assisting Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. The Chief Scientist is a newly created position and division. This new division is the Department of Digital Health, in the Division of the Chief Scientist. She will oversee the digital work and help the department in assessing digital technologies, and help countries in deciding as to how to prioritise, integrate and regulate them.

19) Who was appointed as the Ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia recently?

- 1) Vinay Kumar
- 2) Satbir Singh
- 3) Srikumar Menon
- 4) Ausaf Sayeed
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ausaf Sayeed

Explanation:

The present High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Seychelles, Dr. Ausaf Sayeed has been appointed as the next ambassador of India to Saudi Arabia by the Ministry of External Affairs. He has been appointed in the place of Ahmad Javed, who had been the envoy to Saudi Arabia since December 2015. He is an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer of the 1989 batch. He had earlier held the positions of Ambassador to Yemen and Consul General of India in Chicago and Jeddah.

20) Governor Kummanam Rajasekharan resigns from his post recently. He was the Governor of which of the following state?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Meghalaya
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Himachal Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mizoram

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, the Governor of Mizoram, Kummanam Rajasekharan has resigned from his post and might be fielded as the BJP candidate from the Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha constituency. His resignation has been accepted by the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind. The Governor of Assam, Jagdish Mukhi has been appointed in his place temporarily.

21) Who was appointed as the Goodwill Ambassador of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) recently?

- 1) Raveena Tondon
- 2) Padma Lakshmi
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) MS Dhoni
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Padma Lakshmi

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, On the evening of International Women's Day United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) appointed Padma Lakshmi as its goodwill ambassador. She will have the responsibility to support the agency's fight against inequality and discrimination which can affect people in rich and poor countries alike. Padma Lakshmi is an Indian – American television personality, supermodel, food expert, author and executive producer of Top Chef. She has been a judge and host as well as executive producer of Bravo Television's Emmy award winning series Top Chef. She is the co-founder of the Endometriosis Foundation of America, a visiting scholar at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an ambassador for the American Civil Liberties Union advocating for immigrants rights.

22) Who was appointed as the Finance Secretary of India?

- 1) Hasmukh Adhiya
- 2) Subhash Chandra Garg
- 3) Ashok Lavasa
- 4) Bimal Jalan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Subhash Chandra Garg

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, Subhash Chandra Garg, the Economic Affairs Secretary was appointed as the Finance Secretary by the Personnel Ministry. His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet which is led by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He is an IAS officer from the 1983 batch and belongs to the Rajasthan cadre. He has succeeded Ajay Narayan Jha, the former Finance Secretary who retired on February 28, 2019 and is a member of the 15th Finance Commission.

23) Which of the following organization appointed Ashu Khullar as its CEO of the India business?

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

Answer – 1) Citibank India

Explanation:

Ashu Khullar has been appointed by the Citibank as its India head, w.e.f 1st April 2019. He currently holds the position of head of Asia-Pacific capital markets. He succeeds Pramit Jhaveri who has been appointed as the Vice Chairman of banking, capital markets and advisory for Asia Pacific from April 1. Since the post of Vice Chairman of banking, capital markets and advisory has been specially created for

Pramit Jhaveri, he has no predecessor. They'll be required to report to Francisco Aristeguieta, CEO of Citigroup Asia Pacific.

24) 5 Indians were appointed as members of technical committees of Asian Gymnastic Union. Who was not one among them?

- i. Deepak Kabra - Men's Artistic Gymnastics
- ii. Akshata Shete - Rhythmic Gymnastics
- iii. Sumith MR - Acrobatic Gymnastics
- iv. Makarand Joshi - Aerobic Gymnastics
- v. Dipa Karmakar - Women's Artistic Gymnastics

- 1) Option i is not a member
- 2) Option i and iii are not a member
- 3) Option v is not a member
- 4) Option iii is not a member
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Option v is not a member**

Explanation:

5 Indians have been appointed as members of various Technical Committees of Asian Gymnastics Union for a period of 4 years, from 2019 to 2022. The 5 Indians and the committees are: Deepak Kabra - Men's Artistic Gymnastics Akshata Shete - Rhythmic Gymnastics Sumith MR - Acrobatic Gymnastics Makarand Joshi - Aerobic Gymnastics Narayan Shashi - Gymnastics for All. They are internationally qualified judges/coaches in their respective disciplines and have participated in several international tournaments as officials.

25) Manpreet Vohra was appointed as the next India's Ambassador to which of the following country?

- 1) Austria
- 2) Malaysia
- 3) Russia
- 4) Mexico
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Mexico**

Explanation:

Shri Manpreet Vohra (IFS:1988), presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Mexico and is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

26) Who was appointed as the Ambassador of India to the Republic of El Salvador?

- 1) Dinesh Bhatia
- 2) Vinay Kumar
- 3) B.S. Mubarak
- 4) Ajay Gondane
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) B.S. Mubarak**

Explanation:

Shri B. S. Mubarak, (IFS:2001) presently Ambassador of India to the Republic of Guatemala, has been concurrently accredited as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of El Salvador, with residence in Guatemala City. Shri Kishan Dan Dewal, presently Deputy High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Mauritius, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Armenia and is expected to take up the assignment shortly.

27) Who was appointed as the Prime Minister of Palestine?

- 1) Ahmed Qurei

- 2) Ismail Haniyeh
- 3) Salam Fayyad
- 4) Mohammad Shtayyeh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Mohammad Shtayyeh**

Explanation:

The President of Palestinian Authority Mahmoud Abbas appointed Mohammad Shtayyeh as the Palestinian Prime Minister. Mohammad Shtayyeh succeeds Rami al-Hamdallah who resigned from this post 6 weeks ago. He is 61 years old and is a member of the central committee of the president's Fatah party. He is a former minister who had earlier participated in numerous negotiating teams of Palestine during United States-brokered talks with Israel.

28) Anup Kumar Dubey and Sushil Kumar were appointed as the special directors of which of the following agency?

- 1) Central Bureau of Investigation
- 2) Enforcement Directorate
- 3) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
- 4) National Disaster Management Authority
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Enforcement Directorate**

Explanation:

Anup Kumar Dubey and Sushil Kumar have been appointed as the special directors in the Enforcement Directorate (ED), according to a Personnel Ministry order. Both of them are Indian Revenue Service (Income Tax) officers. Mr. Dubey has been appointed as Special Director, ED in Delhi while Mr. Kumar in Chennai.

29) Who was appointed as Officer on Special Duty in South Coast Railway for setting up of New Zone at Visakhapatnam?

- 1) S.S Srinivas
- 2) Sanjiv Kumar
- 3) Hanish Yadav
- 4) Anuj Gupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) S.S Srinivas**

Explanation:

Shri S.S. Srinivas has been appointed as Officer on Special Duty (OSD), South Coast Railway by Ministry of Railways. He is an Indian Railways Personnel Service (IRPS) officer who previously held the post of Chief Personnel Officer (Administration), South Central Railway. His responsibilities would involve planning and conducting foundation work like surveying existing infrastructural facilities, requirement of land acquisition, preparation of DPR for additional requirements and the blue print for smooth transition of staff into the New Zone, for setting up of a New Zone at Visakhapatnam.

30) Who was appointed as the new chairman of the Agricultural Scientific Recruitment Board (ASRB)?

- 1) Gurbachan Singh
- 2) Anil Kumar Srivastava
- 3) Aditya Kumar Misra
- 4) Rajiv Mangotra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Aditya Kumar Misra**

Explanation:

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has named Aditya Kumar Misra, a veterinary scientist

specializing in economically significant diseases of goat, as the new chairman of the Agricultural Scientific Recruitment Board (ASRB) till 5th January, 2022. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the his appointment and he will hold the new post till 5th January, 2022 from the date he takes the charge. He is the former Vice Chancellor of the GB Pant University of Agriculture & Technology, India's first full fledged agricultural university, inaugurated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in 1960. The former chairman Gurbachan Singh took voluntary retirement in May 2017, has been working without a chairman since then. He will succeed Gurbachan Singh, who took voluntary retirement in May 2017. Since then this post was vacant.

31) Who was appointed as Non-executive Chairman of Axis Bank for 3 years?

- 1) Rakesh Sharma
- 2) Pallav Mohapatra
- 3) Rakesh Makhija
- 4) Karnam Sekar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rakesh Makhija**

Explanation:

On 12th March 2019, Rakesh Makhija was appointed as the non-executive chairman of Axis Bank. He would start serving on this post from 18th July 2019 and will do so for a period of 3 years. He succeeds Sanjiv Misra. He has been appointed on the basis of recommendations from Nomination and Remuneration Committee of Directors and the board of directors of the bank. His appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India and the bank's shareholders.

32) Name the first Thari Hindu woman elected to the Senate of Pakistan?

- 1) Krishna Kumari Kohli
- 2) Ayesha Rajab Ali
- 3) Shahnaz Saleem Malik
- 4) Musarat Rafique Mahesar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Krishna Kumari Kohli**

Explanation:

Krishna Kumari Kohli has been appointed as the first female senator of Pakistan from the Hindu Dalit community. She is also the first Thari Hindu woman to be elected to the Pakistan senate. On 8th March 2019, which was celebrated as the International Women's Day, she chaired the session of the Upper House of Parliament. She has earlier worked as a crusader for the rights of bonded labourers in Pakistan. She's natively from the village-Dhana Gam in Nagarparkar area of Sindh.

33) Name the CEO of Avast, who is set to retire on 30th June, 2019.

- 1) Lisa Su
- 2) Vince Steckler
- 3) Ondrej Vlcek
- 4) Shantanu Narayen
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Vince Steckler**

Explanation:

Cyber security firm Avast's long-time chief executive officer (CEO) Vince Steckler has decided to retire in the year 2019 after 10 years in the job and will be succeeded by Ondrej Vlcek, currently president of the company's consumer business. He will retire on 30th June 2019, but will remain available in an advisory capacity for another year. He is widely considered to be the architect of Avast and led the company through the major acquisition of AVG and its listing on the London Stock Exchange. He is credited with having grown the company's revenues from under USD 20 million to over USD 800 million.

34) M.R.Kumar was appointed as the Chairman of which of the following organization?

- 1) United India Insurance
- 2) New India Assurance
- 3) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)
- 4) Axis Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Life Insurance Corporation (LIC)

Explanation:

The Government also appointed M. R. Kumar as the Chairman of the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) for a period of 5 years. He was the Zonal Manager (In-Charge) of North Zone, Delhi prior to this appointment. He will be succeeding V. K Sharma who had retired on 31st December 2018 after which Managing Director Hemant Bhargava was acting as the interim chairman. Vipin Anand and TC Suseel Kumar were also appointed as the Managing Directors of LIC for 5 years.

35) Name the Chairman and non-executive director of Bajaj Finserv, who had resigned recently.

- 1) Madhur Bajaj
- 2) Rahul Bajaj
- 3) Sanjiv Bajaj
- 4) Rajiv Bajaj
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Rahul Bajaj

Explanation:

Rahul Bajaj, chairman and non-executive director of Bajaj Finserv has resigned and will be taking over as chairman emeritus at the organisation from 16th May 2019. He will be succeeded by the company's Vice-Chairman Nanoo Pamnani with effect from 17th May 2019. The firm has also approved the reappointment of independent directors D.J. Balaji Rao, Nanoo Pamnani and Gita Piramal for a second term of five years.

36) Who was appointed as mediator for resolving various disputes related to cricket administration by Supreme Court?

- 1) A.M. Spare
- 2) P.S.Narasimha
- 3) S.A. Bobde
- 4) D.K.Jain
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) P.S.Narasimha

Explanation:

The Supreme Court appointed senior advocate P. S. Narasimha, as mediator for resolving various disputes related to cricket administration in the country. The bench also asked P. S. Narasimha to look into the dispute relating to release of funds by the court appointed committee of administrators to various cricket associations. It has restrained all other courts in India from entertaining for proceeding with any matter pertaining to BCCI and state cricket associations.

37) Name the person, who was appointed as the CEO of Mercer for its India operations.

- 1) Preeti Chandrashekar
- 2) David Anderson
- 3) Mustafa Faizani
- 4) Arvind Laddha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Arvind Laddha

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, Arvind Laddha was appointed as the CEO of Mercer for its India operations. He

currently occupies the post of Deputy CEO in JLT Independent, an insurance broking firm. His work will mainly involve enhancing Mercer's growth in India, looking out for emerging market opportunities and expanding relationships with the present clients. Mercer stated that the appointment will become effective after closing of the transaction between Mercer's parent company, Marsh & McLennan Companies and JLT, due to anti-trust and financial regulatory approvals.

38) Who was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Uzbekistan?

- 1) Ajay Gondane
- 2) Alok Kumar Sinha
- 3) Vinay Kumar
- 4) Santosh Jha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Santosh Jha**

Explanation:

Santosh Jha (Indian Foreign Service: 1993 cadre), presently Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Washington, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to the Republic of Uzbekistan. He will be succeeding Mr. Vinod Kumar.

39) Anurag Bhushan appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to which of the following country?

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) Republic of Malawi
- 3) Colombia
- 4) Ivory Coast
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Republic of Malawi**

Explanation:

Anurag Bhushan (Indian Foreign Service: 1995 cadre), presently Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Malawi.

40) Who was appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji?

- 1) Padmaja
- 2) George Raju
- 3) Sunil Jain
- 4) Ashok Das
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Padmaja**

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, Ms. Padmaja has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Fiji. At Present, Ms. Padmaja working as Deputy Director General of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR).

41) Name the WhatsApp head and Facebook CPO, who quits recently.

- 1) Jan Koum
- 2) Brian Acton
- 3) Chris Cox
- 4) Chris Daniels
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Chris Cox**

Explanation:

Chris Daniels, who took over operations of Facebook-owned WhatsApp is leaving the company. Zuckerberg also announced the departure of Facebook's third-highest ranking executive, Chief

Product Officer (CPO) Chris Cox, who served 13 years at the company.

42) Who was appointed as whole-time directors for a three-year term in Kotak Mahindra Bank?

- i. KVS Manian
- ii. Ajay Kumar
- iii. Gaurang Shah
- 1) Option i and ii
- 2) Option ii and iii
- 3) Option i and iii
- 4) All the above Options
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Option i and iii**

Explanation:

KVS Manian and Gaurang Shah appointed as Kotak Mahindra Bank's whole-time directors for a three-year term effective from the date of approval from the Reserve Bank of India. The appointment of KVS Manian and Gaurang Shah is also subject to shareholders' approval. KVS Manian is currently working as the president – corporate, investment bank and Gaurang Shah is the president- group chief risk officer of the bank.

43) Who was sworn in as 13th Chief Minister of Goa after the demise of Manohar Parrikar?

- 1) Neiphiu Rio
- 2) N. Biren Singh
- 3) Bhupesh Baghel
- 4) Pramod Sawant
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Pramod Sawant**

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, BJP MLA and Former Speaker of Goa legislative assembly Pramod Sawant(45) took oath as 13th Chief Minister of Goa succeeding Manohar Parrikar, who died due to Cancer. Governor Mridula Sinha administered the oath of office of Pramod Sawant.

44) Name the person, who has assumed charge as the Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) at Kochi after succeeding Rear Admiral Sanjay J Singh?

- 1) Krishna Swaminathan
- 2) Karambir Singh
- 3) Ajit Kumar
- 4) Ashok Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Krishna Swaminathan**

Explanation:

Rear Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, VSM, has assumed charge as Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) at Kochi on 18th March 2019. He is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 1st July 1987, and is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla at Pune. He will succeed Rear Admiral Sanjay J Singh, who has been appointed as Flag Officer Commanding Western Fleet (FOCWF).

45) Who was the first Indian appointed as Cultural & Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India?

- 1) Benegal Rama Rau
- 2) Subrahmanyam Jaishankar
- 3) Arun Kumar Singh
- 4) Ritu Beri

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ritu Beri**

Explanation:

Designer Ritu Beri, First Indian to be Appointed as Cultural & Tourism Ambassador of Uzbekistan in India. She received this recognition for her contribution towards bringing India and Uzbekistan together, fusing cultures in her clothing line.

46) Who has been appointed as the country's first Lokpal or the anti-corruption ombudsman by President Ram Nath Kovind?

1) Pinaki Chandra Ghose

2) Jagdish Singh Khehar

3) H.J. Kania

4) Mehr Chand Mahajan

5) None of these

Answer - **1) Pinaki Chandra Ghose**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, 66-year old Former Supreme Court judge Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose appointed as the country's first Lokpal or the anti-corruption ombudsman, by President Ram Nath Kovind. He is serving as a member of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) since June 29, 2017. Former Chief Justices Dilip B. Bhosale, Pradip Kumar Mohanty, and Abhilasha Kumari and current Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court Ajay Kumar Tripathi have been appointed as judicial members under the Lokpal. After five years of the Lokpal Act, the selection was made for looking into the cases of corruption by the public servants.

47) K M Mammen was appointed as the chairman of which Association?

1) National Association Of Software And Service Companies

2) Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)

3) Indian Banks Association (IBA)

4) Indian Drug Manufacturers' Association

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA)**

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) has appointed Chairman & Managing Director of Madras Rubber Factory Limited (MRF) Mr. K M Mammen as its chairman. He will succeed Raghupati Singhania, CMD of JK Tyres & Industries Ltd. Initiated in 1975, Automotive Tyre Manufacturers' Association (ATMA) is a national industry body representing Rs 60,000 crore (\$ 8.5 billion) Indian automotive tyre sector.

48) Kassym-Jomart Tokayev was sworn in as president of which country?

1) Azerbaijan

2) Georgia

3) Kazakhstan

4) Uzbekistan

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kazakhstan**

Explanation:

78-year old Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev announced his resignation after nearly three decades in power without stating any specific reason. He served as the first and only President of Kazakhstan, from 24 April 1990 until his resignation on 19 March 2019. Nursultan Nazarbayev will be succeeded by Kassym-Jomart Tokayev (65).

49) Name the Mumbai social activist, who was appointed as the first transgender election ambassador by the Election Commission of India.

- 1) Sathyasri Sharmila
- 2) Joyita Mondal
- 3) Prithika Yashini
- 4) Gauri Sawant
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Gauri Sawant

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, 38-year-old transgender activist Shree Gauri Sawant from Mumbai has been appointed as first transgender election ambassador by The Election Commission of India. There was no separate classification of transgenders as voters till 2014 but after that transgenders were first enrolled as voters along with males and females. The highest enrolment of transgenders (324) is in Mumbai North Lok Sabha constituency.

50) Who were the 2 retired Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers appointed as the special expenditure observers for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election by Election Commission of India?

- i. Vinod Zutshi
- ii. Madhu Mahajan
- iii. Shailendra Handa
- iv. A.S. Gill

- 1) Option i & ii
- 2) Option i & iii
- 3) Option ii & iii
- 4) Option iii & iv

Answer - 3) Option ii & iii

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Election Commission (EC) of India has appointed 2 retired Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officers of the Income Tax Department, Shailendra Handa and Madhu Mahajan as special expenditure observers for the upcoming Lok Sabha Election. The 2 IRS officers will look after the following exertion: 1. Supervising and monitoring work done by election machinery. 2. To curb black money and illegal inducements of money to lure voters. 3. To Supervise complaints received through the C-Vigil app.

51) Name the former India hockey captain, who was appointed in Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Standing Committee recently.

- 1) Harendra Singh
- 2) Manpreet Singh
- 3) Sandeep Singh
- 4) Sardar Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sardar Singh

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, former India hockey captain Sardar Singh along with 13 Indian Olympic Association (IOA) members, have been named in various Standing Committees of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) at its 38th General Assembly which held in Bangkok. Sardar Singh has been appointed in the athletes standing committee, Rajeev Mehta who is IOA's secretary general appointed in the culture standing committee, Hockey India secretary general Mohd Mustaque Ahmad is in the media standing committee, Athletics Federation of India (AFI) president Adille Sumariwala and Lalit Bhanot have been appointed in the sports for environment and sports standing committees respectively for four-year term (2019 to 2023).

52) Who was appointed as the chief financial officer of the Ford Motor Co?

- 1) Edsel Ford II
- 2) Tim Stone
- 3) James Hackett
- 4) Marcy Klevorn
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Tim Stone

Explanation:

Ford Motor Co named Amazon.com Inc veteran Tim Stone as chief financial officer, the automaker's first external hire for the role in seven decades. Stone, 52, replaces Bob Shanks, who will retire at the end of 2019 after serving the company for 42 years. Stone held various financial roles at Amazon for two decades, and was most recently CFO of Snapchat messaging app owner, Snap Inc.

53) Name the organization, which had appointed Aamir Khan as its Brand Ambassador?

- 1) PayUMoney
- 2) MobiKwik
- 3) PhonePe
- 4) FreeCharge
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) PhonePe

Explanation:

On 21st March 2019, India's fastest growing payments platform PhonePe appointed Bollywood superstar Aamir Khan as its brand Ambassador. PhonePe is the official co-presenting sponsor for VIVO IPL 2019. It is planning to launch a series of new advertisements with a mass appeal by its ambassador on the benefits of digital payments. Bangalore headquartered PhonePe is a Unified Payment Interface (UPI) based online payment system for electronic fund transfer launch by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

54) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador of MG Motors for India?

- 1) Benedict Cumberbatch
- 2) Tom Hanks
- 3) Leonardo DiCaprio
- 4) Christian Bale
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Benedict Cumberbatch

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Actor Benedict Cumberbatch was appointed as the brand ambassador of Morris Garages (MG Motors) for its India operation. MG Motor will launch its first car named 'Hector' which is a sports utility vehicle (SUV) in India by the end of 2019. The vehicle will be manufactured at the Halol Plant in Gujarat, which was previously owned by General Motors.

55) Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh was appointed as the Fleet commander in which of the following Naval command?

- 1) Andaman & Nicobar Command
- 2) Southern Naval Command
- 3) Eastern Naval Command
- 4) Western Naval Command
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Western Naval Command

Explanation:

Rear Admiral Sanjay Jasjit Singh, NM took over as the Western Fleet Commander, the "Sword Arm" of the Indian Navy. He will succeed Rear Admiral MA Hampiholi, AVSM, NM who has been appointed as

Director General Naval Operations in the rank of Vice Admiral. Initiated his career in 1986, the Navigation and Direction specialist, Sanjay Jasjit Singh is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla.

56) Who was appointed as the 24th chief of naval staff of India?

- 1) Robin K Dhowan
- 2) Devendra Kumar Joshi
- 3) Karambir Singh
- 4) Nirmal Kumar Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Karambir Singh**

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, Vice Admiral Karambir Singh has been appointed as the next (24th) chief of naval staff. He will succeed present Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Sunil Lanba who retires on May 2019. At present, he is a Flag Officer Commanding in Chief of the Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam. He is from Jalandhar in Punjab. He was commissioned into the Indian Navy in July 1980 and after two years he earned his wings as a helicopter pilot. During his 39 years of service, he has flying experience of the HAL Chetak and Kamov Ka-25 helicopters and commanded numerous ships including ICGS Chand Bibi, INS Vijaydurg, INS Rana and INS Delhi. He has been honored with the Param Vishisht Seva Medal (PVSM) and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (AVSM).

57) Gafur Rahimov, who recently resigned was the president of which association?

- 1) International Boxing Association (amateur)
- 2) International Gymnastics Federation
- 3) International Handball Federation
- 4) International Ice Hockey Federation
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) International Boxing Association (amateur)**

Explanation:

On 22nd March 2019, the Amateur International Boxing Federation (AIBA) President Gafur Rahimov announced his resignation claiming that political based discussions were harming the organizations progress. Gafur Rahimov was elected as the President of AIBA four months ago. Boxing was contested in every Summer Olympics except in 1992 Olympics which was held at Stockholm. Rahimov will be replaced by an interim president. The debt of AIBA is \$15.6 million for this year when compared to \$18 million in last year. International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board was planning for the Olympic Boxing Tournament of next year which had been frozen and contact suspended between Tokyo 2020 organizing committee and AIBA.

58) Naresh Goyal, who recently resigned from the board was founder of which airlines?

- 1) Jet Airways
- 2) IndiGo
- 3) Air India
- 4) Emirates
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Jet Airways**

Explanation:

Naresh Goyal, the founder of Jet Airways (India) Ltd, has resigned from the board of the troubled airline after a meeting with the airlines board of directors. The lenders will immediately pump in about Rs.1,500 crore into Jet Airways by way of issue of appropriate debt instruments against security of assets. A bidding process will be initiated by lenders for issuing shares to a new investor in Jet Airways in June.

59) Who was re-elected as the president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI)?

- 1) Ugur Erdener
- 2) Riccardo Fraccari
- 3) K.Govindaraj
- 4) Poul Erik Hoyer Larsen
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) K.Govindaraj

Explanation:

On 24th March, 2019, K. Govindaraj has been unanimously re-elected as president of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI) at its annual general-body meeting. Govindaraj announced that a new six-team women's league will be held in next three months. He has declared to give proposal on restructure the National championships in the next 45 days and intend to have a zone-wise competition before the final round.

60) Shambhu S Kumaran has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to which country?

- 1) Kingdom of Morocco
- 2) Spain
- 3) Western Sahara
- 4) Algeria
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kingdom of Morocco

Explanation:

Shambhu S Kumaran, a 1995 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer has been appointed as next India's Ambassador to Kingdom of Morocco. He presently works as a Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence. He will succeed Dr. Kheya Bhattacharya.

61) Who was appointed as the Non-Executive Independent Chairman of Karur Vysya Bank for a period of 3 years?

- 1) Atul Kumar Goel
- 2) P.S. Jayakumar
- 3) N.S. Srinath
- 4) Padmaja Chunduru
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) N.S. Srinath

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, Karur Vysya Bank appointed N S Srinath as Non-Executive Independent Chairman for a period of 3 years. The appointment is subject to the approval of the Reserve Bank of India and the Shareholders of the Bank. Srinath is graduate in Science and Law and a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers. He is also a certificate holder in Industrial Finance. N S Srinath started his career in Canara Bank in the year 1970 and served in the areas of Information Technology, Projects and HRD. He served as an Executive Director of the Bank of Baroda (Trinidad and Tobago) Limited and Bank of Baroda Ghana Limited. He also served in board of Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest in India (CERSAI).

62) Who was re-elected as the President of Comoros?

- 1) Ikililou Dhoinine
- 2) Mohamoudou Ahamada
- 3) Azali Assoumani
- 4) Combo Ayoub
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Azali Assoumani

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, Azali Assoumani was re-elected as the President of Comoros after defeating his closest rival, Mohamoudou Ahamada in the election held by the electoral commission of the Indian Ocean Archipelago. 66 years old, Azali Assoumani who first took office in 2016, was credited with 60.77 percent votes whereas Mohamoudou Ahamada got only 14.62 percent votes.

63) How many members are newly appointed in anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal?

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

Answer – 4) 8

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, eight newly appointed members of the anti-corruption ombudsman Lokpal has taken oath of office which was administered by Lokpal Chairperson, Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose. The four judicial members are former Chief Justices – Dilip B Bhosale, Pradip Kumar Mohanty, Abhilasha Kumari and the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court Ajay Kumar Tripathi. The non-judicial members are former first women chief of Sashastra Seema Bal, Archana Ramasundaram, ex-Maharashtra Chief Secretary, Dinesh Kumar Jain, former IPS officer, Mahendra Singh and ex-IAS officer, Indrajeet Prasad Gautam. Lokpal which means caretaker of people is an anti-corruption authority or body of ombudsman who represents the public interest in the Republic of India.

64) Rajesh Pendharkar has been appointed as the Flag Officer Commanding of which Naval Area?

- 1) Maharashtra Naval Area
- 2) Karnataka Naval Area
- 3) Goa Naval Area
- 4) Gujarat Naval Area
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Maharashtra Naval Area

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, Rear Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar has been appointed as the Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval Area. He will succeed Rear Admiral Puneet Kumar Bahl, VSM. He was commissioned into the Indian Navy in Jan 1987 and he is an Anti-Submarine Warfare specialist. He has experience as Executive Officer of missile corvette INS Kirpan, and missile destroyer INS Mysore. He also holds his experience as command of missile corvette INS Kora, missile frigate INS Shivalik and the aircraft carrier INS Viraat. Also, he is a recipient of the Vishisht Seva Medal for distinguished service.

65) Who was appointed as the coach of Indian Men's basketball team?

- 1) Akilan Pari
- 2) Veselin Matic
- 3) Satnam Singh
- 4) Amjyot Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Veselin Matic

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, veteran coach Veselin Matic (58) has been appointed as the national men's basketball team coach by Basketball Federation of India. He will succeed Zoran Visic, who is currently on the charge of coach of Indian women's basketball team. He led Iran to their Asian Championship title in 2009 which they won after beating China and also led to their first ever World Championship qualification in 2010. He not only coached Iran, Syria but also coached the Polish and Lebanese Basketball teams previously.

66) Who was appointed as the Director General of Naval Operations (DGNO)?

- 1) MA Hampiholi
- 2) Satish Namdeo Ghormade
- 3) Hari Kumar
- 4) Ashok Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) MA Hampiholi**

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Vice Admiral MA Hampiholi, AVSM NM has been appointed as Director General Naval Operations (DGNO). He will succeed Satish Namdeo Ghormade. He was commissioned in the Executive Branch of the Indian Navy on 1st July 1985. The Flag Officer has experience as Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) specialist officer at onboard INShips Himgiri, Agray, and Ganga. He has experience as a Commanding officer in INS Nashak (missile vessel), INS Magar {Landing Ship Tank (Large)} and INS Talwar (stealth Frigate), Second -in-Command of INS Khukri (Missile Corvette). He commanded the National Coast Guard, Mauritius for two years (2003 – 05) and served as Commanding Officer of INS Mandovi. Also, He is a recipient of the Nao Sena Medal in 2011 and the Athi Vishist Seva Medal in 2019.

67) Abhay Thakur was appointed as the Ambassador of India to which country recently?

- 1) Nigeria
- 2) Ghana
- 3) Republic of Benin
- 4) Togo
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Republic of Benin**

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Shri Abhay Thakur, a 1992 batch of Indian Foreign Service officer has been designated as the Ambassador of Benin. Earlier, High Commissioner of India to Nigeria, Ashok R. Mirchandani, concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Benin as India does not have a Resident Diplomatic Mission in Benin. Presently he is the High Commissioner of India to Nigeria. India does not have a Resident Diplomatic Mission in Benin.

68) Who was appointed as ad-hoc Ethics Officer of BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India)?

- 1) WV Raman
- 2) Rahul Johri
- 3) C.K. Khanna
- 4) Justice DK Jain
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Justice DK Jain**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, Retired Justice DK Jain, ombudsman of the BCCI (Board of Control for Cricket in India) has been appointed as BCCI's ad-hoc Ethics Officer till a permanent appointment takes place. He will look into all the conflict of interest cases. At present, he is looking into the chat show controversy of Hardik Pandya and K.L. Rahul, due to which they served provisional suspension which was eventually removed.

69) Which of the following organization appointed Vivek Gupta as the Director of Raw Material & Logistics?

- 1) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL)
- 2) Steel Authority of India (SAIL)
- 3) Tata Steel
- 4) Essar Steel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Steel Authority of India(SAIL)

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Vivek Gupta has assumed the charge of Director (Raw Material& Logistics) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). He joined SAIL in 1980 and has been working for more than 38 years in SAIL. Vivek Gupta has degree in civil engineer and holds many Diplomas in the field of Business Management, Project management and Construction Management etc.

70)Who was appointed as the Brand Ambassador of PolicyX.com?

- 1) Virender Sehwag
- 2) Sachin Tendulkar
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Virender Sehwag

Explanation:

An online insurance web aggregator, PolicyX.com has named Arjuna & Padmashree Awardee, cricketer Virender Sehwag as its brand ambassador. He will be the face of its biggest marketing campaign of insurance products covering term insurance, health insurance, life insurance, car insurance and others. He has personal experience on this campaign, so he wants to raise awareness among people about the importance of having insurance from a trusted advisor.

71)Who was appointed as the Managing Director of Hitachi Payment Services?

- 1) Sumil Vikamsey
- 2) Shyam Sunder
- 3) Rustom Irani
- 4) Loney Antony
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Rustom Irani

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, Rustom Irani, the CEO of Cash Business of Hitachi Payment has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Hitachi Payment Services Pvt. Ltd. (Hitachi Payments). He will succeed Loney Antony. Rustom served as the Chief Operations Officer of Hitachi Payment Services, before assuming the role of the CEO of the company's Cash Business in April 2018. He worked with MindTree as the Senior Vice President in the IMTS business, also worked with Sify, Yahoo India, and Citibank India's Technology Division.

72)Name the Nutrition company, which has roped Indian Test Cricketer Mayank Agarwal as its Brand Ambassador.

- 1) Fast&Up
- 2) Free Life
- 3) Sunrider
- 4) Arbonne
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Fast&Up

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, Indian Test Cricketer, Mayank Agarwal, appointed as Brand Ambassador of Aeronutrix's Fast&Up Rope for the growth of the fast-moving healthcare goods business in India. He has a record of making 1000 runs on the domestic season in 2017-18, within a single month. This sports nutrition brand is backed by innovative Swiss technology.

73) Who became the first female president of Slovakia?

- 1) Zoya Pukhova
- 2) Golda Meir
- 3) Yekaterina Furtseva
- 4) Zuzana Caputova
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Zuzana Caputova**

Explanation:

On 30th March 2019, lawyer Zuzana Caputova (45) won Slovakia's presidential election and become Slovakia's first female president. She will succeed Andrej Kiska. She has defeated high-profile diplomat Maros Sefcovic by winning 58% votes. She was born on 21st June 1973 in Bratislava. She was honoured with the Goldman Environmental Award in 2016 for her strong and resolute leadership regarding the Pezinok landfill affair, Caputova.

74) Name the Campaign for which Filmmaker Rima Das was appointed as the ambassador?

- 1) Tribeca Film Festival (TFF)'s 'Indian Heritage'
- 2) Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)'s 'Share Her Journey'
- 3) Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)'s 'Indian Heritage'
- 4) Tribeca Film Festival (TFF)'s 'Share Her Journey'
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)'s 'Share Her Journey'**

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, Assam filmmaker Rima Das has been appointed as the official ambassador of Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)'s 'Share Her Journey' campaign. TIFF launched the five years 'Share Her Journey' campaign in 2017 with an aim to increase participation, skills, and opportunities for women behind and in front of the camera. She has won several national and international awards for her film 'Village Rockstars', which is India's official entry to Oscars 2019 and Dublin Film Critics Circle Jury Award for Best Director of her film 'Bulbul Can Sing'. Recently Rima Das was honoured with ICC NE Excellence Award by Indian Chamber of Commerce at North East Business Summit at Hotel Le Meridien in New Delhi. The other Indian ambassadors of the campaign include Filmmakers Mira Nair, Deepa Mehta, and Actress Priyanka Chopra.

75) Who was appointed as the Chief of Strategic Forces Command?

- 1) Navkaranjit Singh Dhillon
- 2) Jasbir Walia
- 3) Pradeep Vasant Naik
- 4) Norman Anil Kumar Browne
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Navkaranjit Singh Dhillon**

Explanation:

On 30th March 2019, Fighter pilot Air Marshal Navkaranjit Singh Dhillon has been appointed as the new commander-in-chief Strategic Forces Command. He will succeed Jasbir Walia. Key Points: i. He was born in 1961 in Amritsar. He was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force on December 1981. He has experience as a Commanding officer in MiG-21 Sqn and as a Chief Operational Officer of a premier flying base. The Strategic Forces Command (SFC) was created on 4th January 2003, by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government to look after the strategic nuclear arsenal of the country and it is a part of India's Nuclear Command Authority (NCA) which is headed by PM Narendra Modi.

76) Name the MD and CEO of ICICI Securities, who was appointed recently.

- 1) Neelam Dhawan
- 2) Shilpa Naval Kumar
- 3) Vijay Chandok

- 4) Radhakrishnan Nair
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Vijay Chandok**

Explanation:

On 31st March 2019, Executive Director of ICICI Bank, Vijay Chandok has been appointed as MD and CEO of ICICI Securities, a subsidiary of ICICI bank. He will succeed Shilpa Naval Kumar. He joined the ICICI Group in 1993. At present, he is on the boards of ICICI Bank UK PLC and ICICI Bank Canada and is the Chairman of ICICI Investment Management Company. Under his leadership, ICICI Bank has won several awards including 'India's Best Bank in SME Financing' (private sector) in 2008 by Dun & Bradstreet and 'Excellence in SME Banking in Asia Pacific, Central Asia and Gulf Region' in 2009 by the Asian Banker Award.

77) Who has been appointed as the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet?

- 1) Adhar Kumar Chatterji
- 2) Bhaskar Sadashiv Soman
- 3) Karambir Singh
- 4) Suraj Berry
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Suraj Berry**

Explanation:

On 30th March 2019, Rear Admiral Suraj Berry has been appointed as the Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet. He will succeed Rear Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi, AVSM, NM, who will be the next (24th) chief of naval staff. He was commissioned on 1st January 1987 and is a specialist in Gunnery and Missile Warfare. He has experience as a Commanding officer in the missile vessel INS Nirbhik, missile corvette INS Karmuk, stealth frigate INS Talwar, and the aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya. Also, He is a recipient of the Vishisht Seva Medal in 2006 for the Tsunami Relief operations in Sri Lanka/ Maldives and the Nau Sena Medal in 2015. Under his supervision, Eastern Fleet participated in various bilateral exercises, like INDRA-18 with the Russian Navy, the 25th edition of SIMBEX with the Singapore Navy and JIMEX-18 with the Japanese Navy.

78) Which became the World's first district with 5G coverage?

- 1) Hokkaido
- 2) Shanghai
- 3) Sakon Nakhon
- 4) Chonburi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shanghai**

Explanation:

On 30th March, 2019, China's Shanghai claimed to have the world's first district with 5G coverage and a broadband gigabit network. It has conducted trial runs of the 5G network in Shanghai's Hongkou district. The trial runs of the 5G network started in Shanghai's Hongkou district. 5G base stations had been deployed over the last three months to ensure full coverage in Hongkou. Shanghai's 5G network is backed by state-run telecom carrier China Mobile.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1) Which of the following Bank became the second overseas bank after getting approval from RBI to merge with its Indian business unit?

- 1) Standard Chartered
- 2) HSBC
- 3) State Bank of Mauritius
- 4) DBS Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) DBS Bank

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the merger of DBS Bank Ltd.'s Indian business unit with its wholly owned local subsidiary. DBS Bank's unit will merge with DBS Bank India with effect from 1st March 2019. The Singapore-based DBS Bank is the second overseas bank to follow the wholly owned subsidiary model in India after the State Bank of Mauritius

2) Which Bank acquired 9.9% stake in Kisan Finance for cash consideration of Rs 17.82 crore?

- 1) SBI Bank
- 2) ICICI Bank
- 3) RBI Bank
- 4) HDFC Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) ICICI Bank

Explanation:

ICICI Bank announced that it will buy 1.49 crore shares to acquire 9.9% stake in the non-banking finance company (NBFC) Kisan Finance for Rs 17.82 crore. The acquisition is expected to be over by the end of March 2019. Incorporated in December 2017, Kisan Rural Finance Ltd (Kisan Finance) had registered a net loss of Rs 48 lakh in 2017-18 at a revenue of Rs 4 lakh. iii. The deal will involve the acquisition of roughly 1.49 crore equity shares with a face value of Rs 10 per share at a premium of Rs 2 per share.

3) NHPC Limited received an approval for acquisition of Lanco's 500 MW Teesta hydro-electric power project at the cost of Rs 907 crore. Where is Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd located?

- 1) Punjab
- 2) Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Sikkim
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Sikkim

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, NHPC Limited received an approval for acquisition of Lanco's 500 MW Teesta hydro-electric power project at the cost of Rs 907 crore in Sikkim. The approval was given by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) during its meeting which was headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Approval has been granted for acquiring Lanco Teesta Hydro Power Ltd (LTHPL) and executing balance work of the Teesta Stage-VI Hydro Electric Project by the NHPC Limited in Sikkim. The cost of the project is approximately Rs 5,748.04 crore which comprises of- Rs 907 crore for acquisition of the LTHPL and Rs 3,863.95 crore for execution of balance work including Rs 977.09 crore as Interest During Construction (IDC) and Foreign Component (FC). The project is expected to produce 2,400 million units of electricity in a 90 per cent dependable year with an installed capacity of 500 MW (4x125MW). Teesta Stage-VI is a Run of River (RoR) Scheme in Sirwani Village of Sikkim, for utilisation of the power potential of Teesta River Basin in cascade manner.

4) Which Indian multinational steel manufacturing corporation received NCLT nod for taking over Essar Steel at Rs 42,000 Crore?

- 1) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)
- 2) Tata Steel
- 3) JSW Steel
- 4) ArcelorMittal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) ArcelorMittal

Explanation:

A resolution plan of Rs. 42,000 crores submitted by ArcelorMittal for acquisition of Essar Steel Ltd. was approved by the Ahmedabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). The approval has been granted 583 days after the beginning of insolvency proceedings, against the mandatory time period of 270 days. The resolution proposal submitted by ArcelorMittal's consists of providing capital to the company, worth Rs 8,000 crore for improving operational efficiencies, increasing production and delivering higher profits.

5) Which bank had got RBI's nod to acquire Gruh Finance?

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

Answer – 4) Bandhan Bank

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, Reserve Bank of India provided a no objection to Kolkata headquartered Bandhan Bank for the proposed acquisition of Gruh Finance. Gruh Finance Limited is a Ahmedabad headquartered Subsidiary of HDFC Limited, is a Housing Finance Company (HFC) recognized by the National Housing Bank (NHB) and it was taken over in January by Kolkata-based Bandhan Bank in a share-swap deal. Based on this approval, Bandhan Bank has to transfer 14.9 per cent stake to HDFC for merging with Gruh Finance. The ratio for this amalgamation will be 568 shares of Bandhan Bank for every 1000 shares of Gruh Finance.

6) NSEIT acquired Global cyber security company Aujas recently. NSEIT is a Subsidiary of _____.

- 1) Bombay Stock Exchange
- 2) National Stock Exchange
- 3) London Stock Exchange
- 4) New York Stock Exchange
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) National Stock Exchange

Explanation:

On 22nd March 2019, a wholly owned Subsidiary of National Stock Exchange of India, NSEIT decided to acquire a global cyber security company Aujas Networks for an undisclosed sum. It will help Aujas to improve its services and capabilities with a strong focus on helping customers with security challenges. Aujas which is founded in 2008 is operational in the Middle East, North America and India. NSEIT is the IT focused Subsidiary of National Stock Exchange (NSE) which provides technology solutions across industries such as financial markets, capital markets, banking and insurance.

7) Which of the following organization became India's second largest Govt-owned Financial Firm after acquiring Rural Electrification Corporation Limited?

- 1) Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC)
- 2) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

- 3) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited (ECGC)
- 4) Balmer Lawrie Investments Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Power Finance Corporation (PFC)

Explanation:

After acquiring majority stake in REC Ltd (formerly Rural Electrification Corporation Limited), centre backed Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has become the India's second largest Govt-owned Financial Firm after State Bank of India (SBI), based on market capitalization. PFC has bought the 52.63% controlling stake in REC through Rs 14,500 crore deal with Union government. The REC' shares were acquired at Rs139.50 per equity share price. 70% of the deal was financed through cash inflows and the balance through debt. This acquisition has impacted union government beneficially, as it exceeded the disinvestment target of Rs 80,000 crore for the fiscal year 2018-19.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1) India's first indigenous 4G/5G semiconductor chips are unveiled by which of the following company?

- 1) DCM Data Systems Ltd.
- 2) SIGNALCHIP
- 3) CMOS Chips
- 4) HCL Technologies India Pvt.
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) SIGNALCHIP

Explanation:

Bengaluru based semiconductor company "SIGNALCHIP" unveiled India's first Indigenous Semiconductor Chips for 4G/LTE and 5G NR MODEMs at an event in New Delhi which was addressed by the Secretary, Telecom, Mrs Aruna Sundararajan. She acknowledged the need for India to manufacture its own chips as Data Security is a huge concern in today's world and informed that currently only 8 companies and few countries in the world can do the task, which makes the launch of Indigenous Chip a real sense "Make in India" for the World. The following 4 chips were launched by the SIGNALCHIP as part of its SCBM34XX and SCRF34XX/45XX series, code-named 'Agumbe': SCBM3412: a single chip 4G/LTE modem including the baseband and transceiver sections in a single device SCBM3404: a single chip 4X4 LTE baseband modem SCRF3402: a 2X2 transceiver for LTE SCRF4502: a 2X2 transceiver for 5G NR standards. The Radio Frequency (RF) sections cover all LTE/5G-NR bands up to 6GHz and they also support positioning using India's own satellite navigation system, NAVIC. The Agumbe series builds up on SCRF1401, India's first RF transceiver chip for high performance wireless standards like 3G/4G and WiFi, created by Signalchip in 2015. The combined multi-standard system-on-chip (SoC) can serve as a base station chipset for a wide range of form and are optimally designed to support evolving network architectures like Open RAN/CRAN with flexible interface configurations.

2) Scientist had discovered the Methane Hydrate from which Basin off Andhra Pradesh coast?

- 1) Krishna-Godavari (K-G) basin
- 2) Narmada-Tapi (N-T) basin
- 3) Subarnarekha-Mahi (S-M) basin
- 4) Sabarmati-Pennar (S-P) basin
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Krishna-Godavari (K-G) basin

Explanation:

Researchers have discovered "methane hydrates", a potential fuel of the future just two meters below the sea-floor in the Krishna-Godavari (K-G) basin off the coast of Andhra Pradesh in the Bay of Bengal. A team of scientists from the National Institute of Geography in Goa and the National Geophysical Research

Institute in Hyderabad have reported the discovery in the Journal of Earth System Science, published by the Indian Academy of Sciences. This is the first report on the discovery of an active methane seepage site. The occurrence of shallow methane hydrate deposits in India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and opens up the possibilities of using a new and still untapped reservoir of fossil fuel, as methane hydrate contains large quantity of methane, the main component of natural gas.

3) Name the web portal launched by West Bengal Education Minister, Partha Chatterjee, to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools?

- 1) Bangla Data
- 2) Banglar Edu
- 3) Banglar Shiksha
- 4) Bangla School
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Banglar Shiksha

Explanation:

On 26th February 2019, West Bengal Education Minister, Partha Chatterjee unveiled a web portal, "Banglar Shiksha" (banglarshiksha.gov.in), to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools. Key points. This Web portal will store real-time data of 1.5 crore students, 5 lakh teachers and 1 lakh schools and will also address many issues like attendance of students and teachers. This portal is first of its kind in the country and it should come into commencement by May, 2019.

4) Name the payment aggregator system launched by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) to promote government's Digital India Initiative?

- 1) IRCTC pay
- 2) IRCTC iPay
- 3) Rail pay
- 4) Rail ipay
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) IRCTC iPay

Explanation:

The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) launched its own payment aggregator system, IRCTC iPay, a step which will help promote government's Digital India initiative. It will provide an improved online digital payment convenience and ease of doing business to passengers availing online travel related services through the IRCTC website. It provides payment options like credit card, debit card, UPI (Unified Payment Interface), International Card and an option of IRCTC prepaid card cum wallet, auto debit will also be available soon. The back-end support will be provided by Delhi based MMAD communications, IRCTC's technology partner.

5) Name the Bank which had launched Rice Knowledge Bank-Assam, an agriculture web portal under its project - Agri-business and Rural Transformation (APART)?

- 1) Reserve Bank of India
- 2) Asian Development Bank
- 3) World Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) World Bank

Explanation:

Rice Knowledge Bank-Assam, which is an agriculture web portal is dedicated to magnify knowledge on rice production technologies and techniques, best production practices and state agriculture facts, was launched under World Bank funded project - Agri-business and Rural Transformation (APART). This portal is the repercussion of efforts of Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services Society, Assam Agricultural University with technical assistance from International Rice Research Institute

(IRRI).The motive behind this is to curtail the gap between research and on-field rice production practices for small-scale farmers in Assam.

6)What is the name of the India's first Braille laptop created by IIT-Delhi Scientists?

- 1) DotBook
- 2) Brailletop
- 3) BrailleBook
- 4) Braillelap
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) DotBook

Explanation:

Pulkit Sapra, 26, from Delhi and Suman Muralikrishnan, 27, from Chennai, former students and researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi have created a laptop for visually-impaired called "DotBook". Claimed to be the first in India, the laptop has an interface in form of dots or Braille instead of a visual one. Instead of a screen, the laptop displays embossed text in Braille through a touchpad and the users get to feel everything a website has by touching the pad. It is built in Linux and comes with 4 GB internal storage which is expandable up to 64 GB and it can be connected with mobile phones and other laptops to provide a visual display for sighted persons. They have launched two versions of the laptop, one with 20 cell version (Rs 40,000) and another 40-cell version (Rs 60,000) — each referring to the number of characters displayed in one line. The 20-Cell Braille Variant has Perkins Keys while the 40-Cell Braille Variant with QWERTY keyboard.

7)Name the Aerospace company,which launched 1st unmanned Crew Dragon test capsule to space station recently?

- 1) NASA
- 2) ArianeGroup
- 3) SpaceX
- 4) Blue Origin
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) SpaceX

Explanation:

With the aim of assuring NASA about astronauts' safety in future flights, Crew Dragon capsule was launched by SpaceX for the first time. The name of the mission is 'Demo-1' and it was launched on a Falcon 9 rocket from NASA Kennedy Space Centre in Florida, USA. The capsule did not consist of any humans on board, only a dummy called 'Ripley'. Ripley's name belongs to the main character in the 1979 movie "Alien" and it consists of sensors help SpaceX visualise the journey to and from the International Space Station (ISS). NASA's Commercial Crew program consists of two test flights- Demo-1 and Demo-2. Demo-2 which is going to be the first crewed flight will be launched in July. According to NASA's schedule, SpaceX is set to become the first to launch American astronauts from U.S. soil since 2011. Crew Dragon is slated to autonomously dock to the ISS at approximately 6:00 a.m. EST on March 3. It is carrying about 400 pounds supplies and equipment to the space station.

8)Name the short-range air-to-air Missile,which is used to shot down a Pakistani F-16 by Abhinandan Varthaman from his MiG-21 Bison?

- 1) R-63 Missile
- 2) R-73 Missile
- 3) R-60 Missile
- 4) R-53 Missile
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) R-73 Missile

Explanation:

R-73 short-range air-to-air missile carried by the MiG-21 Bison flown by Abhinandan Varthaman that

downed a Pakistani F-16 jet. The Missile was developed by Russian research and production firm Vypel NPO to replace the earlier R-60. This missile is an infrared homing (meaning it uses infrared light emission from a target to track and follow it) weapon with a minimum engagement range of 300 metres. It is employed against highly manoeuvrable targets by MiG-29, MiG-31, Su-27/33, Su-34 and Su-35. The advanced R-73 missile features Thrust Vectoring Control (TVC) that offers unprecedented manoeuvrability in air-to-air engagement. India is also looking to use the missile on their HAL Tejas. BCCI dedicates jersey number 1 to IAF pilot Abhinandan Varthaman.

9) Which State became the first State in the country to introduce Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) in the government hospitals?

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

Answer – 2) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Vijaya Bhaskar, State Health Minister of Tamil Nadu stated that Tamil Nadu has become the first state in the country to introduce Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) in the government hospitals. TAVI was launched in November 2018 at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), Omandurar Estate and two people underwent the surgery free of cost. An MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) was signed between the state government and Heart Team India for these surgeries. TAVI is performed on old-age heart patients who cannot undergo an open-heart surgery and involves replacement of valve through a keyhole procedure.

10) Name the Fighter aircraft of Indian Air Force (IAF) that Shot Down Pakistani Military Drone in Bikaner Sector Near Indo-Pak Border?

- 1) MiG-29
- 2) Mirage 2000
- 3) MiG-27
- 4) Sukhoi-30
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sukhoi-30

Explanation:

A fighter jet of the Indian Air Force shot down a Pakistani military drone in Bikaner sector of the Indo-Pak border using an air-to-air missile. The Pakistani drone was shot down by a Sukhoi-30 aircraft after a ground-based radar station detected the flying machine.

11) Name the first exoplanet discovered by NASA's Kepler space telescope nearly 10 years ago, which was confirmed recently?

- 1) Proxima Centauri b
- 2) 55 Cancri e
- 3) Gliese 581c
- 4) Kepler-1658b
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kepler-1658b

Explanation:

A decade after being found, the first exoplanet candidate spotted by the Kepler space telescope has been confirmed as a real world. The planet orbits a star initially dubbed KOI 4, for Kepler Object of Interest 4 (KOIs 1 through 3 were known before Kepler launched in March 2009). When the planet passed in front of the star, it blocked a bit of starlight from reaching Kepler in Earth's orbit, alerting astronomers to the planet's existence. After the findings were double checked by astronomers using ground-based

telescopes, the star was renamed Kepler 1658, and the planet Kepler 1658b, adding the system to Kepler's long list of discoveries.

12)Google launched which of the following app to help children in India with reading, comprehension skills?

- 1) Study
- 2) Read
- 3) Bolo
- 4) Skill
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bolo

Explanation:

Google India has unveiled an app- Bolo which focuses on improving the reading and comprehension skills of students, especially the ones in rural areas. The Beta version of the app was launched after a pilot project with support from ASER centre was conducted in around 200 villages of Uttar Pradesh with a sample size of almost 900 students. Bolo has an in-built reading companion called 'Diya' whose primary task is to encourage, aid, explain and correct the users as they read aloud. It has been launched on the Google Play Store in India and has compatibility with all Android smartphones running on Android 4.4 (Kit Kat) and higher.

13)Name the app launched by Hardeep S Puri,Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs to make all the three modules – Conversion, Substitution and Mutation online?

- 1) e-Dharti
- 2) UMANG
- 3) MyGov
- 4) e-AUSHADHI
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) e-Dharti

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, Hardeep S Puri, Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs launched e-Dharti App to make all the three modules – Conversion, Substitution and Mutation online. e-Dharti GeoPortal was also launched by Hardeep Puri to allow the lessee of the property to see the basic details of property along with its location on map. Government will be able to know the actual status of its vacant properties through the App. The Payment system in Land and Development Office (L&DO) has been digitized and now, public can submit their application online through L&DO website.

14)PM-STIAC (Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council) announces how many missions of national importance in the field of artificial intelligence, quantum computing, electric vehicles and deep ocean exploration recently?

- 1) Four
- 2) Five
- 3) Seven
- 4) Nine
- 5) Twelve

Answer – 4) Nine

Explanation:

9 missions of national importance have been unveiled by the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council (PMSTIAC). These missions cover important fields such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, electric vehicles and deep ocean exploration. PMSTIAC was constituted in October 2018. The head of the council is Vijay Raghavan and other members are- NITI Aayog member VK Saraswat, former ISRO Chairman AS Kiran Kumar, Field Medal-winning mathematician Manjul Bhargava and Indian National Science Academy President Ajay Kumar Sood. Quantum Frontier mission aims to strengthen quantum technologies such as quantum computing, quantum cryptology and

quantum communication and will be headed by the Department of Science and Technology (DST). Mission on Artificial Intelligence (AI) shall focus on developing applications and will be headed by the NITI Aayog. A mission on harnessing bioscience for improving health of Indians shall be headed by the Department of Biotechnology and Department of Health Research. A mission on developing cost-friendly and energy-efficient electric vehicles by developing light and efficient batteries, vehicle sub-systems and components suitable for Indian conditions, including rare-earth based electric motors has been adopted. A mission which aims to scour the deep ocean will be headed by The Ministry of Earth Sciences. Rest of the missions involve creating wealth from waste, conserving biodiversity, building an innovation ecosystem for start-ups and using a combination of machine and human translation techniques to help Indian students who are not well-versed in English language access scientific knowledge.

15) Beresheet spacecraft, which is in news recently, is from which country?

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

Answer – 4) Israel

Explanation:

An Israeli spacecraft on its maiden mission to the moon has sent its first selfie back to Earth. The image showing part of the Beresheet spacecraft with Earth in the background was beamed to mission control in Yehud, Israel - 37,600 kilometres (23,360 miles) away. The partners, NGO SpaceIL and state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries, launched the unmanned Beresheet - Hebrew for Genesis - from Cape Canaveral in Florida on February 22. The 585-kilogram (1,290-pound) craft took off atop a Falcon 9 rocket from the private US-based SpaceX company of entrepreneur Elon Musk.

16) Name the new communication satellite launched by China using a Long March – 3B carrier rocket into a geostationary orbit in Sichuan province?

- 1) ChinaSat 6C
- 2) Gaofen 1
- 3) ChinaSat 9
- 4) Dong Fang Hong I
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) ChinaSat 6C

Explanation:

On 10th March 2019, China lifted its broadband communication system by launching a Long March – 3B carrier rocket with 'ChinaSat 6C' into a geostationary orbit in Sichuan province. Key Points i. The 'ChinaSat 6C' was launched from Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan province. It is a 19 story tall rocket which is expected to provide high quality radio and television transmission services. ii. It marked 300th launch of the Long March carrier rocket series which was developed by the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation and will be operated by China Satellite Communications Co. Ltd. iii. The satellite will cover China, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Island Countries. Nearly 97% of China's total launch missions was on Long March rocket series. iv. China has built 17 types of Long March rocket with five of them being retired. The first carrier rocket A Long March-1 with first satellite Dong fanghong 1 launched by China in 1970.

17) Students from which of the following institute developed an app to detect fake currency?

- 1) IIT Delhi
- 2) IIT Kharagpur
- 3) IIT Bombay
- 4) IIT Kanpur

5) None of these

Answer – **2) IIT Kharagpur**

Explanation:

An app to detect fake currency has been developed by group of six students from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering at IIT Kharagpur. The app has been demonstrated at Nationwide competition Smart India Hackathon 2019. The app works as follows: Upload the image of the currency note. The app would then perform verification of its authenticity with the help of 25 features that have been extracted from both the sides of the note. If a fake note is detected, a notification will be sent to the user.

18) Which country is planning to release a digital currency called “SOV” (Sovereign)?

1) Marshall Islands

2) Papua New Guinea

3) New Zealand

4) Fiji

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Marshall Islands**

Explanation:

The Marshall Islands is planning to release a digital currency called “SOV” (Sovereign) in 2019, however, the launch date of the currency has not been decided. Neema, an Israel-based company, is partnering with the Marshall Islands government to develop the digital currency. With SOV, every account would be fully identified and buyers would be checked against the US Office of Foreign Asset Control so that only legitimate, law-abiding people can use the currency.

19) Where did Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test fired the Guided Pinaka weapons system?

1) Chandipur, Odisha

2) Pokhran, Rajasthan

3) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

4) Bengaluru, Karnataka

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Pokhran, Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Defence Research and Defence Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired the Guided Pinaka weapons system from Pokhran ranges in Rajasthan. The two rockets, which were tested using the guided Pinaka system, succeeded in hitting the 90-km mark signalling a boost in the efficiency, as the rockets had touched the 70-km mark in their last trials, held in May, 2018. The weapon system is equipped with state-of-the-art guidance kit comprising of an advanced navigation and control system. The Telemetry Systems tracked and monitored the vehicle all through the flight path. The indigenously developed Guided Pinaka by DRDO will significantly boost the capability of the artillery to make precision hits.

20) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) reduced the prices of 390 Anti-Cancer Non-Scheduled medicines up to 87%. NPPA works under which of the following Ministry?

1) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

2) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

3) Ministry of Science and Technology

4) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers**

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) which is an independent regulator under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has reduced the prices of 390 non-scheduled

cancer medicines which will result in annual saving of around Rs 800 crore for patients. The revised prices has come into effect from 8th March 2019. Manufactures and Hospitals have to revise the prices based on the trade margin formula.

21) Who launched the GI (Geographical Indication) website and tutorial video on IPR (Intellectual property Rights) in New Delhi?

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

Answer – **3) Suresh Prabhu**

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, Suresh Prabhu, The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry launched GI (Geographical Indication) website and tutorial video on IPR (Intellectual property Rights) in New Delhi. The tutorial video will form part of existing resource pool on www.cipam.gov.in, Official website of CIPAM (Cell for IPR Promotion and Management) and it will be available on the official YouTube channel of CIPAM. The video has been created by the CIPAM, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) in collaboration with Qualcomm featuring “IP Nani” is India’s first Intellectual Property (IP) Mascot. The Geographical Indications (GI) of India website showcases Indian GIs products, classified state wise as well as product category wise.

22) Name the telescope which is used by Indian astronomers to discover some sources in the universe that emit radio waves called ‘Extremely Inverted Spectrum Extragalactic Radio Sources’.

- 1) Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope
- 2) Hubble Space Telescope
- 3) Large Zenith Telescope
- 4) Hale Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope**

Explanation:

For the first time ever, a team of Indian astronomers has discovered some sources in the universe that emit radio waves in a totally new mechanism, by using the Giant Metrewave Radio Telescope (GMRT) which is located at Khodad in Junnar, 80 kms away from Pune. The team is headed by TIFR-National Centre for Radio Astronomy (NCRA) who is responsible for operating GMRT. They have discovered a rare source called ‘Extremely Inverted Spectrum Extragalactic Radio Sources’. GMRT is highly sensitive and has a low range feature. Emissions were captured at frequencies around 150 MHz (megahertz).

23) Name the multi-wavelength space observatory, used by astronomers to discover new population of ultra violet stars in the Globular Cluster NGC 2808?

- 1) EXOSAT
- 2) AstroSat
- 3) ROSAT
- 4) Granat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) AstroSat**

Explanation:

A new population of ultraviolet stars has been discovered in the Globular Cluster NGC 2808 by Indian astronomers from Thiruvananthapuram and Mumbai, using the Indian multi-wavelength space observatory AstroSat. AstroSat is India’s multi-wavelength space observatory which allows to observe the universe in the optical, ultraviolet, low and high energy X-ray regions of the electromagnetic spectrum. It was launched in September 2015. NGC 2808 is a very huge globular cluster and is located

47,000 light years away from the Earth. Globular cluster is a collection of millions of stars which move as a single unit.

24) Which of the following laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed a range of "Combat Casualty Drug" to reduce soldier's casualties?

- 1) Defence Institute of Psychological Research (DIPR)
- 2) Institute of Technology Management (ITM)
- 3) Institute for Systems Studies & Analyses (ISSA)
- 4) Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS)

Explanation:

With 90% of gravely wounded security personnel succumbing to injuries within a few hours, Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Allied Sciences (INMAS), a laboratory of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), has come up with a range of cost effective 'combat casualty drugs' that can extend the time till the soldier is shifted to a hospital. The spectrum includes bleeding wound sealants, super absorptive dressings and glycerated salines, all of which can save lives in the event of warfare in jungle and high altitude areas as well as in terror attacks. Scientists at INMAS, entrusted with research and development in a number of areas concerning the defence sector, said the main battlefield emergencies are excess bleeding, sepsis, shock, hypovolemia (decreased blood volume) and pain.

25) According to the Global Chemicals Outlook (GCO II) report, by which year the chemical production across the world will be doubled?

- 1) 2020
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2035
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 2030

Explanation:

The United Nations' Environment Assembly, held in Nairobi, Kenya, on 11th March 2019, gave a wakeup call that the world will miss the globally agreed target of minimising adverse impacts of chemicals and waste by 2020. As per the second Global Chemicals Outlook (GCO II) report, chemical production across the world will double by 2030. Chemical industry is the world's second largest manufacturing sector and currently, the world has the capacity to produce 2.3 billion tonne chemicals. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), 1.6 million lives were lost in 2016 due to diseases related to chemicals. The first Global Chemicals Outlook report (GCO-I) was released in 2013. Since then, instead of reducing the use of chemicals to meet the agreed target, its use has gone up. Projected growth will be highest in Asia, with China estimated to account for almost 50 per cent of global sales by 2030.

26) Name the new collider to be built near the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) along the Swiss-French border for understanding of matter and the universe, according to recent report by European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN).

- 1) Sudbury Neutrino Observatory
- 2) Laboratori Nazionali del Gran Sasso (LNGS)
- 3) Large Hadron Collider
- 4) Future Circular Collider
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Future Circular Collider

Explanation:

Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is the world's largest machine and it will examine the universe's tiniest particles. LHC is part of a project helmed by the European Organization for Nuclear Research, also known

as CERN. The LHC will cause the beams to collide with each other, and then record the resulting events caused by the collision. According to CERN, The new collider, named Future Circular Collider (FCC) to be built near the LHC along the Swiss-French border, would significantly expand scientists' understanding of matter and the universe. The Future Circular Collider (FCC) would be four times bigger and up to 10 times more powerful than the LHC, the European Organization for Nuclear Research.

27) Which of the following Missile is test fired by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) for the second time in the Pokhran ranges of Rajasthan desert?

- 1) Surface-to-Air Missile (SAM)
- 2) Submarine Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM)
- 3) Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)
- 4) Air-Launched Cruise Missile (ALCM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM)

Explanation:

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test fired indigenously developed, low weight, fire and forget Man-Portable Anti-Tank Guided Missile (MPATGM) for the second time in the Pokhran ranges of Rajasthan desert. MPATGM is incorporated with advanced features including state-of-the-art Imaging Infrared Radar (IIR) Seeker with integrated avionics. The first test was conducted on 13th March 2019.

28) Name the country which successfully test-fired an indigenously developed “smart weapon” from a JF-17 Thunder fighter jet recently.

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Russia
- 3) Iran
- 4) Iraq
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pakistan

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, Pakistan Air Force (PAF) successfully test-fired an indigenously developed “smart weapon” from a JF-17 Thunder fighter jet amid tensions between India and Pakistan. JF-17 was previously referred as FC-1 Xiaolong which is a single-engine multi-role light fighter was being jointly produced by Pakistan with China for several years with engines supplied by Russia. JF-17 Thunder fighter jet will provide it a very potent day and night capability to engage a variety of targets with pinpoint accuracy. The trial is a great milestone for the country as the weapon has been developed, integrated and qualified solely through indigenous efforts of Pakistani scientists and engineers. PAF is a branch of the Pakistan Armed Forces, tasked primarily with the aerial defence of Pakistan, with a secondary role of providing air support to the Pakistan Army and the Pakistan Navy.

29) Which of the following social media had partnered with 91 springboard for launching an year-long programme aimed to support startups and help entrepreneurs expand their businesses?

- 1) Messenger
- 2) Whatsapp
- 3) Facebook
- 4) Instagram
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Facebook

Explanation:

On 12th March 2019, Facebook Hubs, an initiative to foster innovation and offer support to entry-level entrepreneurs was launched by Facebook. It will provide support to start-ups by conducting mentor

hours, trainings, workshops and discussions across 20 locations in Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Pune, Navi Mumbai and in Goa. Facebook has partnered with 91 springboard for launching an year-long programme aimed to support startups and help entrepreneurs expand their businesses.

30) Scientists of which university developed the solar-powered device that creates water from thin air?

- 1) University of Cambridge
- 2) University of Oxford
- 3) University of Texas
- 4) University of Edinburgh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) University of Texas

Explanation:

Researchers led by Guihua Yu from the University of Texas (UT) at Austin, USA have developed a novel solar-powered harvesting system that absorbs moisture from the air and converts it into clean, usable water. The technology is described in the journal Advanced Materials and could be used in disaster situations, water crises or poverty-stricken areas and developing countries. Access to clean water remains one of the biggest challenges facing humankind and this breakthrough innovation may offer a new solution through solar-powered technology that absorbs moisture from the air and returns it as clean, usable water. It relies on hydrogels, gel-polymer hybrid materials designed to be “super sponges” that can retain large amounts of water. The researchers used hydrogels that are both highly water absorbent and can release water upon heating. With an estimated 50,000 cubic kilometers of water contained in the atmosphere, this new system could tap into those reserves and potentially lead to small, inexpensive and portable filtration systems.

31) Election Commission of India has introduced which app for electoral observers?

- 1) cVIGIL App
- 2) Observer App
- 3) Vote App
- 4) Elect App
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Observer App

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, The Election Commission has launched a mobile application ‘Observer App’ through which the Electoral Observers can submit the relevant document and material to Election Commission directly. The app will provide notifications, urgent messages and alerts to the poll observers. It will also help to get their deployment status, download the ID card and update their profile. ‘cVIGIL’ is a mobile application also launched by Election Commission of India and it allowed the citizens to report on violation of model code of conduct. A written observation can be made by the observer after the flying squads investigate the matter.

32) West Nile Virus (WNV), a mosquito-borne disease, mostly reported in the continental United States affected which Indian state recently?

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

Answer – 4) Kerala

Explanation:

A section of the media has reported that a seven year old boy from Malappuram District of Kerala is

suffering from a West Nile Virus (WNV), a mosquito-borne disease, mostly reported in the continental United States. Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare is closely monitoring the situation and has spoken to the State Health Minister of Kerala in this regard. He has directed for all support to be extended to Kerala in its prevention and management. Secretary (HFW) held a meeting with Additional Chief Secretary Shri Rajeev Sadanandan, Kerala and reviewed the situation. The Health Ministry has dispatched a multi-disciplinary Central team from National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC). The Central team includes Dr. Ruchi Jain, RHO Trivandrum, Dr Suneet Kaur, Assistant Director, NCDC, Dr E Rajendran, Entomologist, NCDC, Calicut and Dr Binoy Basu, EIS Officer, NCDC. The team will support the State Health Authorities in managing the disease. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has also been alerted and a close watch is being maintained at Central and State level. There are no reports available so far for spread of this virus in other parts of the country.

33) Read the following and find the correct statement.

- i. Astronomers have discovered 83 quasars powered by supermassive black holes.
- ii. The finding is published in the Astrophysical Journal.
- iii. It is 15 billion light-years away from the Earth.

- 1) Option i is correct
- 2) Option i & ii are correct
- 3) Option ii & iii are correct
- 4) All the Options are correct
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Option i & ii are correct

Explanation:

Astronomers have discovered 83 quasars powered by supermassive black holes 13 billion light-years away from the Earth, from a time when the universe was less than 10% of its present age. The finding, published in the Astrophysical Journal, increases the number of black holes known at that epoch (a particular period of time in history or a person's life) considerably, and reveals, for the first time, how common they are early in the universe's history.

34) Which Indian Coast Guard Ship, became the first-ever ship to visit Sabang, Indonesia to ensure maritime security and safety?

- 1) Samarth
- 2) Vishwast
- 3) Samudra
- 4) Vijit
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vijit

Explanation:

Indian Coast Guard Ship 'Vijit' became the first-ever Coast Guard ship to visit Sabang, Indonesia, highlighting the close maritime proximity between India and Indonesia and strengthening cooperation in the area of maritime security and safety between New Delhi and Jakarta. During its maiden voyage from 17th March to 20th March 2019, officers and crew of Vijit will hold interaction with officials of Bakamla (Indonesian Coast Guard), Indonesian Armed Forces and the civil administration at Sabang. This visit of the coast guard ship follows from the first-ever visit of Naval Ship INS Sumitra to Sabang in July 2018. The ship is commanded by Commandant T Ashish (0532-J), who is a long Navigation Direction officer.

35) What is the name of the Russian spacecraft that was launched from Kazakhstan's Baikonur Cosmodrome, which successfully reached International Space Station (ISS)?

- 1) Mercury
- 2) Vostok
- 3) Soyuz

- 4) Shenzhou
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Soyuz**

Explanation:

On 15th March 2019, 3 astronauts, Nick Hague and Christina Koch from US and Alexey Ovchinin from Russia arrived at the International Space Station (ISS) on Russian Soyuz spacecraft which was launched from Kazakhstan's Baikonur Cosmodrome on 14th March 2019. Soyuz spacecraft carries people and supplies to and from International Space Station and it has become the sole means of transportation after the retirement of Space Shuttle in 2011.

36) Which app was developed by Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar, Gujarat, (IIPHG) in collaboration with National Mental Health Program to reduce the exam pressure?

- 1) Reduce Pressure
- 2) Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior
- 3) Tension Free
- 4) Attempt Exam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior**

Explanation:

Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar, Gujarat, (IIPHG) in collaboration with National Mental Health Program, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat has developed a mobile application called as 'Conquer Exam, Be a Warrior' for students to reduce the exam pressure. This application creates awareness as well as help students to analyze their weak points and overcome from the exam pressure by providing assistance. At present the app launched in English language only but in coming days it will incorporate with Hindi, Gujarat and Marathi language.

37) As per US based researchers from NASA, which planet is closer to earth?

- 1) Uranus
- 2) Mercury
- 3) Jupiter
- 4) Neptune
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Mercury**

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, the US based researchers from NASA, Los Alamos National Laboratory and US army disclosed a new ideology that mercury is closer to earth than Venus. As per the research on the basis of average distance, every other planet when compared to mercury is farther from earth including Venus based on average distance. It also included mercury is the closest planet to every other planet in the solar system when considering the average. To calculate distance between planetary bodies involves their relative distance from the sun which is measured in Astronomical Unit (AU), as per the current methodology. The study says mercury is at 0.387 AU from earth while Venus is at 0.722 AU.

38) Which telescope of NASA discovered pulsar hurtling through space?

- 1) Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope
- 2) Spitzer Space Telescope
- 3) Hubble Space Telescope
- 4) Galileo National Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope**

Explanation:

On 19th March 2019, NASA's Fermi Gamma-ray Space Telescope and the National Science Foundation's Karl G. Jansky Very Large Array (VLA) discovered pulsar hurtling through space. This pulsar is named as

PSR J0002+6216 (J0002 for short). It is located 6,500 light years away in the constellation Cassiopeia. It speeds nearly 2.5 million miles per hour which is as fast as it could travel the distance between Earth and the Moon in just 6 minutes. Pulsar is a super dense rapidly spinning neutron stars which are left behind when a massive star explodes. The study will help to better understand how the explosions are able to kick the neutrons to start in such a high speed.

39) Name the Japanese unmanned spacecraft, that probes Asteroid Ryugu and discovered small amount of minerals containing water on the surface of the asteroid?

- 1) Hiten
- 2) Hayabusa2
- 3) Akatsuki
- 4) SELENE
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Hayabusa2**

Explanation:

Japanese unmanned spacecraft, Hayabusa2 reached Asteroid Ryugu on June, 2018. Since then, the spacecraft landed multiple robotic probes on its rocky terrain of the Asteroid Ryugu. The spacecraft had surveyed 69,000 locations covering almost 90 percent of Asteroid Ryugu by using a near-infrared spectrometer capable of detecting hydrated minerals. According to its study published in U.S. Journal Science, the spacecraft probed and found the small amounts of minerals containing water on the surface of the asteroid. A part of the water might be from asteroids and comets.

40) What is the name of the new service unveiled by Google that allows people to play high-end games without purchasing expensive consoles?

- 1) Stadia
- 2) GDC
- 3) GDC 2019
- 4) Streaming service
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Stadia**

Explanation:

Google unveiled Stadia, a service that will let people play video games without the need for dedicated consoles or high-end computers. Instead, gamers will be to play on standard laptops, tablets or phones, with all the heavyweight processing performed on Google's servers. The platform will let users immediately play any game that is available on the service, without the need to purchase it individually or download a copy to their device. "Stadia offers instant access to play," Stadia is a cloud gaming service, meaning that processing and graphics rendering will be performed at Google data centres. As a player moves around in a game, video of the gameplay will be streamed to their device. Providing the internet connection is good enough, this will happen seamlessly.

41) Name the world's largest ground-based telescope developed by Pune based IT firm ThoughtWorks, that is to become operational in Hawaii in the mid-2020.

- 1) Gran Telescopio Canarias
- 2) South African Large Telescope (SALT)
- 3) Large Binocular Telescope (LBT)
- 4) Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT)**

Explanation:

A Pune-based IT firm is developing software for the world's largest ground-based telescope, the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT), which is likely to come up on Mauna Kea in Hawaii. The telescope is being constructed jointly by India, US, China, Japan and Canada and is likely to become operational in the mid-

2020s. India is building the telescope's complex optical structure, called the Segment Support Assembly (SSA), which will comprise 492 hexagonal mirror segments, collectively forming the primary mirror. An eight-member team at the IT firm, ThoughtWorks, is designing three different software — Common Software Services (CSS), Data Management Services (DMS) and Executive Software (ES) — to deal with the control systems to manoeuvre the telescope and manage the big data that will be generated once it becomes operational.

42) Name the UPI-Based Payments App launched by the Xiaomi in India.

- 1) Trans Pay
- 2) UPI Pay
- 3) Xi Pay
- 4) Mi Pay
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Mi Pay**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Xiaomi launched Mi Pay, a UPI (Unified Payments Interface) Based mobile payment service in India to send money from one bank account to another or between UPI (Unified Payments Interface) accounts. The service provider of this application is ICICI Bank. It was certified by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). A customer can pay various types of bills, make DTH recharge with the help of this application.

43) Which of the following mobile application was launched by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to upload podcast on Class 10, 12 exam evaluation process?

- 1) Umang
- 2) MooFarm
- 3) ReUnite
- 4) Shiksha Vani
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Shiksha Vani**

Explanation:

On 22 March 2019, a new application named 'Shiksha Vani' was launched by Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) to publicize crucial information to students and parents in a timely manner. As a part of it, the app has already uploaded the circular regarding the evaluation procedure for the 2019 Board Examinations.

44) Name the intelligence blockchain, that is to be launched by Intain Fintech for facilitating secure, efficient and trustworthy asset security transactions for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India.

- 1) eNBFC
- 2) eSecure
- 3) eMulya
- 4) eTransact
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) eMulya**

Explanation:

An Artificial Intelligence (AI) and block chain based software products firm Intain Fintech will launch eMulya by the end of 2019. eMulya is an intelligence blockchain which facilitates secure, efficient and trustworthy asset securitization transactions for Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) in India. eMulya will utilize AI to onboard authenticated loans and asset data to the platform and allows investors originators issuers rating agencies and services to manage the securitization life cycle in complete trust and transparency. Siddhartha S is the founder and CEO of Intain and it has a global Artificial Intelligence lab in Pune.

45) Scientist from which institute had designed a way to levitate and propel objects using only light that will help to develop a spacecraft?

- 1) California Institute of Technology (Caltech)
- 2) Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- 3) Harvard University
- 4) Imperial College London
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

Explanation:

By creating nanoscale patterns on the surfaces of objects, Scientists of California Institute of Technology (Caltech) have designed a way to levitate and propel objects using only light. It has been named as “photonic levitation and propulsion” system. This will also help to develop a spacecraft that could reach the nearest planet outside of our solar system in 20 years. The spacecraft which is sized with nanostructures can travel to other stars without having the fuel. The study has been published in journal Nature Photonics.

46) According to its recent discovery of NASA, the surface of which asteroid comprises the water and plumes?

- 1) Ceres
- 2) Bennu
- 3) Tholen
- 4) Itokawa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bennu

Explanation:

NASA’s spacecraft has discovered an evidence of water and plumes erupting from the surface of asteroid Bennu and will return with a sample in 2023. From the very beginning of our solar system the asteroid Bennu, which is slightly wider than the height of the Empire State Building, may contain unaltered material. The asteroid is more rugged than expected, and for this reason, it challenges the mission team to alter its flight and sample collection plans. On December 2018, NASA’s Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security-Regolith Explorer (OSIRIS-REx) mission, started orbiting the Bennu, a near-Earth asteroid.

47) Name the Artificial Intelligence (AI), that is launched by IIT Madras in partnership with ESPNcricinfo to analyse cricket statistics?

- 1) Cricstats
- 2) Superstats
- 3) ESPNstats
- 4) StatCric
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Superstats

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Indian Institute of Technology Madras has partnered with ESPNcricinfo to launch Superstats which is a next level artificial intelligence to analyse cricket statistics through machine learning and forecast. Superstats is developed by a team headed by the IIT Madras research scholars Raghunathan, Rengaswamy, Mahesh Panchagnula along with the ESPN team. It will analyse cricket using data science for the first time, give context to every event in a game and also venture new territories such as forecasting and luck. It also reveals the trends and patterns during a game as the actual match data spread on real time. It has combined big data, cricket intelligence and data science to produce a set of numbers which will help the fans to understand and appreciate the game better.

48) Which entity has developed a storage device that translates digital information into the DNA language with Washington University?

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

Answer – 4) Microsoft

Explanation:

On 22nd March 2018, Microsoft developed a storage device in partnership with the University of Washington that can translate digital information into DNA. The software used in the system converts the 1's and 0's of digital data into DNA sequence (A's, T's, C's and G's) and stored it as a liquid. The device converted the word 'Hello' into DNA which took 21 hours.

49) Name the Italy's new Earth-observation satellite launched from the Guiana Space Centre by 98 foot (30 meters) tall Vega rocket.

- 1) THEMIS
- 2) Shinsei
- 3) PRISMA (Precursore Iperspettrale della Missione Applicativa)
- 4) Odin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) PRISMA (Precursore Iperspettrale della Missione Applicativa)

Explanation:

On 21st March 2019, Italy's new Earth-observation satellite named PRISMA (Precursore Iperspettrale della Missione Applicativa) launched from the Guiana Space Centre in Kourou, French Guiana by 98 foot (30 meters) tall Vega rocket which was developed by the joint venture of Italian Space Agency OHB Italia SpA and the European Space Agency LEONARDO SpA. PRISMA is an electro-optical instrument, which is designed to take medium resolution photos to give information about environmental monitoring, natural resources, pollution and crop health. The PRISMA satellite will operate in a sun-synchronous orbit.

50) Name the manufacturer of Chinook helicopters that was recently inducted into Indian Air Force (IAF)?

- 1) Lockheed Martin, Washington DC
- 2) Boeing, United States
- 3) Raytheon, United States
- 4) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Boeing, United States

Explanation:

On the lines of Indo-US deal inked in September 2015 for the purchase of 15 Chinooks by India, the first four heavy lift CH-47F (I) Chinook helicopters were inducted in the Indian Air Force, at Air Force Station, Chandigarh, in Squadron No 126 Helicopter Flight. These multi-role helicopters will act as life-saver during HADR (humanitarian assistance and disaster relief) missions. Regarded as one of the most modern heavy lift chopper, the payload capacity of Chinook is about 10 tonne, as it is able to lift artillery, vehicles, road construction and engineer equipment as well as troops and supplies to mountainous sectors. It can also lift M-777 ultra-light howitzers of the Indian armed forces. India has purchased 15 Chinooks for \$1.5 billion. The delivery of remaining helicopters is expected to be completed by 2023. The manufacturer of Chinook is Boeing Defense, Space & Security, US.

51) Which online payment system has tied up with US-based e-commerce platform eBay to manage payment option?

- 1) Amazon Pay
- 2) PayPal
- 3) Google Pay
- 4) Paytm
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Google Pay

Explanation:

US-based e-commerce platform eBay has partnered with Google to offer Google Pay as a form of payment option in its new “managed payments” plan. The collaboration will enhance customer experience tailored to their personal preferences. The partnership will enable customers with Google Pay accounts to check out without leaving the platform. But it will only be available on products sold by sellers who are participating in the managed payments programme. Earlier, eBay added Apple Pay as a payment method under its managed payments programme.

52) Name the app launched by Election Commission of Maharashtra for the beneficial of Divyang voters in the state.

- 1) RTV(Right to Vote)
- 2) Divyang
- 3) Vote
- 4) PWD
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) PWD

Explanation:

To make voting easier and to implement poll body’s slogan of Accessible Elections, Election Commission has come up with a new mobile application called “PWD” On 25th March 2019 across Maharashtra, for over two lakhs Divyang voters. This mobile app provides information such as the location of voting booth as well as provide special facilities such as wheelchairs, ramps and transport from home for registered Divyang voters during the next month’s Lok Sabha elections.

53) Which city became the world’s first city to install wireless, induction-based charging stations?

- 1) London, England
- 2) Oslo, Norway
- 3) Bangkok, Thailand
- 4) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Oslo, Norway

Explanation:

Oslo, the capital city of Norway will become the world’s first city to install wireless, induction-based charging stations for its fleet of electric taxis with an aim to have a zero-emission cab system by the year 2023. Finland’s utility company ‘Fortum’ will collaborate with U.S. company Momentum Dynamics and the government of Oslo to install induction charging plates in the roads that allow for charging up to 75 kilowatts. Norway wants all new cars to be zero emission by 2025 whereas other nations, like Britain and France have similar goals for 2040.

54) Where did researchers from Tata Institute of Fundamental Research record muons?

- 1) RACRRA Institute of Fundamental Research, Coimbatore
- 2) Cosmic Ray Laboratory, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Ooty
- 3) Radio Astronomy Centre, Ooty
- 4) GRAPES-3 muon telescope facility, Ooty

5) None of these

Answer – **4) GRAPES-3 muon telescope facility, Ooty**

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, for the first time in the world, researchers at the GRAPES-3 muon telescope facility in Ooty have measured a thundercloud's electrical potential, size, and height which was passed overhead on 1st December 2014. This measure will help to navigate aircraft and to prevent short circuits in aeroplanes. The Thunderstorms can reach voltages ten times greater than those previously recorded which was 1.3 billion volts. Sunil Gupta at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Mumbai, India, and his team used the GRAPES-3 facility in Ooty, India, to record muons. The Muon particles are originated when cosmic rays strike into Earth's atmosphere.

55) Name the telescope of NASA, that captured the giant storm in Neptune.

- 1) Kepler Space Telescope
- 2) Hubble Space Telescope
- 3) Hale Telescope
- 4) Galileo National Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Hubble Space Telescope**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) stated that its Hubble Space Telescope has captured the birth of a giant storm on Neptune. The new finding will help to understand the inner workings of the planets and in the study of exoplanets of similar size and composition. Hubble Space Telescope was launched in 1990 by NASA. The photos were taken by the Hubble for the past several years shows the growth of a new great Dark spot in Neptune.

56) Where did Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully test Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile ("Mission Shakti")?

- 1) Advanced Naval Systems Laboratory, Hyderabad
- 2) Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha
- 3) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha
- 4) Integrated Test Range (ITR), Visakhapatnam
- 5) None of these

Answer - **3) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha**

Explanation:

On 27 March 2019, India has proved its capability of defending its outer space assets after Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has conducted a successful Anti-Satellite (ASAT) missile test "Mission Shakti" from the Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island (earlier, Wheeler island) in Odisha. It took just 3 minutes.

57) Which country launched the Anti-intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system recently?

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

Answer – **1) US**

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, The US Missile Defence Agency had successfully tested an anti-intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) system, which was launched with a target from the Marshall Islands shot down by two interceptors based in California. The US Missile Defence Agency has developed the Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) system to protect against the threat from ICBMs. This GMD system designed to fire an interceptor missile into space and use kinetic energy to destroy the incoming target. In 2017

North Korea became the latest entrant to the ICBM club after it tested the Hwasong-15, which is capable of reaching the whole US mainland.

58) India becomes ____ country after testing anti-satellite weapons test?

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

Answer – 4) 4th

Explanation:

There are many countries which have A-SAT capability but it has been demonstrated by only 4 countries: United States, Russia, China and India. The target was hit by the DRDO developed Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) Interceptor Missile, in Low Earth Orbit (LEO) in a “Hit to Kill” mode at a height of 300 km from the earth’s surface. The satellite used as target in the mission was one of India’s existing satellites. Mission Shakti is a joint programme of DRDO and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

59) Which technology company launched two new tools called “Candidate Connect” and “Share You Voted” to boost electoral process?

- 1) Google+
- 2) Facebook
- 3) Instagram
- 4) Twitter
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Facebook

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Facebook launched two new tools called “Candidate Connect” and “Share You Voted”, specifically for Indian users to encourage civic engagement on its platform during the general elections 2019. Facebook. A new video feature “Candidate Connect” enable voters to see 20-second videos from candidates in their constituencies and the “Share You Voted” which will help people to find polling station information. The moves will help to prevent fake news and to make sure that it doesn’t impact the general election in India. These new tools are available in 12 local languages across India.

60) Name the telescope, that discovered two planets K2-293b, K2-294b using Artificial Intelligence.

- 1) Ultra Violet Imaging Telescope
- 2) Hubble Space Telescope
- 3) Kepler Space Telescope
- 4) James Webb Space Telescope
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kepler Space Telescope

Explanation:

Astronomers from the University of Texas at Austin, in partnership with Google have discovered two hidden planets in the data collected by the Kepler space telescope. They have created an algorithm that has explored the data taken by Kepler to find out signals that were missed by traditional planet-hunting methods. K2-293b – It orbits a star 1,300 light-years away in the constellation Aquarius. K2-294b – It orbits a star 1,230 light-years away, also located in Aquarius. They both are hot planets and have short orbital periods. They are slightly larger than Earth. They are discovered from the Kepler’s extended mission, called K2.

61) Which State government unveiled its Digital portal “(ts-msme.globallinker.com)” for MSMEs?

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

Answer – 4) Telangana

Explanation:

On 27th March, 2019, Telangana government has launched a digital business networking portal for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises MSMEs – Telangana State GlobalLinker (ts-msme.globallinker.com). This networking portal will digitise over 2.3 million MSMEs of the State which would connect them to the global economy. The motive behind this is to address key challenges faced by MSMEs with the core objective of making their business growth more simpler, more profitable and enjoyable. It will also allow MSMEs to create a digital profile for their business, connect with other global MSMEs, enable them to find buyers and suppliers, gain visibility and receive up-to-date industry trends and news.

62) Name the Howitzers guns inducted into Indian Army recently.

- 1) Dhanush
- 2) Panter
- 3) M102 howitzer
- 4) BL 9.2-inch howitzer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dhanush

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, Indian Army inducted its domestically developed and manufactured Dhanush artillery howitzer at a ceremony held at the Ordnance factory in Jabalpur to give a major fire-power boost to the Indian Armed Forces. The Dhanush gun is the first indigenous artillery gun of 155x45mm caliber and is based on Bofors howitzer which was commissioned in the 1980s. Bharat Electronics, the Indian Defence Research and Development Organisation, the Directorate General of Quality Assurance, SAIL was the supporting company to develop this gun. It is the first long-range artillery gun having a range of 38 km produced in India.

63) Name the hyper-local connectivity app, launched in Mumbai which is used to connect the users to their neighborhood people.

- 1) Annie
- 2) Zapier
- 3) Connect
- 4) Bhonga
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bhonga

Explanation:

A hyper-local connectivity app called “Bhonga” has been developed by Mumbai-based Company Linkus Infratech, to connect users to their neighborhood people in the city even without an Internet connection. “Bhonga” is a Marathi word which means megaphone or loudspeaker. This app automatically provides the lists the user living within the radius of one kilometre. The app supports voice notes as well as photos. Anyone can open their phone and send a message that is delivered to other users in the neighbourhood, wherever they are. The app is available for Android as well as iOS users and supports Hindi and English languages.

ENVIRONMENT

1) India decided to collaborate with Malaysia and 3 other Countries with an objective to increase the population of three Asian rhino species. Which of the following country was not a part of it?

- 1) Bhutan
- 2) Indonesia
- 3) Nepal
- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Srilanka

Explanation:

India decided to collaborate with Bhutan, Nepal, Indonesia and Malaysia with an objective to increase the population of three Asian rhino species – Greater one-horned rhinoceros, Javan rhino and Sumatran rhino, by signing the New Delhi Declaration on Asian Rhinos 2019 at the recently held Second Asian Rhino Range Countries meet, at Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, New Delhi. The meet was organised by the environment, forest and climate change ministry in collaboration with IUCN Asian Rhino Specialist Group, WWF- India and Aaranyak. As part of the declaration, the above Rhino Range Countries also agreed to review the population of the three Asian rhino species every 4 years to reassess the need for joint actions to secure their future. The Greater one-horned rhinoceros is found in the Indian sub-continent.

2) How much loss incurred for India annually due air pollution from stubble burning?

- 1) USD 30 billion
- 2) USD 10 billion
- 3) USD 20 billion
- 4) USD 15 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) USD 30 billion

Explanation:

According to a study, Air pollution due to crop residue burning in northern India causes an estimated economic loss of USD 30 billion (Rs 2 lakh crore) annually, and is a leading risk factor of acute respiratory infections, especially among children. Researchers from the US-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and partner institutes found that living in districts with air pollution from intense crop residue burning (CRB) is a leading risk factor for acute respiratory infection (ARI), particularly in children less than five years of age. The study analysed health data from more than 250,000 individuals of all ages residing in rural and urban areas in India and will be published in the upcoming edition of the International Journal of Epidemiology. Researchers noted that crop burning is a widespread global practice and in India is concentrated in northwest India, though has spread to other regions of the country in the past decade as new crop harvesting technology is adopted.

3) Name the Indian Region, that attained the status of 'Wetland of International Importance' in the Ramsar Convention recently?

- 1) Tsomoriri
- 2) Sunderbans
- 3) Kanjli
- 4) Ropar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sunderban

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, The Indian Sundarban was accorded with the status of 'Wetland of International Importance' in the Ramsar Convention. Indian Sundarban which is also a UNESCO (The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) world heritage site, is home to the Royal Bengal

Tiger.Indian Sundarban met four out of nine criteria required for the status, which are presence of rare species and threatened ecological communities, biological diversity, significant and representative fish and fish spawning ground and migration path.Ramsar status will help to highlight conservation issues of the Sundarbans at the international level at the time when concerns have been raised about natural ecosystems being changed for cultivation of shrimp, crab, molluscs and fish.International Importance also called Ramsar Convention, is an international agreement promoting the conservation and wise use of wetlands. It is the only global treaty which focus on a single ecosystem.

4)Where did a new species of frog known as 'Starry Dwarf Frog' also named as "Astrobatrachus kurichiyana" found?

- 1) Kottathara,Kerala
- 2) Kurichiyarmala, Kerala
- 3) Nadavayal,Kerala
- 4) Kallody,Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kurichiyarmala, Kerala

Explanation:

A new species of frog known as 'Starry Dwarf Frog' has been discovered in Western Ghats mountain range.The features of the frog are: Orange-bellied Brown back covered with tiny spots which make it look like a starry sky Camouflages well in wet leaf litter.It has been named 'Astrobatrachus kurichiyana' and is found in Kurichiyarmala, Kerala.

5)According to the study published in PLOS Biology,what is the rank of India based on impacted species in hotspots?

- 1) 20th
- 2) 15th
- 3) 12th
- 4) 16th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 16th

Explanation:

A recent study published in PLOS Biology, an international journal dedicated to biological science, found that human impacts on species occur across 84% of the earth's surface and India ranks 16th in such impacts, with 35 species impacted on an average.Malaysia ranks first among the countries with the highest number of impacted species (125).A team of scientists led by James Allan (University of Queensland) found this when they mapped the distribution of eight human activities — including hunting and conversion of natural habitats for agriculture — in areas occupied by 5,457 threatened birds, mammals and amphibians worldwide.Using sources, including the recently-updated Human Footprint data, they found that a staggering 1,237 species are impacted by threats in more than 90% of their habitat; 395 species are affected by threats across their entire range.

6)Which state has been identified as the most vulnerable to climate change according to the study by various IITs and IIS Bengaluru?

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

Answer – 1) Assam

Explanation:

The Department of Science and Technology (DST) decided to commission a study to assess the climate risks faced by States in India, following an assessment of the global warming risks faced by 12 Himalayan

States, discussed at last year's U.N. climate change conference in Poland, that found States such as Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand vulnerable to climate change. On a scale ranging 0-1, 1 indicating the highest possible level of vulnerability, at the top of the scale were Assam with a score of 0.72 and Mizoram at 0.71, whereas Sikkim, with an index score of 0.42 was relatively less vulnerable. The scores of other states are Jammu & Kashmir (0.62), Manipur (0.59), Meghalaya and West Bengal (both 0.58), Nagaland (0.57), Himachal Pradesh and Tripura (0.51 both), Arunachal Pradesh (0.47) and Uttarakhand (0.45). Different factors contributed to a State's vulnerability, for instance, in Arunachal Pradesh, the key factors are low female literacy and high percentage of population above BPL whereas in Nagaland the key issues are loss of forest cover, steep slope and high yield variability.

7) Name the cyclone, which hit Mozambique city of Beira.

- 1) Cyclone Opal
- 2) Cyclone Cuba
- 3) Cyclone Idai
- 4) Cyclone Nargis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Cyclone Idai

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, Cyclone Idai hit the Mozambique city of Beira and caused heavy rain and landfall at the port city. The 50000 people living at the port city are now without electricity and communication have been severely damaged. More than 100 people have been killed by the storm and heavy rain in the Mozambique and Malawi. The Cyclone is now heading towards Zimbabwe.

8) Where did 5 member team discovered, India's deepest shaft cave during the 28th edition of the annual 'Caving in the Abode of the Clouds Expedition'?

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

Answer – 3) Meghalaya

Explanation:

On 21st March 2019 during the 28th edition of the annual 'Caving in the Abode of the Clouds Expedition', a five-member team of cavers of Meghalaya Adventurers' Association (MAA) has discovered India's deepest shaft at Krem Um Ladaw. It has 105 m deep shaft entrance passage. Last year, the world's longest sandstone cave, "Krem Puri" was discovered in Mawsynram area of Khasi Hills district, Meghalaya.

9) Name the Operation launched by India to provide Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) support to Mozambique, which was hit by cyclone IDAI.

- 1) Operation Sahayata 19
- 2) Operation Trident 19
- 3) Operation Cactus 19
- 4) Operation Parakram 19
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Operation Sahayata 19

Explanation:

Operation Sahayata 2019-India Navy was the first responder in the evolving humanitarian crises in the aftermath of Cyclone IDAI that hit Mozambique on 15 March 2019. Assistance is also being sent to Zimbabwe and Malawi, two other countries hit by the cyclone. Cyclone IDAI made landfall in East & Southern Africa around 15 March 2019 causing widespread destruction and loss of human lives in Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Malawi. In response to a request from the Republic of Mozambique, the

Government of India immediately diverted 3 Indian naval ships to the port city of Beira. Over the last several days, the 3 Indian ships, INS Sujata, ICGS Sarathi and INS Shardul are undertaking HADR (Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Relief) in coordination with local authorities and the High Commission of India, Maputo. As of now, Indian naval crew has rescued more than 192 people.

10) Israeli cave explorers discovered the World's longest salt cave named Malham near which sea?

- 1) Caribbean Sea
- 2) Dead Sea
- 3) Red Sea
- 4) Caspian Sea
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dead Sea**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, the Israeli cave explorers discovered the world's longest salt cave named Malham near the Dead sea, beating the record-holder in Iran. The cave is spread in an area of 10 kilometers (6.25 miles) and it runs through the Israel's largest mountain, Mount Sodom and spills out to the southwest corner of the adjacent Dead Sea.

11) According to the "State of the Global Climate in 2018" report, released by World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 2018 was _____ warmest year?

- 1) Second
- 2) Third
- 3) Fourth
- 4) First
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Fourth**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, a new report on 'the state of the Global Climate in 2018', of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has warned that the physical and socio-economic impacts of climate change are accelerating day by day. It is the 25th annual record of the Global climate. In this report, there is a significant impact on temperatures, as 2018 was the fourth warmest year on record, and almost 1 degree C above from the period of 1850 to 1900. It was reported that for the effect of greenhouse gases, temperatures may increase up to 3 – 5 degrees C compared to the previous record by the end of the century also, the sea levels were 3.7 millimeters higher than in 2017. In 1994, when the statement was first released, the Carbon dioxide levels were at 357.0 parts per million but in 2017, it was 405.5 parts per million. Also, it is expected that greenhouse gas concentrations will increase in upcoming years. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres warned countries to come with concrete plans at an upcoming climate summit, which will be held on 23 September to tackle the climate crisis.

12) Which Island was notified as Island Protection Zone (IPZ) 2019 by Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change recently?

- 1) Andaman and Nicobar Island
- 2) Kurumgad Island
- 3) Khanderi Island
- 4) Worli Island
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Andaman and Nicobar Island**

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, Island Protection Zone (IPZ) 2019 for Andaman and Nicobar has been notified by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The purpose of these changes in the IPZ is aligned with the Niti Aayog's proposal for holistic development in the Islands. The government is

planning to open the blue economy and sustainable utilizing of ocean resources. In this new notification, eco-tourism projects are allowed at 20 meters from the high tide line (HTL) in smaller islands like Baratang, Havelock, and Car Nicobar and at 50 meters for larger islands from the HTL. It permits the eco-tourism activities like mangrove walks, tree huts and nature trails in island coastal regulation zone (ICRZ) IA. This new notification replaces IPZ notification of 2011. It brings norms for Andaman and Nicobar at par with coastal regulation zone (CRZ) norms for other islands.

SPORTS

1) Who became the first player in the world to hit 500 sixes in the International Cricket?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) Chris Gayle
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Aaron Finch
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Chris Gayle

Explanation:

West Indies cricketer Chris Gayle became the first player in the world to hit 500 sixes the 14th batsman and second from the Caribbean after Brian Lara, to reach the milestone of 10,000 ODI runs, after scoring 162 off 97 balls against England in the fourth ODI at the National Cricket Stadium in St George's, Grenada. He had announced on 17 February 2019 that he will retire from One-Day International cricket after this 2019's World Cup in England and Wales.

2) Which Country hosted the International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup recently?

- 1) Indonesia (Jakarta)
- 2) US (Washington D.C.)
- 3) Switzerland (Zurich)
- 4) India (New Delhi)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) India (New Delhi)

Explanation:

International Shooting Sports Federation (ISSF) World Cup was held in New Delhi, India from 20 February to 28 February 2019. It is the annual edition of the ISSF World Cup which is governed by International Shooting Sport Federation. It is a qualifier for 2020 Olympic Games. India ranked 1st in the World Cup along with Hungary.

3) Who created world record and honoured with an Olympic quota for Tokyo 2020 in the 10m Air Pistol category?

- 1) Manu Bhaker
- 2) Apurvi Chandela
- 3) Saurabh Chaudhary
- 4) Elavenil Valarivan
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Saurabh Chaudhary

Explanation:

Saurabh Chaudhary finished top of the 10m Air Pistol category and brought an Olympic quota for Tokyo 2020 in the category. Highlights. He secured Olympic Quota with a world record score of 245.0 after some phenomenal shooting. He is the 1st Indian shooter to win gold at the youth Olympic, Asian Games, Junior ISSF World Championship and Asian Air gun championship.

4) Indian shooter Apurvi Chandela bagged India's first gold medal by breaking the world record. She won the gold medal in which of the following Category?

- 1) Women's 10m Air Rifle
- 2) Women's 10m Air Pistol
- 3) 10m Air Pistol Mixed Category
- 4) 10m Air Rifle Mixed Category
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Women's 10m Air Rifle

Explanation:

Indian shooter won women's 10m Air Rifle and bagged India's first gold medal by breaking the world record in the Shooting World Cup 2019. She was the only Indian shooter to qualify for the final round. Highlights. Apurvi secured a total score of 252.9 to finish on the top of podium in the women's 10m Air Rifle event. She was at the fourth spot in the qualification round. Apurvi Chandela had won a bronze medal along shooter Ravi Kumar in the 2018 Asian Games held in Jakarta, Indonesia in the 10m Mixed Rifle event.

5) Which Country will host the 2021 world cross-country championships?

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

Answer - 4) Australia

Explanation:

Australian city of Bathurst, best known for hosting an annual endurance car race, picked as the 2021 venue for the IAAF's world cross-country championships. More than 700 competitors from 60 countries are expected to descend on the country town, around 200 kilometres (124 miles) west of Sydney, to pit themselves against the varied landscape of Mount Panorama.

6) Who won the Only gold medal for India in the Makran Cup boxing tournament that held in Iran recently?

- 1) Deepak Singh (46-49kg) light fly category
- 2) Duryodhan Singh Negi (80-90kg) heavy weight category
- 3) Satish Kumar (50-60kg) welter weight category
- 4) Lalitha Prasad (90-110kg) heavy weight category
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Deepak Singh (46-49kg) light fly category

Explanation:

At the Makran Cup boxing tournament which was held in Chabahar, Iran, Indian boxers collected a rich haul of 8 medals, including one gold, five silver and two bronze to finish their campaign on a high. Haryana's Deepak Singh won the only gold for India, beating Jaafar Naseri in the (46-49kg) light fly category. Other boxers who won the silver were Duryodhan Singh Negi, Satish Kumar, P Lalitha Prasad, Sanjeet, Manish Kaushik.

7) Name the Indian Player who won the Player of the Series in the WODI Series against England women cricket team?

- 1) Mithali Raj
- 2) Smriti Mandhana
- 3) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 4) Thirush Kamini
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Smriti Mandhana

Explanation:

The England women's cricket team are currently playing the India women's cricket team in February and March 2019. The tour consists of 3 Women's One Day Internationals (WODIs), which formed part of the 2017-20 ICC Women's Championship, and 3 Women's Twenty20 International (WT20) matches. India women's cricket team clinched the 3-match Women's One-day International (WODI) series against England 2-1 even though the visitors secured a win in the third and final ODI at the Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai. Smriti Mandhana was named the Player of the Series.

8) Who won the player of the series in the T20I Series 2019 played between India and Australia?

- 1) Alex Carey
- 2) Glenn Maxwell
- 3) Adam Zampa
- 4) Shaun Marsh
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Glenn Maxwell

Explanation:

The cricket team of Australia is currently on a tour to India to play two Twenty20 International (T20I) and five One Day International (ODI) matches from 24th February to 13th March 2019. Australia won both the T20I matches, the first one held at ACA-VDCA Cricket Stadium, Visakhapatnam and the second at M.Chinnaswamy Stadium, Bengaluru, thus beating India by 2-0 and clinching the tournament title. Glenn Maxwell was declared the Player of the Series and also became the first batsman for Australia to score 3 centuries in T20Is.

9) Who became the First Indian batsman to complete 500 runs against a single opposition in T20Is and created a unique record?

- 1) K L Rahul
- 2) Rohit Sharma
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

Virat Kohli created a unique record by becoming the first batsman to complete 500 runs against a single opposition in T20Is.

10) James DeGale announced retirement at the age of 33 recently. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Boxing
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Cricket
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Boxing

Explanation:

James DeGale retired from boxing at the age of 33. He quit after completing 10 years in boxing. He had twice been a Super Middleweight World Champion and is a British boxing legend. He is Britain's first boxer to win an Olympic gold medal and become a world champion. He won the bronze medal at the 2006 Commonwealth games in Melbourne, Australia and then represented Great Britain at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, China and became the only member of the British boxing squad to win a gold medal. He was honoured with the MBE (Member of the Order of the British Empire) by Her Majesty, The Queen for this victory.

11) Who became the first Indian to hit 350 sixes in international cricket and recorded his 50th T20I six during the second T20I match in Bengaluru?

- 1) K L Rahul
- 2) Rohit Sharma
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) MS Dhoni

Explanation:

MS Dhoni became the first Indian to hit 350 sixes in international cricket and recorded his 50th T20I six during the second T20I match in Bengaluru.

12) Who won the Men's Singles title, in 27th ATP edition of Dubai Tennis Championship 2019, which was his 100th ATP Singles title?

- 1) Roger Federer
- 2) Stefanos Tsitsipas
- 3) Roger Federer
- 4) Joe Salisbury
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Roger Federer

Explanation:

Roger Federer defeated Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece for his 8th Dubai title and 100th ATP Singles title overall. The score in the finals was 6-4, 6-4.

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Roger Federer (Switzerland)	Stefanos Tsitsipas (Greece)
Women's Singles	Belinda Bencic (Switzerland)	Petra Kvitova (Czech Republic)
Men's Doubles	Rajeev Ram (USA) and Joe Salisbury (UK)	Ben McLachlan (New Zealand) and Jan-Lennard Struff (Germany)
Women's Doubles	Hsieh Su-wei (China) and Barbora Strycova (Czech Republic)	Lucie Hradecka (Czech Republic) and Ekaterina Makarova (Russia)

13) Name the person, who won the 10 kilometer race of Nepal's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Open Marathon and Run for Fun, which was held in Kathmandu, Nepal?

- 1) Vikas Krishan Yadav
- 2) Shiva Thapa
- 3) Gagan Narang
- 4) Shashank Shekhar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Shashank Shekhar

Explanation:

Shashank Shekhar won the 10 kilometer race of Nepal's Chief of Army Staff (COAS) Open Marathon and Run for Fun which was held in Nepal's Capital- Kathmandu. Out of total 9 CISF (Central Industrial Security Force) personnel participated in 10 KM race category, Shekhar claimed the first position. This event is an annual event organized by the Nepal Army.

14) Who won the gold medal in 65 kg freestyle category (Mens) in Bulgaria wrestling – Dan Kolov – Nikola Petrov tournament held in Ruse, Bulgaria?

- 1) Saurav Gurjar
- 2) Yogeshwar Dutt

- 3) Bajrang Punia
- 4) Sushil Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bajrang Punia

Explanation:

57th International Wrestling Tournament 'Dan Kolov – Nikola Petrov' conducted from 28 Feb-3 Mar 2019 in Ruse, Bulgaria. The International tournament in the memory of Dan Kolov and Nikola Petrov was organized by the Bulgarian Wrestling Federation. The Best Bulgarian Wrestler will be awarded with the prize 'The Golden Belt – Dan Kolov and Nikola Petrov'. Indian Wrestler won medals in the tournament. Bajrang Punia won gold medal in 65 kg freestyle category defeating Jordan Oliver of USA for 12-3. He dedicates the gold to wing commander Abhinandan Varthaman. Pooja Dhanda won gold in 59 kg women's freestyle category. She finished undefeated in the round-robin format of the competition including a win over her Compatriot Sarita Mor. Sakshi Malik settled for a silver medal in the 65 kg category. She lost to Henna Johansson in the International Wrestling Tournament.

15) Which Sport will return in Asian Games 2022 edition in Hangzhou?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Cricket

Explanation:

Cricket is set for a return at the Asian Games after the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) included it in the sports programme for the 2022 edition in Hangzhou. The decision was taken at the OCA's General Assembly in Bangkok.

16) Which Organization/company has become the official partner of VIVO IPL 2019?

- 1) Ashok Leyland
- 2) Tata Motors
- 3) TCS
- 4) Vernalis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Tata Motors

Explanation:

Vivo Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019's official partner, TATA Motors, will promote its newly-launched SUV, Harrier, as its lead brand at the event and showcase the SUV by means of the IPL platform. The highest batting strike rate will win the Harrier Super Striker Award in every match and for the season.

17) Who won the Men's Singles title in Mexican open 2019 (Tennis)?

- 1) John McEnroe
- 2) Mischa Zverev
- 3) Nick Kyrgios
- 4) Alexander Zverev
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nick Kyrgios

Explanation:

Mexican open which is a part of 2019 ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) World Tour and 2019 WTA (Women's Tennis Association) Tour, was held between 25th February and 2nd March 2019 at the Princess Mundo Imperial in Mexico. i. Australia's Nick Kyrgios defeated Germany's Alexander Zverev in the Men's Singles final by 6-3, 6-4 to claim the fifth ATP title of his career. ii. The List of Winners is given below:

Category	Winner
Men's Singles	Nick Kyrgios(Australia)
Women's Singles	Wang Yafan(China)
Men's Doubles	Alexander Zverev(Germany) and Mischa Zverev(Germany)
Women's Doubles	Victoria Azarenka(Belarus) and Zheng Saisai(China)

18)Imran Tahir announced retirement from ODI cricket post 2019 World Cup.He belongs to which of the following country?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Australia
- 4) South Africa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) South Africa

Explanation:

39-year-old Pakistan-born South African cricket team's leg-spinner, Imran Tahir, announced that he will retire from One Day International (ODI) cricket after the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019. He was qualified to play for South Africa on 1st January 2011 and was selected for the 2011 World Cup. In June 2016, against the West Indies, he became the first South African bowler to take 7 wickets in an ODI, and the fastest South African to reach 100 ODI wickets. He will continue to play in the T20 internationals and participate in the 2020 ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia.

19)Olympic Council of Asia decided to invite which of the following region to compete in 2022 Asian Games for the first time?

- 1) Oceania
- 2) Europe
- 3) North America
- 4) Antarctica
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Oceania

Explanation:

Olympic Council of Asia decided to invite Oceania Nations to compete in 2022 Asian Games for the first time after a meeting held in Bangkok. Oceania Nations which includes Australia, New Zealand and a swathe of Pacific islands will compete in to Volleyball, beach volleyball, basketball, football, swimming and track cycling events. Asian Games includes 35 sports with more than 10,000 athletes and it is second only to Olympics as a global multi-sport event.

20)International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned former Cricket director Enock Ikope for a period of 10 years for the offence of breaching 3 ICC's anti-corruption codes.He belongs to which of the following country?

- 1) Zimbabwe
- 2) Australia
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Zimbabwe

Explanation:

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has banned former Zimbabwe Cricket director Enock Ikope for a period of 10 years for the offence of breaching 3 ICC's anti-corruption codes. In 2018, he had been suspended after being charged under ICC's Article 2.4.6 and Article 2.4.7. These articles constitute offences like refusal in cooperation and delaying the investigation being conducted by the Anti-

Corruption Unit (ACU). He is the second person from the Harare Metropolitan Cricket Association to be punished by the ICC, the first being Rajan Nayer who was banned from cricket for 20 years for his involvement in match fixing.

21) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports recognises _____ as National Sport Federation with immediate effect?

- 1) Badminton Association of India
- 2) Kudo International Federation India
- 3) Athletics Federation of India
- 4) Surfing Federation of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kudo International Federation India

Explanation:

Kudo International Federation India (KIFI) has been provisionally recognised as National Sport Federation by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The recognition shall be granted if it complies with the provisions of National Sports Development Code of India, 2011 and displays information on the website according to the ministerial guidelines. The recognition would provide a major chance to KIFI Association for promoting and developing Kudo in India. The sport is placed in the 'Others' category.

22) Who became the 61st Chess Grandmaster of India?

- 1) Abhijeet Gupta
- 2) Iniyen Panneerselvam
- 3) Krishnan Sasikiran
- 4) Pentala Harikrishna
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Iniyen Panneerselvam

Explanation:

16-year-old Iniyen Panneerselvam from Erode, Tamil Nadu, won at the Noisiel Open in France by defeating GM (Grand Master) Sergey Fedorchuk of Ukraine in the sixth round and became the 61st Grandmaster for India crossing 2500 points in ELO ratings. India's first Chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand congratulated him on his achievement via Twitter.

23) Which of the following has received provisional recognition as National sport federation from Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports?

- 1) All India Carrom Federation (AICF)
- 2) Swimming Federation of India
- 3) Kho Kho Federation of India
- 4) Netball Federation of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) All India Carrom Federation (AICF)

Explanation:

Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has granted provisional recognition to All India Carrom Federation (AICF) as National Sport Federation with immediate effect in order to facilitate the participation of Indian Athletes in the forthcoming National/International competitions. A major role has been granted to the AICF for development of the Carrom sport in India by the recognition. The recognition can be reviewed by the Government in case Memorandum of Association (MoA) of the AICF or its practices come into conflict with the Government guidelines as amended from time to time. The Carrom sport is placed in the 'Others' category.

24) Which of the following weight classes are dropped in men's boxing after the Executive Committee Meetings of AIBA (International Boxing Association) Technical & Competition Rules Commission and AIBA medical Commission?

- i. Light flyweight
- ii. Bantamweight
- iii. Light welterweight
- 1) Option i is dropped
- 2) Option ii is dropped
- 3) Option iii is dropped
- 4) All are dropped
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) All are dropped

Explanation:

AIBA (International Boxing Association) Technical & Competition Rules Commission and AIBA medical Commission has proposed certain changes in the rules after the Executive Committee Meetings in Moscow in October 2018 and Istanbul in February 2019. New Weight classes – The 2020 Olympics shall have five weight classes for female boxers with the addition of two weight classes, featherweight (57 kg/125 lbs) and welterweight (69 kg/152 lbs) into the already existing flyweight, lightweight and middleweight. Dropped Weight classes – In males's boxing, light flyweight, bantamweight and light welterweight have been dropped for 2020; instead men's featherweight (57 kg) was added. With these changes 10 weight classes in men's boxing has been reduced to eight.

25) Name the Indian boxer, who won gold medal in the 56kg category in 38th GeeBee Boxing Tournament held in Helsinki, Finland.

- 1) Shiva Thapa
- 2) Kavinder Singh Bisht
- 3) Mohammed Hussamudding
- 4) Dinesh Dagar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kavinder Singh Bisht

Explanation:

38th GeeBee Boxing Tournament was organized by European Boxing Confederation from March 7, 2019 to March 10, 2019 in Helsinki, Finland. India claimed one Gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze in the tournament. The list of Indian medalist is given below.

Name	Medal	Category
Kavinder Singh Bisht	Gold	56 kg
Mohammed Hussamudding	Silver	56 kg
Shiva Thapa	Silver	60 kg
Govind Sahani	Silver	49 kg
Dinesh Dagar	Silver	69 kg
Sumit Sangwan	Bronze	91 kg
Saching Siwach	Bronze	52 kg
Naveen Kumar	Bronze	+91 kg

26) Who won the Player of the Series title in the women T20I match series between India and England?

- 1) Kate Cross
- 2) Alex Hartley
- 3) Tammy Beaumont
- 4) Danielle Wyatt
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Danielle Wyatt

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, England defeated India in the 3rd and final Women's Twenty20 International in Barsapara Cricket Stadium in Guwahati, Assam. England women's team won the 3 match series for 3-0. India lost first T20 by 41 runs and second match by a five wicket defeat. England's Danielle Wyatt won the Player of the Series. Although Smriti Mandhana scored 58 runs for 39 balls, India lost the match for one score. The second T20 defeat was India's sixth in the row in the shortest format. India was just in short of 3 runs in the final over. England elected to bat at the beginning and the women's posted a modest 119 for six wickets from their 20 overs. Tammy Beaumont scored 29 runs in the match.

27) Which country is banned over doping by International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) until further notice?

- 1) India
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Russia
- 4) South Africa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Russia

Explanation:

The International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) had banned Russia in November 2015 because of evidence of state-sponsored doping and have decided to maintain it until samples and data from Moscow's former anti-doping laboratory are made available. It is the 10th time the IAAF has turned down Russia's appeal for reinstatement, having requested the same assurances when it upheld the ban in December 2018. Other sporting bodies such as the World Anti-Doping Agency (Wada) and the International Olympic Committee (IOC), have revoked their suspensions of Russia.

28) Who is the first Indian to win first ever medal in the Asian Open Laser Sailing Championship that held in Singapore?

- 1) Upamanyu Dutta
- 2) Harshita Tomar
- 3) Rajesh Choudhary
- 4) C. S. Pradipak
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Upamanyu Dutta

Explanation:

Young sailor from Mumbai, Upamanyu Dutta won Bronze medal, which is India's first ever medal in the single-handed Laser Standard race for men in the Asian Open Laser Sailing Championship held in Singapore. He aggregated a total of 56 points to finish behind Thailand's Keerati Bualong (28 points) and Hong Kong's Nicholas Bezy (47 points) of Hong Kong. He has recently won the Euromed Championship in Malta and is currently training in Europe under coach Trevor Millar. Chennai's Nethra Kumanan achieved 4th position in the Laser Radial event for women.

29) Liu Hong of china broke the world record of which of the following event at the Chinese Race Walk Grand Prix in Huangshan?

- 1) 10 km race walk
- 2) 30 km race walk
- 3) 50 km race walk
- 4) 20 km race walk
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 50 km race walk

Explanation:

China's 2016 Olympic champion, Liu Hong, broke the world record in the 50 km race walk, finishing in 3

hours, 59 minutes and 15 seconds (3:59:15), at the Chinese Race Walk Grand Prix in Huangshan, to become the first woman to break the 4-hour barrier in the event. She clipped more than five minutes from the previous record of 4:04:36 set by China's Liang Rui at the IAAF World Race Walking Team Championships in Taicang in 2018. She now holds the world record for both the 20 km and 50 km distances, having clocked 1:24:38 in La Coruna, Spain in 2015 for the 20 km distance.

30) Dipa Karmakar, hailing from Tripura had a Barbie doll modelled after her. She belongs to which sport?

- 1) Hockey
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Gymnastics
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Gymnastics

Explanation:

Ace gymnast Dipa Karmakar, hailing from Tripura had a Barbie doll modelled after her in the list of honours achieved which includes – Arjuna Award in 2015, Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award in 2016, Padma Shri award in 2017. On the 60th anniversary of Barbie, the makers has released a new line of dolls to honour 20 female role models across 18 countries speaking 14 different languages.

31) Which city host the country's first International Beach Volleyball Tournament?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 3) Margao, Goa
- 4) Kochi, Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The first-ever International Beach Volleyball Tournament is creating a buzz on the windswept shores of Visakhapatnam. Ramakrishna Beach is now equipped with floodlights, white sand filling (on the court), a seating capacity of 5,000, and shower facility for players besides other supporting infrastructure. The tournament is promoted by Leisure Sports Management in collaboration with International Volleyball Federation, Volleyball Federation of India and AP and Vizag Volleyball Association. Fifty-six teams from different countries are vying for the title as they will battle wind, sun, rain and each other. Czech Republic's Martina Bonnerova and Martina Maixnerova concluded their FIVB Beach Volleyball World Tour Vizag Open campaign with a gold medal. Armin Dollinger and Simon Kulzer of Germany claimed their first ever FIVB World Tour gold medal.

32) Who was reappointed as the coach for Spanish football club Real Madrid till 2022?

- 1) Vance Joseph
- 2) Steve Wilks
- 3) Zinedine Zidane
- 4) John Fassel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Zinedine Zidane

Explanation:

Spanish football club Real Madrid has re-appointed Zinedine Zidane as its coach till 30th June 2022. He had earlier led the team to victory in three consecutive Champions League titles. He succeeds Santiago Solari from France, who was removed from the post less than five months in charge. Zinedine Zidane had earlier won 9 trophies at Madrid. iii. The team was eliminated from the Champions League by Ajax Amsterdam. The team Real Madrid won the UEFA Champions League title for three successive seasons in

2015–16, 2016–17 and 2017–18 but the team has been eliminated in the current season of 2018–19 after defeated by FC Ajax Amsterdam.

33) Five time champion, Kurt Angle announced retirement recently. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Savate
- 2) Judo
- 3) Boxing
- 4) Wrestling
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Wrestling

Explanation:

WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment) Hall of Famer, Kurt Angle (49) announced his retirement after the match at WrestleMania 35 in April 2019. Kurt Angle has been wrestling since the age of 7 and he had won Gold Medal at the 1995 Olympics.

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34) What is the name of the Biopic in Mother Teresa, which is to be released on 2020?

- 1) Journey of Mother Teresa
- 2) Mother Teresa and her Charity
- 3) Mother Teresa and her Simplicity
- 4) Mother Teresa: The Saint
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mother Teresa: The Saint

Explanation:

A biopic on Mother Teresa, Founder of Missionaries of Charity, was announced. The film, titled 'Mother Teresa: The Saint' will be written and directed by Seema Upadhyay and will be released in 2020. The cast will consist of both Bollywood and Hollywood actors. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

35) Who translated the Sirsho Bandopadhyay's first bengali novel 'Shardulsundori' in English as 'Tiger Women'?

- 1) Jeet Thayil
- 2) Amitav Ghosh
- 3) Arunava Sinha
- 4) Amit Chaudhuri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Arunava Sinha

Explanation:

"Tiger Woman" authored by Sirsho Bandopadhyay and translated by Arunava Sinha from the Bengali version "Shardulsundori" is set in the Calcutta of the 1880s. This novel talks about a tragic love triangle in an era of patriotism. Important characters are Sushila, a trapeze artist and an ardent patriot Priyanath Bose.

36) Which of the following countries co-host the Copa America 2020?

- i. Argentina
- ii. Colombia
- iii. Russia
- iv. Spain

- 1) i and ii
- 2) ii and iii
- 3) i and iii
- 4) iii and iv

5) None of these

Answer – **1) i and ii**

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, After South America's ruling body CONMEBOL once again ruled out a US proposal to host the tournament, Argentina and Colombia are poised to co-host the 2020 Copa America. It is for the first time in the modern Copa America era that the tournament will be split between two countries. The two countries separated by some 4,350 miles (7,000 kilometers). This year's tournament is to be staged in Brazil between June 14 and July 7. CONMEBOL is responsible for the organization and governance of South American football's major international tournaments. CONMEBOL is a 10 member football associations, it has the fewest members of all the confederations in FIFA.

37) Who won the Player of the Series in the Men's ODI series played between India and Australia?

1) Aaron Finch

2) Usman Khawaja

3) Glenn Maxwell

4) Tim Paine

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Usman Khawaja**

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, Australia beat India by 35 runs to win their first bilateral One Day International (ODI) series against India since 2016. It was India's 1st ODI series defeat at home since 2015. Usman Khawaja won the player of the series.

38) Name the Indian Cricketer, who became the joint third fastest to reach 8000 ODI runs?

1) Rohit Sharma

2) Virat Kohli

3) M.S. Dhoni

4) Ravindra Jadeja

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rohit Sharma**

Explanation:

Rohit Sharma smashed 218th six in ODI cricket. He breaks Dhoni's record for hitting most ODI sixes for India. Shikhar Dhawan smashes hundred off under 100 balls for 10th time in ODIs. Rohit Sharma added another major milestone to his name by becoming the joint third fastest to reach 8000 ODI runs. Usman Khawaja also joined an elite list of players who have scored three or more 90-plus scores on the trot in ODIs in India. He has surpassed legends like MS Dhoni and Sachin Tendulkar. Rohit joint-fastest to reach 3,000 ODI runs in a country.

39) Who won the Men's Single title in the 2019 All England Open Badminton Championships?

1) Viktor Axelsen

2) Chen Long

3) Kento Momota

4) Srikanth Kidambi

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kento Momota**

Explanation:

Category	Winner	Runner
Men's Single	Kento Momota(Japan)	Viktor Axelsen(Denmark)
Women's Single	Chen Yufei(China)	Tai Tzu-ying(Taiwan)
Men's Doubles	Mohammad Ahsan and Hendra Setiawan (Indonesia)	Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik(Malaysia)

Women's Double	Chen Qingchen and Jia Yifan(China)	Mayu Matsumoto and Wakana Nagahara (Japan)
Mixed Double	Zheng Siwei and Huang Yaqiong(China)	Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino (Japan)

40)Vikram Raj Vir Singh announced retirement recently.He belongs to which of the following sport?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Cricket

Explanation:

On 13th March 2019, Vikram Raj Vir Singh aka VRV Singh, former India and Punjab pacer retired from all forms of cricket.He belonged to Chandigarh.He made his Test debut for India in 2006 against West Indies and played play five games for the country in the longest format between 2006-07.He represented Punjab and participated in the Asia Cup winning Indian U19 side in 2003.He was there in Kings XI Punjab for the first 3 editions of Indian Premier League (IPL).He retired at the age of 34.

41)Which Asian country is hosting the Special Olympics World Summer Games 2019?

- 1) Phnom Penh,Cambodia
- 2) Naypyidaw,Myanmar (Burma)
- 3) Abu Dhabi,United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 4) Amman,Jordan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Abu Dhabi,United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Explanation:

Special Olympics World Games 2019 began at Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 14th March 2019 and made history by welcoming a record-breaking 200 nations at the Games comprising 195 participating and 5 observing. The Indian contingent was the second largest after the host UAE and marched proudly holding the tricolour.The event is being held in the Middle East for the first time and 7,500 athletes will take part in 24 Olympic-style sports over seven days.Nine venues in Abu Dhabi and Dubai will accommodate 500,000 spectators, 1,500 officials will referee the Games, while 3,000 coaches will assist the athletes. For the first time, 200 nations are being represented at the World Games, 195 participating and 5 observing.

42)Name the gaming platform,which became the official partner of VIVO IPL 2019.

- 1) Dream11
- 2) FanFight
- 3) Cricnwin
- 4) DFC
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dream11

Explanation:

The Board Of Control For Cricket In India (BCCI) announced the sports gaming platform Dream11 as the official partner for VIVO Indian Premier League (IPL) to boost the digital gaming. The 4-year partnership will begin with the upcoming IPL 2019 and Dream11 will also power the official Fantasy Gaming League of IPL.

43) Which team won Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy after defeating Maharashtra?

- 1) Gujarat cricket team
- 2) Baroda cricket team
- 3) Karnataka State Cricket Association
- 4) Delhi cricket team
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Karnataka State Cricket Association

Explanation:

Karnataka cricket team defeated Maharashtra to win their maiden Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy at the Holkar Cricket Stadium in Indore. Chasing a target of 156 runs, Mayank Agarwal (85*) took charge of Karnataka's innings after the fall of opener Belur Sharath and anchored a match winning partnership of 92 runs off 59 balls with Rohan Kadam (60) for the second wicket.

44) JP Duminy announced retirement recently from ODIs, after the 2019 World Cup. He belongs to which of the following country?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) South Africa
- 3) Australia
- 4) Srilanka
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) South Africa

Explanation:

South African all-rounder Jean Paul Duminy (34) has announced his retirement from ODIs, after the 2019 World Cup which shall start on May 30 in England. This would be his third World Cup after 2011 and 2015. He has played in 193 ODIs so far and scored 5047 runs at an average of 37.39. As an off-spinner, he also has 68 wickets to his name. He had earlier retired from Test and first-class cricket in 2017.

45) Supreme Court has lifted the life ban imposed on which of the following cricketer by the BCCI?

- 1) Ajay Sharma
- 2) Ajay Jadeja
- 3) Sreesanth
- 4) Mohammad Azharuddin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sreesanth

Explanation:

Supreme Court set aside the life ban on Sreesanth imposed by the Board of Control of Cricket in India (BCCI) on him for indulging in spot-fixing during 2013 Indian Premier League. The bench comprising Justice Ashok Bhushan and Justice KM Joseph has directed the disciplinary committee of BCCI to take a decision on the quantum of punishment within 3 months.

46) Which country will host the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup for first time in 2020?

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

Answer – 2) India

Explanation:

India will host the U-17 Women's World Cup in 2020 after the FIFA Council meeting in Miami, USA on March 15. This will be the second FIFA tournament India will be hosting, after the U-17 Men's World Cup in 2017. The U-17 women's tournament began in 2008, when New Zealand hosted it. Spain is the current champion and they had beaten Mexico 2-1 in the final in Uruguay in 2018.

47) K.T. Irfan became the first Indian athlete to qualify for Tokyo Olympics. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Relay race
- 2) Hurdles
- 3) Racewalking
- 4) Sprint
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Racewalking

Explanation:

29-year-old Indian athlete from Kerala, K.T. Irfan has qualified for the Tokyo Olympics as he finished fourth in the men's 20 kilometer category at the Asian Race Walking Championships in Nomi, Japan. He holds the national record of 1:20:21 which he achieved during his 10th place finish at the 2012 Olympics in London. He also qualified for 2019's World Championships as he bettered the qualifying mark of 1:22:30.

48) Who became the 2nd Indian golfer to win on Ladies European Tour in South African Women's Open?

- 1) Anisha Padukone
- 2) Laura Davies
- 3) Georgia Hall
- 4) Diksha Dagar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Diksha Dagar

Explanation:

On 16th March 2019, Indian woman golfer Diksha Dagar became the 2nd Indian winner on Ladies European Tour after clinching South African Women's Open in Cape Town. She follows Aditi Ashok, who in 2016 became the first Indian to win on the Ladies European Tour after clinching Hero Women's Indian Open in Gurugram.

49) Name the Mercedes driver, who won the Australian F1 Grand Prix 2019.

- 1) Esteban Ocon
- 2) Michael Schumacher
- 3) Lewis Hamilton
- 4) Valtteri Bottas
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Valtteri Bottas

Explanation:

Mercedes Formula One (F1) driver Valtteri Bottas has clinched his first championship in the Australian Grand Prix held in Melbourne. He was followed by Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes and Red Bull's Max Verstappen. He is a Finnish racing driver and now competing in Formula One with Mercedes. Valtteri Bottas achieved his first Formula One pole position in Bahrain. He won the 2017 Russian Grand Prix and 2017 Austria Grand Prix.

50) Which country recently became the 12th ICC-full member to play official test cricket?

- 1) Costa Rica
- 2) Argentina
- 3) Afghanistan
- 4) Denmark
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Afghanistan

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, Afghanistan defeated Ireland by 7 wickets to win their first ever Test Match in

Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Rahmat Shah, who scored 98 and 76 runs in 1st and 2nd innings respectively was awarded the Player of the Match. Afghanistan won the T-20 series against Ireland by 2-0 and ODI series was level at 2-2. Afghanistan is the newest ICC-member to play test cricket and this was Afghanistan's 2nd Test Match. Afghanistan was badly defeated by the Cricketing behemoth, India in its debut test match.

51) Who won the first Indian Super League (ISL) title at the Mumbai Football Arena?

- 1) Delhi Dynamos Football Club
- 2) Chennaiyin Football Club
- 3) Bengaluru Football Club
- 4) Jamshedpur Football Club
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bengaluru Football Club

Explanation:

Bengaluru Football Club (FC) won their first Indian Super League (ISL) title at the Mumbai Football Arena defeating FC Goa by 1-0 in the final. Both teams did not score any goals in the 90-minute time frame and the game went on for extra time. In the 118th minute, Rahul Bheke jumped up to shoot a header into the far corner and get Bengaluru their winning goal.

52) Which country has been stopped from hosting the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship 2019 and shifted to Thailand by United World Wrestling (UWW)?

- 1) India
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Russia
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

The United World Wrestling (UWW) has taken away the Junior Asian Wrestling Championship from India and asked all its affiliated federations to stop dealing with the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) due to the country's diplomatic tension with Pakistan. After the original hosts of the event, Lebanon withdrew, India had agreed to host the re-scheduled event in July 2019. However, after India denied visas to a three-member shooting contingent from Pakistan for the Shooting World Cup in Delhi following the Pulwama terror attack, the International Olympic Committee had censured the Indian Olympic Association. It was followed by UWW asking all its affiliated federations to suspend all communication with WFI and it shifted the junior Asian championship from India to Thailand.

53) Who won the first Men's Singles Title in Indian Wells Masters 2019 also known as BNP Paribas Open that held in California, United States?

- 1) Nikola Mektic
- 2) Roger Federer
- 3) Dominic Thiem
- 4) Horacio Zeballo
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dominic Thiem

Explanation:

On 17th March 2019, the professional tennis tournament Indian Wells Masters 2019 also known as BNP Paribas Open held in California, United States. Prize money for the game was \$9035428 for ATP and WTA separately. Austrian player Dominic Thiem defeated five time champion Roger Federer of Switzerland to win Men's Singles title. It is Dominic's first Masters 1000 title. Croatia's Nikola Mektic and Argentina's Horacio Zeballos won Men's Doubles title by defeating Poland's Lukasz Kubot and Brazil's Marcelo Melo. It was their first Doubles title.

54) Bianca Andreescu defeated Angelique Kerber to win Women's Singles title in Indian Wells Masters 2019. Bianca Andreescu belongs to which country?

- 1) Germany
- 2) Canada
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Argentina
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Canada

Explanation:

Canadian player Bianca Andreescu defeated German player Angelique Kerber in Women's Singles Category to win her first ever Indian Wells title. The score was 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. Elise Mertens of Belgium and Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus won their first Doubles title as a team against Barbora Krejčíková of Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova of Czech Republic. The duo won the game for 6-3, 6-2.

55) Name the Indian Player who was defeated by Shi Yuqi of China in Men's Singles title in 2019 Swiss Open badminton championship held at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland.

- 1) Srikanth Kidambi
- 2) Pullela Gopichand
- 3) Sai Praneeth
- 4) Sameer Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sai Praneeth

Explanation:

The 2019 Swiss Open badminton championship held at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland from 12th March to 17th March 2019. The total prize money amounts to USD 150000.

Category	Winner	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Shi Yuqi (China)	Sai Praneeth (India)
Women's Singles	Chen Yufei (China)	Saena Kawakami (Japan)
Men's Doubles	Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto (Indonesia)	Lee Yang and Wang Chi-lin (Taiwan)
Women's Doubles	Chang Ye-na and Jung Kyung-eun (South Korea)	Nami Matsuyama and Chiharu Shida (Japan)
Mixed Doubles	Bay-Smidt and Rikke Soby Hansen (Denmark)	Rinov Rivaldy and Pitha Haningtyas Mentari (Indonesia)

56) Avantika Santhosh Narale won gold in the Asian Youth Athletes Championship held in Hong Kong. She belongs to which sport?

- 1) Sprint
- 2) Relay
- 3) Shot put
- 4) Javelin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Sprint

Explanation:

India finishes second in Asian Youth Athletes Championship held in Hong Kong with a gold added to the medal tally on the final day of the championship. India secured second position in the overall medals tally with 26 medals including 8 gold, 9 silver and 9 bronze medals. China topped the championship with 31 medals including 12 gold, 11 silver and 8 bronze. Japan ranked third in the Championship with 20 medals. Japan got 6 gold, 8 silver and 6 bronze medals. Boys medley relay team Karan Hegiste, Shanmuga Nalubothu, Shashikant Angadi and Abdul Razak Rasheed defeated Sri Lankan team to acquire first position in the game. Avantika Santhosh Narale received gold in 100m and a silver medal in 200m final while Deepthi secured bronze medal in the 200m event.

57) Name the Indian Athlete and Asian marathon champion, who has qualified for the World Athletics Championships to be held in Doha.

- 1) Aparna Roy
- 2) Gopi Thonakal
- 3) Nisar Ahmed
- 4) Praveen Chitravel
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Gopi Thonakal

Explanation:

India's Asian marathon champion Gopi Thonakal has qualified for the World Athletics Championships to be held in Doha in September-October after finishing 11th in the Seoul International Marathon. The 30-year-old Gopi clocked his personal best time of 2 hours 13 minutes 39 seconds in the marathon race on Sunday, bettering the World Championships qualification mark of 2:16:00. His earlier best was 2:15:16 last year.

58) Organisers of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics unveiled a _____ shaped torch for the 2020 Olympics?

- 1) Cherry-Blossom
- 2) Trumpet-Shaped
- 3) Stellate-Shaped
- 4) Cruciform-Shaped
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Cherry-Blossom

Explanation:

The organizers of the 2020 Summer Games in Tokyo have chosen a Japanese motif — the cherry blossom for their Olympic torch. The design, unveiled, makes use of not only a traditional "Sakura-mon" blossom emblem but also the same aluminum extrusion technology used in the manufacture of the country's well-known bullet trains. It will generate five flames from a cluster of petal-shaped cylinders. The torch is made using the same cutting-edge technology as in the production of Japan's bullet trains and is formed of a seamless, single piece of aluminium. It measures 71cm in length and weighs 1.2kg.

59) Which city has signed to host T10 league, the shortest form of cricket for five years?

- 1) Beijing
- 2) Melbourne
- 3) Barcelona
- 4) Abu Dhabi
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Abu Dhabi

Explanation:

The T10 cricket League is set to be played in Zayed Cricket Stadium of Abu Dhabi for the next five years, starting from 2019 season. The first match in the T10 League will be held on 23rd October 2019. Abu Dhabi Cricket (ADU) partnered with the Department of Culture and Tourism, Abu Dhabi (DCT Abu Dhabi) and Abu Dhabi Sports Council (ADSC) has entered into a five year agreement with organizers of the T10 league for 5 years. T10 is the shortest form of cricket which was first played in UAE in 2017.

60) India participated in which of the following sport for the first time in 15th Special Olympics World Summer Games 2019 held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates?

- i. Judo
- ii. Futsal
- iii. Powerlifting
- 1) Option i
- 2) Option i & ii

- 3) Option ii & iii
- 4) Option i,ii & iii
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Option i & ii

Explanation:

The 15th Special Olympics World Summer Games 2019 for athletes with Intellectual disabilities held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates with motto “Meet the Determined”. The event saw the participation of 190 countries. The next Special Olympic Games are set to take place in Sweden in 2021. India wins 368 medals at the Special Olympics World Summer Games including 85 gold, 154 silver and 129 bronze. Jitendra Pawal won a gold medal in the 200m race. Medals are won in Judo, Athletics, Cycling, Aquatics, Powerlifting, Basketball Traditional, Table Tennis, Roller skating, Badminton, Handball Traditional and Football 7 Side Female competitions in the game. Out of 24 Olympic type sports which featured the World Cup, India participated in 14 types. It is for the 9th time India has participated in the Special Olympics. India participated in Judo and Futsal for the first time.

61) Which country has been stopped from hosting the Junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup?

- 1) India
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Srilanka
- 4) Mozambique
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) India

Explanation:

India has lost the hosting rights of two international tennis tournaments viz. Junior Davis Cup and Fed Cup which were scheduled to be held in RK Khanna stadium, New Delhi in April. Now both events will be held in Bangkok, Thailand. Reasons behind losing of hosting rights: Absence of a written guarantee from India that the visa entry would be granted to the Pakistani contingent for the Davis Cup. Closure of Pakistan's air space after the Balakot air strike, resulting flights of participating teams have to take alternate and long routes to enter the Indian airspace. Earlier, India had stripped to host Junior Asian championships by United World Wrestling (UWW). The stripping off of India's hosting rights is due to the India's denial of visas to Pakistani shooters for the ISSF World Cup held in Delhi in February following the Pulwama attack.

62) Which country won the South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship 2019 for the fifth year consecutively?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Maldives
- 3) Nepal
- 4) India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

On 22nd March 2019, India clinched South Asian Football Federation (SAFF) Women's Championship 2019 by defeating Nepal for 3-1 in Biratnagar, Nepal. It was for the fifth time in a row that India won the championship. Indian Midfielder Indumathi Kathiresan and Nepali forward player Sabitra Bhandari became the top scorers in the match with four goals each. The competition was scheduled to host in Sri Lanka in December 2018 which was rescheduled as the former withdrew. Afterwards Nepal hosted the competition in March 2019. A total of six teams participated in the competition which were India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Bhutan. Afghanistan and Pakistan withdrew participation in the fifth edition of SAFF Women's championship 2019. Since India incepted the championship in 2010, it is India's 23rd straight victory. Dalmia Chhibber of India scored first goal of the match.

63) Name the person, who was 2015 Cricket World Cup highest scorer and was nicknamed as Marty Two Toes.

- 1) Kane Williamson
- 2) Martin Guptill
- 3) Ross Taylor
- 4) Trent Boult
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Martin Guptill

Explanation:

New Zealand's Martin Guptill, who in 2015, scored Cricket World Cup's highest individual score of 237* (163), is nicknamed Marty Two Toes, thanks to one event from his childhood. Reportedly, at the age of 13, his foot was crushed by a forklift. Doctors tried hard to get the feet rectified, but to no avail. They had to amputate three toes and thus he earned his nickname Marty Two Toes.

64) Who has been imposed lifetime ban by the World football governing body FIFA?

- 1) John Terry
- 2) Emre Belozoglu
- 3) Luis Chiriboga
- 4) Luis Suarez
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Luis Chiriboga

Explanation:

World football governing body FIFA has imposed a lifetime ban on 72 years old, former Ecuadorian Football Federation (FEF) President, Luis Chiriboga. He has also fined with million swiss francs (\$1.01 million). Luis Chiribogai. He had breached the article 27 (bribery) of the 2018 edition of the FIFA Code of Ethics by accepting bribes in exchange for awarding lucrative media and marketing rights for tournaments. He was also the former member of FIFA's standing committee and the South American Football Confederation's (CONMEBOL) executive committee.

65) What is the recent official name of European T20 league?

- 1) Euro T20 Slam
- 2) Euro T20
- 3) Euro T20 league
- 4) European T20 Slam
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Euro T20 Slam

Explanation:

The European T20 competition set to take place in Ireland, Scotland, and the Netherlands for the first time later this year has been officially named as 'Euro T20 Slam'. The competition which was unveiled earlier in 2019, will consist of six-city based franchises, two from each of the host nations.

66) Which Grand Slam tournament had recently increase prize money by eight percent from 2018?

- 1) Australian Open
- 2) Wimbledon Open
- 3) US Open
- 4) French Open
- 5) None of these

Answer – French Open

Explanation:

French Open remains the Grand Slam event with the least prize money on offer for the winners. The French Open announced an 8% increase to its prize money for the 2019 tournament on Thursday, with

the men's and women's singles winners to take home 2.3 million euros (\$2.62 million). Roland Garros remains the Grand Slam event with the least prize money on offer for the winners, some way short of the \$3.8 million claimed by last year's US Open champions, Novak Djokovic and Naomi Osaka. But French Open tournament director Guy Forget wanted to narrow the gap between the champions and players who exit in the opening week, with first-round losers given a 15-percent rise to 46,000 euros.

67) Who was named as the sportsperson of the year in the Annual Telangana Sports Journalist Association (TSJA) for the year 2019?

- 1) Ashwini Ponnappa
- 2) P.V.Sindhu
- 3) Saina Nehwal
- 4) Jwala Gutta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Saina Nehwal**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, Annual Telangana Sports Journalist Association (TSJA) named London Olympics Bronze medalist Saina Nehwal as sportsperson of the year, Pullella Gopichand as Coach of the Year and PV Sindhu as Outstanding Performer in women's section. Badminton Association of Telangana received Association of the Year award. Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) named for its outstanding contribution to sports while Arjun Erigaisi named as the most promising player at the Annual Telangana Sports Journalist Association Awards. The need of athletes return to the game after their playing days gets stressed during the award function which was held at the Park.

68) Lasith Malinga announced his retirement from international cricket after ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020. He belongs to which country?

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

Answer – **1) Srilanka**

Explanation:

The 35 years old, limited over's captain of Sri Lanka, Lasith Malinga, is all set to be retired from international cricket after ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2020, to be held in Australia over October-November 2020. He would also quit one-day internationals after the 2019 World Cup in England and Wales. He made his ODI debut in 2004, becoming the first to clinch two World Cup hat-tricks and the first to take three ODI hat-tricks. He is also the only bowler to take four wickets in four consecutive balls.

69) Who won the Men's Singles title in 2019 Lingshui China Masters?

- 1) Yang Po-hsuan
- 2) Weng Hongyang
- 3) Liu Haichao
- 4) Lee Jhe-huei
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Weng Hongyang**

Explanation:

On 17th March 2019, the 2019 Lingshui Masters Badminton Tournament held in Agile Stadium in China. Weng Hongyang won the Men's Singles title in tournament. This was the first Super 100 Tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour. The tournament was organized by the Chinese Badminton Association and sanctioned by the Badminton World Federation (BWF). The Super 100 Tournament commenced on 12th March with a total prize money of USD 75000.

Category	Winners	Runner-up
Men's Singles	Weng Hongyang (China)	Liu Haichao (China)
Women Singles	Kim Ga-eun (South Korea)	Zhang Yiman (China)
Men's Doubles	Lee Jhe-huei and Yang Po-hsuan (Chinese Taipei)	Ou Xuanyi and Ren Xiangyu (China)
Women's Doubles	Baek Ha-na and Kim Hye-rin (South Korea)	Liu Xuanxuan and Xiayuting (China)
Mixed Doubles	Tang Chun Man and Ng Tsz Yau (Hong Kong)	Guo Xinwaa and Liu Xuanxuan (China)

70) Name the Indian batsman, who became the first person to surpass 5000 runs in Indian Premier League (IPL).

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) MS Dhoni
- 3) Suresh Raina
- 4) Umesh Yadav
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Suresh Raina

Explanation:

On 24th March 2019, Suresh Raina, a batsman of Chennai Super Kings became the first batsman to make a record by surpassing 5,000 runs in the Indian Premier League in Chennai. He scored 5000 runs from 177 matches at a strike-rate of 138.15 consisting 35 fifties and one hundred. He is also the only batsman to breach the 300-run mark in all 11 seasons.

71) Danish Joachim Persson banned over match-fixing. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Badminton

Explanation:

On 21st March 2019, 35 years old Badminton player Joachim Persson of Denmark was banned for 18 months by the Badminton World Federation for violating four code of conduct related to betting and match-fixing. He was ordered to pay \$4,500.

72) Which country won the 2019 Badminton Asia mixed team trophy?

- 1) Thailand
- 2) Japan
- 3) Nepal
- 4) China
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) China

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of Badminton Asia Mixed Team Championships aka Tong Yun Kai Cup 2019 was held in Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Hong Kong. The championship was organized by Badminton Asia and Hong Kong Badminton Association. China has grabbed the championship by defeating Japan with 3-2. In the mixed doubles, Chinese pair He Jiting and Du Yue has defeated apanese pair Yuta Watanabe and Arisa Higashino by 21-17, 21-17. In the men's doubles, Yugo Kobayashi and Takuro Hoki of China beat Han Chengkai and Zhou Haodong of Japan by 16-21, 21-18, 21-13. In the women's doubles, Li Yinhui and Du Yue won for China by beating Ayako Sakuramoto and Yukiko Takahata with 21-16, 21-19.

73) Which city is set to host Olympic and Paralympic Games in the year 2020?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Shanghai, China
- 4) Osaka, Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Tokyo, Japan

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, Paralympic torch was unveiled by the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020), for Paralympic Torch Relay which will take place between 13th and 25th August 2020, to represent the Torch Relay. The torch will be lit on the concept of “Share Your Light”. The torch is made from the recycled aluminum and is modeled after the Japanese cherry blossom or “sakura”. The color of the torch is “Sakura Pink”. On 13th August 2020, The Paralympic torch relay will begin in Japan, four days after the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Closing Ceremony. The Torch Relay will give everyone an opportunity to reflect on a new partnership among the people of different backgrounds and abilities. Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games mascot – SOMEITY.

74) Name the Indian player who won bronze medal in the men’s Singles title in the Seamaster 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus or 2019 Oman Open table tennis.

- 1) Soumyajit Ghosh
- 2) Sathyan Gnanasekaran
- 3) G. Sathyan
- 4) Sharath Kamal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) G. Sathyan

Explanation:

On 24th March 2019, The Seamaster 2019 ITTF Challenge Plus commonly called Oman Open table tennis held in Muscat, Oman. Indian players G Sathyan and Archana Kamath excelled in the tournament. Indian player G Sathyan was defeated by Mattias flack of Sweden in the men’s Singles Semifinals G Sathyan settled for a bronze medal in the tournament. The score was 8-11, 11-7, 9-11, 11-9, 9-11, 11-9, 10-12. Archana Kamath bags U-21 silver with an excellent run in the Oman Open. She was defeated by the Japanese player Satsuki Odo in U-21 Women’s Singles final. The score was 7-11, 8-11, 6-11. Sathyan and Sharath lost to Russian pair Denis Ivonin and Vladimir Sidorenko in the Men’s Doubles quarterfinals so as with Madhurika Patkar and Riti Shankar in the Women’s doubles. Archana and Sathyan lost the mixed doubles in the first round. Manav Thakkar lost to Artur Abusev of Russia in the semifinals.

75) Conor McGregor announced his retirement recently. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Weight lifting
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Mixed Martial Art
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mixed Martial Art

Explanation:

The 30 years old, Irish Mixed Martial Art (MMA) fighter Conor McGregor has announced his retirement from the sport. He is the former Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) featherweight and lightweight champion. He holds a UFC record of 21 wins. In April, 2018, he was charged with three counts of assault and one count of criminal mischief.

76) Nikki Bella announced her retirement of which sport recently?

- 1) Weightlifting
- 2) Powerlifting

- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Kickboxing
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Wrestling

Explanation:

The 35 years old, American professional wrestler, Stephanie Nicole Garcia-Colace aka Nikki Bella has announced her retirement from WWE (World Wrestling Entertainment). Earlier this month, her twin sister Brie also announced her retirement. In 2007, she was signed for the WWE and did her debut in November 2008. She has won the WWE Divas Championship twice.

77) International Olympics Committee (IOC) has decided to induct which of the following sport in Paris Olympics 2024?

- i. Breakdancing
- ii. Surfing
- iii. Skateboarding
- iv. Sport Climbing
- v. Carrom Board

- 1) All other options excluding option i
- 2) All other options excluding option iii
- 3) All other options excluding option v
- 4) All other options excluding option iv
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) All other options excluding option v

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, International Olympics Committee (IOC) gave provisional green light for the inclusion of Breakdancing in the Paris Olympics 2024. Surfing, Skateboarding and sport climbing also got approval for provisional inclusion in Summer Olympics 2024 from IOC. This decision was taken by the IOC's executive board in the meeting held in Lausanne, Switzerland. Final Decision will be taken after the end of 2020. This will contribute to make the program of the Games more gender-balanced, more youthful and more urban.

78) Name the mixed team tennis tournament which was replaced by the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) World Team Cup after 31 years.

- 1) Hopman Cup
- 2) Laver Cup
- 3) Fed Cup
- 4) Davis Cup
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Hopman Cup

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, the unique mixed teams Hopman Cup (Tennis tournament) in Perth has been replaced by the ATP (Association of Tennis Professionals) World Team Cup after 31 years. Now three cities Sydney, Brisbane, and Perth will host the new men-only tournament (ATP World Team Cup) final. The ATP world team cup will be played from 3rd January for 10 days in the lead-up to the Australian Open, the first Grand Slam of the year, which will start in 2020. Hopman Cup was named after Australian tennis player Harry Hopman. This year Swiss pair Roger Federer and Belinda Bencic won the Cup.

79) Australia's Tim Cahill retired from his Football Career. He played in which of the following club in Indian Super League (ISL)?

- 1) Delhi Dynamos FC
- 2) Jamshedpur FC
- 3) Chennaiyin FC

4) Kerala Blasters FC

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Jamshedpur FC**

Explanation:

Australia's top goalscorer, 39-year-old, Tim Cahill has announced his retirement from football to focus on a career in media and coaching. He retired from International Football last year. The final stint of Tim Cahill came in India playing for Jamshedpur FC at the end of the 2018-19 season.

80) Name the Chelsea and Argentina striker, who retired from international football recently.

1) Juan Sebastian Veron

2) Franco Di Santo

3) Hernan Crespo

4) Gonzalo Higuain

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gonzalo Higuain**

Explanation:

On 29th March 2019, 31 years old Chelsea and Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain has announced his retirement from international football citing family reasons. Gonzalo. He was born on 10th December 1987 in Brest, France. He scored 31 goals in 75 Argentina appearances. Last year at the 2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia, he played for Argentina where they defeated Nigeria 2-1.

81) Who was appointed as the head coach of the Malta national cricket team for an ICC qualifying tournament?

1) Ravi Shastri

2) Bharat Arun

3) Rajkumar Sharma

4) Sanjay Bangar

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rajkumar Sharma**

Explanation:

Virat Kohli's childhood coach Rajkumar Sharma has been appointed the head coach of the Malta national cricket team for an ICC qualifying tournament. "There is a three-nation divisional tournament of the ICC from March 29 to 31 in Spain. Malta, Estonia and hosts Spain will take part.

82) Which country has signed security agreement with Qatar for ensuring safety in the FIFA (The Federation Internationale de Football Association) World Cup 2022 event?

1) France

2) US

3) Russia

4) India

5) None of these

Answer – **1) France**

Explanation:

On 28th March 2019, FIFA (The Federation Internationale de Football Association) World Cup 2022 security agreement aimed at building a strategic partnership for the preparation of the world cup and management of the security of event, signed between Qatar and France. The agreement was signed after the meeting of Qatar Prime Minister, Sheikh Abdallah bin Khalifa al-Thani and French Prime minister, Edouard Philippe.

83) Which country won the 28th edition of Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2019 held at Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia?

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

Answer – 3) South Korea

Explanation:

On 30th March, India was defeated by the South Korea in the penalty shootout of the final 28th edition of Sultan Azlan Shah Cup 2019. 17th Ranked South Korea defeated World number 5, India to win the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup which was held at Azlan Shah Stadium in Ipoh, Malaysia. The top goal scorers of the tournament was Mandeep Singh of India and Jang Jong-hyun of South Korea. South Korea has won this tournament for the 3rd time.

OBITUARY

1) Padma Bhushan awardee, Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya passed away recently in London. He was the founder of which of the following organization?

- 1) Warwick manufacturing Group (WMG)
- 2) Mercury Asset Management
- 3) Cartoon Network Development Studio
- 4) Eon Digital Entertainment
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Warwick manufacturing Group (WMG)

Explanation:

On 1st March 2019, Academic and Manufacturing expert and founder of Warwick manufacturing Group (WMG), Lord Kumar Bhattacharyya passed away following a brief illness in London, UK at the age of 78. He was born in Bangalore, Karnataka and studied at Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur. He was awarded with Padma Bhushan in 2002.

2) Four-Time Oscar Winner, André Previn passed away recently at the age of 89, in Manhattan, New York, USA. Name the field he belongs to?

- 1) Producer
- 2) Actor and Director
- 3) Composer and Pianist
- 4) Cinematographer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Composer and Pianist

Explanation:

Legendary composer and pianist Andre Previn, died at the age of 89 at his home in Manhattan, New York, USA. He was a 10-time Grammy Award winner and had won 4 Oscars throughout his lifetime. In 2010 when he was honoured with a lifetime achievement award. He is known for immortal classics like 1964's 'My Fair Lady' and 1996's 'The Fortunate Cookie.'

3) Zhores Alferov, who won the Nobel Prize in 2000 and was also a member of Russian parliament, Passed away at the age of 88 in St. Petersburg, Russia. He belongs to which of the following field?

- 1) Physicist
- 2) Politician
- 3) Actor
- 4) Writer

5) None of these

Answer - 1) Physicist

Explanation:

Zhores Alferov who won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2000 and was also a member of Russian parliament, died at the age of 88 in St. Petersburg, Russia. He was an honorary member of numerous research institutions including the American National Academy of Sciences. He researched in the field of information technology and his research was the backbone of computers, CD players, mobile phones etc. He shared the nearly \$1 million award for this. He hails from Belarus, Europe and was the first Russian to win a Nobel Prize since 1990 Nobel peace prize awardee Mikhail Gorbachev, a Soviet leader.

4) Bill Playle of New Zealand passed away recently in New South Wales. He belongs to which Sport?

1) Tennis

2) Football

3) Cricket

4) Badminton

5) None of these

Answer - 3) Cricket

Explanation:

Former New Zealand batsman Bill Playle, passed away in New South Wales, Australia at the age of 80. i. He was natively from Manawatu, New Zealand. ii. During his career, he played 85 First Class games and 8 Tests, and aggregated 2888 and 151 runs respectively

5) Former Deputy Prime Minister Bharat Mohan Adhikari passed away recently. He belongs to which of the following country?

1) Russia

2) Nepal

3) U.S

4) Bangladesh

5) None of these

Answer - 2) Nepal

Explanation:

Bharat Mohan Adhikari, who was the former Deputy Prime Minister and senior Communist leader of Nepal, passed away at the age of 83 in Kathmandu, Nepal. He has earlier served as the Finance Minister, Minister of Labour and Transport Management and Minister of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs. He is natively from Mahottari district of Nepal.

6) Name the Iconic '90210' actor, passed away at the age of 52 recently in California?

1) James Karen

2) Scott Wilson

3) Luke Perry

4) Ricky Jay

5) None of these

Answer - 3) Luke Perry

Explanation:

Iconic actor Luke Perry, known for 'Beverly Hills 90210' and 'Riverdale' passed away recently in California after he suffered a major stroke.

7) Jerry Merryman, one of three people at Texas Instruments (TI) passed away at the age of 86 years at Dallas, Texas. He is the co-inventor of which of the following device?

1) Punched Card Equipment

2) Systron Donner Analog Computer

3) Handheld Electronic Calculator

4) Olivetti Programma 101

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Handheld Electronic Calculator

Explanation:

Jerry Merryman, one of three people at Texas Instruments (TI) credited with inventing the world's first handheld electronic calculator in 1960s, died at the age of 86 years at Dallas, Texas. He helped to develop the calculator while he was working at TI alongside James Van Tassel and his boss Jack Kilby, the co-creator of the first integrated circuit and Nobel Prize winner. The team filed a patent for the finished prototype in 1967 for the battery-powered product known as "Cal-Tech" which could fit in the palm of the hand and was capable of addition, multiplication, subtraction and division.

8) Chief adviser of All India Matua Mahasangha Binapani Devi, popularly known as Boro Maa, died at the age of 100 years. She resides in which of the following state?

1) New Delhi

2) West Bengal

3) Maharashtra

4) Himachal Pradesh

5) None of these

Answer – 2) West Bengal

Explanation:

Binapani Devi, popularly known as Boro Maa, died at the age of 100 years, due to age-related ailments at the SSKM Hospital, Kolkata, West Bengal. She headed the Matuas sect, a religious refugee community from Bangladesh and was the widow of Pramath Ranjan Thakur, great-grandson of Harichand Thakur who was the founder of Matua Mahasangha. Nearly 65-67% voters in Bongaon Lok Sabha seat belong to the Matua community and the sect holds sway with political parties ahead of the Lok Sabha elections.

9) Daniel Rudisha, a former teacher who became a Kenyan coach died following a cardiac arrest recently. He belongs to which of the following sport?

1) Athletics

2) Cricket

3) Football

4) Tennis

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Athletics

Explanation:

Daniel Rudisha, a former teacher who became a Kenyan athletics coach died following a cardiac arrest in Nakuru, Northwest of Nairobi on 6th March 2019. He was a member of Silver medal winning quartet of Kenya at the 1968 Mexico Olympics.

10) Name the 21st Lt Governor of Puducherry and former Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) chief, who passed away at the age of 88 years?

1) Ram Kishore Vyas

2) B.D. Jatti

3) Virendra Kataria

4) Chhedilal

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Virendra Kataria

Explanation:

The 21st Lt Governor of Puducherry and former Punjab Pradesh Congress Committee (PPCC) chief, Virendra Kataria, passed away at the age of 88 years. He belonged from Abohar, Punjab and is survived by his son and a daughter. Puducherry lieutenant governor Kiran Bedi condoled his death and paid her respects.

11)Senior CPI-M leader and former Minister VJ Thankappan passed away at the age of 84.He belongs to which of the following state?

- 1) Manipur
- 2) Kerala
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kerala

Explanation:

Senior CPI-M leader and former Kerala Minister VJ Thankappan passed away at the age of 84. He died following age-related issues at his home in the city suburbs, a family member said. The four-time Communist party of India-Marxist MLA also served as the Minister for Local Administration in the EK Nayanar cabinet of 1987-91.

12) Name the U.S. Olympic cycling medallist,who passed away recently at the age of 23 in Stanford University?

- 1) Karen Kurreck
- 2) Jill Kintner
- 3) Kelly Catlin
- 4) Tanya Lindenmuth
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Kelly Catlin

Explanation:

Kelly Catlin, who had thrice been the world champion and had been a member of the U.S. women's pursuit team that won silver in 2016 Rio Olympics died at Stanford University after committing suicide. She was 23 and natively belonged to Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States.

13)John Richardson, the art historian who write four-volume biography of Pablo Picasso died in Manhattan, New York.What is the name of the biography of Pablo Picasso?

- 1) A Life of Picasso: The Prodigy 1881-1906
- 2) Picasso and his personal life 1881-1906
- 3) Untold Story of Picasso 1881-1906
- 4) Picasso's Early life and his Achievement 1881-1906
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) A Life of Picasso: The Prodigy 1881-1906

Explanation:

95 years old John Richardson, the art historian who devoted more than a quarter century in writing four-volume biography of Pablo Picasso died in Manhattan, New York while working on the final installment of the biography. The name of the biography of Pablo Picasso is "A Life of Picasso: The Prodigy 1881-1906", which was followed by editions covering 1907-1916 and 1917-1932. He was born on 6th February 1924 in London, England and moved to New York in 1960.

14)Name the veteran Hindi Newsreader,who passed away at the age of 88 recently?

- 1) Ramu Damodaran
- 2) Salma Sultan
- 3) Vinod Kashyap
- 4) Githanjali Iyer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Vinod Kashyap

Explanation:

Veteran Hindi Newsreader Vinod Kashyap passed away at the age of 88, owing to prolonged illness. She

worked at the All India Radio for around 30 years, starting her career in Radio as a drama artist. A prayer 'meeting to offer condolences will be held in New Delhi.

15) Who was the FIA's director of Formula One died in Melbourne, Australia at the age of 66?

- 1) Ross Brawn
- 2) Chase Carey
- 3) Bernie Ecclestone
- 4) Charlie Whiting
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Charlie Whiting**

Explanation:

On 14th March 2019, Charlie Whiting, who was the FIA's director of Formula One died in Melbourne, Australia at the age of 66 owing to a pulmonary embolism. He was responsible for officiating the season-opening 2019 Australian Grand Prix in Melbourne but died 3 days prior to it. He started his career with FIA in 1988 as a technical delegate, and went on to become an F1 director in 1997. He was born in Kent, United Kingdom.

16) Name the Lingayat pontiff, who passed away recently at the age of 74 in Bengaluru.

- 1) Basavanna
- 2) Sri Danamma Devi
- 3) Akka Mahadevi
- 4) Maate Mahadevi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Maate Mahadevi**

Explanation:

Prominent Lingayat pontiff and Basava Dharma Peetha President Maate Mahadevi passed away at the Manipal hospital in Bengaluru at the age of 74 years due to cardiac arrest. She was born on 13th March 1946 in Sasalahatti, Chitradurga in Karnataka. She was an influential leader from the Lingayat community, took part in the protests held for separate religion and grant of minority status for Lingayats in Karnataka. In 1966, she received her Jangama initiation as an ascetic in the Lingayat order of wandering mendicants. In 1970, she was installed as a jagadguru in the Lingayat community and became the first woman to be placed in that position.

17) Darryl D'Monte passed away at age of 74 years in Mumbai. He belongs to which of the following field?

- 1) Journalist and Environmental activist
- 2) Actor and Director
- 3) Director and Producer
- 4) Actor and Politician
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Journalist and Environmental activist**

Explanation:

Senior journalist and environmental activist Darryl D'Monte died at a hospital in Mumbai after a brief illness at the age of 74 years. In a career spanning several decades, he served as the resident editor of Mumbai editions of The Times of India and The Indian Express. Besides journalism, he had a keen interest in environmental issues and took some initiatives for the cause, he added.

18) Name the former Defence Minister and four-time Goa chief minister who passed away recently, for whom the Central government announced national mourning on 18th March 2019.

- 1) Laxmikant Parsekar
- 2) Manohar Parrikar
- 3) Digambar Kamat

4) Pratapsingh Rane

5) None of these

Answer – 2) Manohar Parrikar

Explanation:

Goa Chief Minister Manohar Parrikar passed away at the age of 63 years after fighting a prolonged battle with pancreatic cancer at his residence in Panaji, Goa. He is the India's 18th and Goa's second chief minister to die in office. Former Defence Minister and four-time Goa chief minister, he was among the few from Goa who made it to the national level. He held the Defence portfolio in the Narendra Modi-led government from 2014 to 2017 after which he returned to being Goa Chief Minister once again. The Central government announced national mourning on 18th March 2019 following his demise and the National Flag was flown at half-mast in New Delhi and capitals of all States and Union Territories. Manohar Parrikar was born in Mapusa, Goa on 13th December 1955 and did his schooling at Loyola High School, Margao. After finishing his secondary education in Marathi, he went on to graduate in metallurgical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT Bombay) in 1978. He is the first IIT alumnus to serve as MLA of an Indian state and was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay in 2001.

19) Chinmoy Roy passed away recently at the age of 79 in Salt lake, Kolkata, West Bengal. He belongs to which field?

1) Director

2) Politician

3) Actor

4) Producer

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Actor

Explanation:

On 18th March 2019, Veteran Bengali actor, Chinmoy Roy who was known for his portrayal of comic characters, passed away at his salt lake residence following Cardiac arrest at the age of 79. Chinmoy Roy was born in Kumilla district of present day Bangladesh in 1940 and he started his career in Bengali films in 1960s. He worked in films like Basanta Bilap and Dhonni Meye. He also worked in children's fantasy Goopy Gyne Bagha Byne.

20) Name the US Economist, who advised its two presidents, has passed away recently at the age of 58 years?

1) Kenneth Arrow

2) Paul Samuelson

3) Milton Friedman

4) Alan B. Krueger

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Alan B. Krueger

Explanation:

Former White House Economist, Alan B. Krueger, who advised two presidents and helped lead economics toward a more scientific approach to research and policymaking, was found dead at his home in Princeton, New Jersey, United States after committing suicide. He was born on 17th September 1960 in Livingston, New Jersey, United States and was 58 years old at the time of his death. He was an assistant secretary of the Treasury from 2009 to 2010, as President Barack Obama's administration tried to lead the United States out of its worst recession since the Great Depression. President Obama later named him chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, a post he held from 2011 to 2013. He was the Labor Department's chief economist under President Bill Clinton from 1994 to 1995.

21) Name the former Supreme Court judge, who passed away at the age of 75 in New Delhi recently.

- 1) K.N. Wanchoo
- 2) Bijan Kumar Mukherjee
- 3) Satya Brata Sinha
- 4) S.M. Sikri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Satya Brata Sinha

Explanation:

Former Supreme Court judge Mr. Satya Brata Sinha died at the age of 75 in New Delhi. His native was Dhanbad, Jharkhand. He was serving as Supreme Court judge from October 3, 2002 until August 8, 2009.

22) Superfan Naotoshi Yamada often called as 'Uncle Olympics' dies at the age of 92. He belongs to which country?

- 1) Thailand
- 2) Myanmar
- 3) China
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Japan

Explanation:

Superfan Naotoshi Yamada, famous in Japan for having been to every Summer Games since 1964, has died aged 92 with an unfulfilled dream of watching the Olympics when it returns to Tokyo next year. A Japanese Olympic mega-fan who attended every summer games since Tokyo in 1964 has died, just over a year before his home city was to host its second Olympics. The Tokyo businessman was a national celebrity in his own right with his repeated, gleeful appearances in Olympic stands.

23) Name the 1971 India-Pakistan war hero and Maha Vir Chakra awardee, who passed away recently.

- 1) Vikram Batra
- 2) Mohammad Usman
- 3) Mohan Narayan Rao Samant
- 4) Jaswant Singh Rawat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mohan Narayan Rao Samant

Explanation:

The 1971 India-Pakistan war hero, Captain Mohan Narayan Rao Samant of the Indian Navy, passed away at the Bharatiya Arogya Nidhi Hospital in Juhu at the age of 89 years due to cardiac arrest. He was a native of Pune (Maharashtra). He was an awardee of Maha Vir Chakra for his bravery. He had trained over 400 Bengali college students as maritime commandos in the run up to the 1971 war against Pakistan. In 2012 Bangladesh Govt conferred him the "Friend of Liberation War" honour.

24) Name the renowned Indian artist and Padma Shri awardee passed away recently at the age of 85 years?

- 1) Haku Shah
- 2) Andrew Lesnie
- 3) Peter Dickinson
- 4) Ankit Keshri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Haku Shah

Explanation:

Renowned Indian artist Haku Shah, who was known for his tribal and folk art has passed away due to

cardiac arrest at the age of 85 years. He hailed from Ahmedabad, Gujarat. He established a tribal museum at Gujarat Vidyapith in Ahmedabad. In 1980, he also set up the first of its kind Crafts Village – Shilpgram in Udaipur. His memoir Manush received several awards including the Padma Shri in 1989.

25) Cabinet minister C.S. Shivalli, who had died recently belongs to which state?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Meghalaya
- 4) Karnataka
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Karnataka**

Explanation:

On March 22, Karnataka Minister for Municipal Administration and senior Congress Leader, Channabasappa Sathyappa Shivalli aka “Badavara Bandhu” passed away at the age of 57 due to cardiac arrest, in Hubballi. He was born in Yaraguppi village of Karnataka. He was a three-time MLA from Kundagol constituency in Dharwad district.

26) Name the Radio commentator, winner of Paris’s ‘Queen of Folk’ award and Folk Artiste who passed away recently.

- 1) Peter Brackley
- 2) Jasdev Singh
- 3) Clinton Grybas
- 4) Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi**

Explanation:

Kala Prapoorna awardee, Vinjamuri Anasuya Devi passed away at the age of 99 due to illness at Houston, USA. She was an eminent folk artist, radio commentator, harmonium player, music composer and author. Originally hailed from Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, she got her first gramophone record at the age of 8 years. Her two books, Bava Geetalu, a compilation of Folk Songs was released in 2018. In 1977, she was honored with a Doctorate by Andhra University. She was also an awardee of lifetime achievement award in America and ‘Queen of Folk’ award in Paris.

27) South Asian singer Shahnaz Rahmatullah passed away at the age of 67 years. She belongs to which country?

- 1) India
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) Bahrain
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

On 24th March renowned South Asian singer, Shahnaz Rahmatullah Popularly known as Shahnaz Begum (aged 67 years), passed away at her Baridhara residence Dhaka, Bangladesh after suffering a heart attack. She was born on January 2, 1952, in Dhaka, Bangladesh. She was awarded with National Film Awards (best female singer) in 1990 and Ekushey Padak the second highest civilian award in Bangladesh in 1992.

28) Jain monk Hitruchivijayji, who died recently was one of the last disciple of _____.

- 1) Acharya Rajendrasuri
- 2) Acharya Ramchandrasurishwarji
- 3) Acharya Ratnasundarsuri

4) Acharya Vijayanandsuri

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Acharya Ramchandrasurishwarji**

Explanation:

57 years old Jain monk, Muni Hitruchivijayji, one of the last disciples of Acharya Ramchandrasurishwarji, passed away due to short ailment in Ahmedabad. The monk was known to have taken diksha at Sardar Patel Stadium in Ahmedabad.

29) Name the social activist, who passed away at the age of 62 years in Jammu and Kashmir recently.

1) Ghulam Nabi Rathar

2) Sunitha Krishnan

3) Vandana Shiva

4) Shaheen Mistri

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ghulam Nabi Rathar**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, a social activist, Ghulam Nabi Rathar (aged 62 years), of Manigam Kangan, Jammu and Kashmir passed away after brief illness. He was a retired horticultural officer, ex-chairman of Shaheen Public High School Mamigam and owner of Alamdar Public school Wussan Kangan.

30) Name the American songwriter and producer, who passed away recently at the age of 76.

1) Scott Walker

2) Curtis Mayfield

3) James Ingram

4) Skip Haynes

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Scott Walker**

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, American songwriter and producer Scott Walker passed away at the age of 76 years after fighting a prolonged battle with cancer. He was born in Noel Scott Engel in Hamilton, Ohio in 1943. His real name was Noel Scott Engel. He was joined the Walker Brothers for a final album together in the 1980s and he was popularly known for the hit song "The Sun Ain't Gonna Shine Anymore".

31) Spinner, Coach and Commentator of Cricket, Bruce Yardley passed away at the age of 71. He belongs to which country?

1) New Zealand

2) Australia

3) Pakistan

4) Bangladesh

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Australia**

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Former Australian Spinner, Coach and commentator, Bruce Yardley died following a prolonged fight with Cancer at the age of 71. Bruce Yardley was born on 5th September 1947 in Midland, Western Australia. He played 33 Tests and 7 ODIs for Australia as an off-spinner. He was known for his ten-wicket haul against West Indies at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1982.

32) Name the Malayalam writer, poet and Kerala Sahitya Akademi Awardee for her story collection Ashitayude Kathakal in 2015 passed away recently.

1) Nargis Rabadi

2) Kalpana Lajmi

- 3) Ashita
- 4) Rita Bhaduri
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ashita**

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, veteran Malayalam writer and poet Ashita passed away at the age of 63 at a private hospital in Thrissur, Kerala after fighting a prolonged battle with cancer. She was born on 5th April, 1956, in Thrissur, Kerala. She was awarded with the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Award for her story collection Ashitayude Kathakal in 2015, the prestigious Padmarajan Award – Thathagatha (2000), Lalithambika Antharjanam Award (1994) and Edaserri Award (1986).

33) Cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky passed away aged 84 of which country?

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

Answer – **4) Russia**

Explanation:

On 27th March 2019, Russian cosmonaut Valery Bykovsky, who made the first of his three flights to space in 1963, passed away at the age of 84 years. He was born on 2nd August 1934 in Pavlovsky Posad, Soviet Union. In June 1963, he first flew to space as a member of the Vostok-5 crew. He was a recipient of the Hero of the Soviet Union and Order of Lenin awards.

34) Ramesh Nabar passed away at the age of 69 in Pune. He belongs to which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Badminton**

Explanation:

Former Maharashtra badminton player Ramesh Nabar died following a prolonged illness in Pune. Nabar was a doubles specialist and teamed up with Satpal Rawat and the two were a force to reckon with. Nabar won two bronze medals in the World Veterans Championship held in Malmo, Sweden in 1996. Former international shuttler Pradeep Gandhe condoled his demise and remembered Nabar as a talented player.

35) Name the Veteran journalist, academician, social worker and columnist, who has passed away at the age 82 in Jorhat, Assam.

- 1) Navin Nishchal
- 2) Shujaat Bukhari
- 3) Prafulla Rajguru
- 4) Chandan Tiwari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Prafulla Rajguru**

Explanation:

Veteran journalist, academician, social worker and columnist Prafulla Rajguru has passed away at the age 82 due to hip injury in Jorhat, Assam. In 1997, he had retired as the head of the English department from DCB Girls College in Jorhat, and then he joined Assamese daily 'Amar Asom', where he served till year 2000. He was also the founder President of Jorhat Press Club and served as its adviser till his death.

36) Activist HS D'Lima who fought against illegal constructions and slumification passed away recently belong to which state?

- 1) Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On 26th March 2019, Mumbai activist HS D'Lima who fought against illegal constructions and slumification of Mumbai's gaothans passed away at the age of 84 years. He was from Andheri Gaothan, Maharashtra. He was attacked with knives and stabbed in the back because of his activism against noise pollution.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1) Who released a book titled 'Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio' a compilation of 50 episodes of PM Modi's talk with the citizens of India?

- 1) Ram Nath Kovind
- 2) Arun Jaitley
- 3) Venkaiah Naidu
- 4) Piyush Goyal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Arun Jaitley

Explanation:

On 2nd March 2019, Union Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley released a book titled 'Mann Ki Baat – A Social Revolution on Radio' during a function in New Delhi. The book gave a rare and exclusive opportunity to readers with unknown facets of Modi's thinking and beliefs related to 'Mann Ki Baat'. The book contains 50 episodes of PM Modi's sincere talk with the citizens of India which is broadcasted by All India Radio. The radio series started on October 3, 2014. Behind the scene research work done on the massive public feedback which was received through various channels after the episodes were included in the book. Mann Ki Baat is a programme hosted by Modi which he address the people of the nation on All India Radio, DD News and DD National which aims to expand the reach of programme as far as possible.

2) Who is the author of the book "Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way"?

- 1) Ruskin Bond
- 2) Khushwant Singh
- 3) Amrita Pritam
- 4) Kamlesh Patel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Kamlesh Patel

Explanation:

The book "Designing Destiny: The Heartfulness Way" which has been written by spiritual teacher Kamlesh Patel who is famously known as Daaji, was launched recently. The book deals with issues pertaining to destiny and the way it shapes someone's life. i. The book has been published by Westland Publications.

3) Who released the book Dictionary of Martyrs of India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947) in New Delhi?

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

Answer - 2) Narendra Modi

Explanation:

On 7th March 2019, the Dictionary of Martyrs of India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947) was released by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi. The dictionary comprises of 5 volumes and it has information about martyrs involved during 1857-1947, the period on India's war of Independence. This is the first time that such a large-scale compilation of names of martyrs is being done.

4) Name the book, which is a compilation of selected speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi released by Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley?

- 1) 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'
- 2) 'Prime Minister Vision'
- 3) 'Vision of Prime Minister'
- 4) 'Speeches of Prime Minister'
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas'

Explanation:

On 8th March 2019, Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Arun Jaitley released a book 'Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas' which is a compilation of selected speeches of Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a function organised by Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in New Delhi. The book has 5 volumes and has been released in Hindi as well as English. The book is brought out by Publications division of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The 5 volumes is categorized in five segments each covering Prime Minister's ideas on Good Governance, making India competent and efficient, hailing on bravehearts, annadata farmers and brilliant scientists, taking along people on an inclusive path of growth and hope and sharing the message of a resurgent India with international community. The book mainly revolve on the vision of the Prime Minister by seeing all citizens of the country as one and taking everyone along on the path of inclusive development.

5) Who released the popular Reference Annuals 'Bharat 2019' and 'India 2019', compiled by the New Media Wing to highlight the policies and achievements of the Government?

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

Answer - 3) Amit Khare

Explanation:

Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Amit Khare released the popular Reference Annuals 'Bharat 2019' and 'India 2019', compiled by the New Media Wing and edited and published by Publications Division at New Delhi. This is the 63rd Edition of the publication. The books will be carried along by the Indian Delegation participating in the London Book Fair.

6) Who is the author of the book "The Great Disappointment: How Narendra Modi Squandered A Unique Opportunity to Transform the Indian Economy" that Analysis PM Modi's Impact on Economy?

- 1) Anita Desai

- 2) Kiran Desai
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Salman Anees Soz
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Salman Anees Soz**

Explanation:

On 20th March 2019, 'The Great Disappointment: How Narendra Modi Squandered A Unique Opportunity to Transform the Indian Economy' book released by economic commentator and Congress member Salman Anees Soz. This book is the evaluation of P.M Modi's impact on Indian economy in 5 years. The book has been published by Penguin Random House India.

7) Which Indian English word is added as the 650th entry in Oxford Dictionary?

- 1) Mantra
- 2) Chuddies
- 3) Loot
- 4) Multan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Chuddies**

Explanation:

On 21st March 2019, The Indian English word 'chuddies' recognized as official English word by the Oxford English Dictionary (OED). The word is one of the new 650 entries announced by the OED. The contribution of word "chuddies" to the English vocabulary was made by a show which was aired on BBC in the mid-1990s named 'Goodness Gracious Me'. The show received the gold award for comedy in 1997. The word underpants or means short trousers or shorts. It qualifies as a regional vocabulary because it is a mixture of English and Hindi which is an example of Queen's Hinglish.

8) Who is the author of the book 'Every Vote Counts', released by former Vice President of India, Hamid Ansari in New Delhi?

- 1) Navin Chawla
- 2) Arundhati Roy
- 3) Vikram Seth
- 4) Salman Rushdie
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Navin Chawla**

Explanation:

On 23rd March 2019, former Chief Election Commissioner of India Navin Chawla's book 'Every Vote Counts' was launched by former Vice President of India, Hamid Ansari in New Delhi. This book is about how the electoral machinery works in India. The book has been published by HarperCollins India.

9) Who was the author of the book titled "Indian Fiscal Federalism" recently?

- 1) Y.V. Reddy
- 2) G.R. Reddy
- 3) NK Singh
- 4) Both 1 and 3
- 5) Both 1 and 2

Answer - **5) Both 1 and 2**

Explanation:

The Governor of Reserve Bank of India, Shaktikanta Das launched the book "Indian Fiscal Federalism" authored by Dr. Y.V. Reddy and G.R. Reddy. The launch event of the book was addressed by the Chairman of the 15th Finance Commission NK Singh, in New Delhi. Dr. Y.V. Reddy has served as the Governor of RBI during 2003-2008 and as the Chairman of the 14th Finance Commission of India. Dr. G.R. Reddy is serving as the Advisor (Finance) to the Government of Telangana.

10) Who is the author of the non-fiction book titled India Positive?

- 1) Vikram Seth
- 2) Kiran Desai
- 3) Salman Rushdie
- 4) Chetan Bhagat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Chetan Bhagat

Explanation:

Popular author Chetan Bhagat announced the launch of his new non-fiction book titled India Positive. The book comprises essays examining a gamut of subjects such as education, employment, Goods and Services Tax (GST), corruption and casteism. Reportedly, India Positive published by Westland Publications will be released in May this year. The book also consists of tweets that highlight and touch upon the current issues that need focus.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) What is the theme of the National Science Day, which is observed to mark the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'?

- 1) Theme – 'Science is organized knowledge. Wisdom is organized life'
- 2) Theme – 'Science of today is the technology of tomorrow'
- 3) Theme – 'Science for the People and the People for Science'
- 4) Theme – 'Medicine is a science of uncertainty and an art of probability'
- 5) None of these

Answer - 3) Theme – 'Science for the People and the People for Science'

Explanation:

The National Science Day is observed to mark the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by the physicist Sir Chandrashekhara Venkata Raman, well-known as CV Raman. He was born on 7th November 1888 in Tamil Nadu. Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend the award ceremony and conferred Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar (SSB) prizes for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018 in New Delhi today. The theme for this year's National Science Day is 'Science for the People and the People for Science'.

2) When was the Zero Discrimination day observed?

- 1) February 28
- 2) February 27
- 3) February 26
- 4) March 1
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) March 1

Explanation:

Zero Discrimination Day observed on 1st March is an annual worldwide event that promotes diversity and recognizes that everyone counts. Organizations like the United Nations (UN) actively promote the day with various activities to celebrate everyone's right to live a full life with dignity regardless of age, gender, sexuality, nationality, ethnicity, skin color, height, weight, profession, education, and beliefs. The UN first celebrated the day on 1st March, 2014, after UNAIDS, a UN program on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), launched its Zero Discrimination Campaign on World AIDS Day on 1st December 2013. Butterfly is the symbol for Zero Discrimination Day and is widely used by people to share their stories and photos as a way to end discrimination and work towards positive transformation.

3) Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) has celebrated _____ Edition of Civil Accounts Day on March 1, 2019?

- 1) 41st
- 2) 43rd
- 3) 45th
- 4) 49th
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) 43rd

Explanation:

On 1st March 2019, The Indian Civil Accounts Service (ICAS) has celebrated 43rd Civil Accounts Day at Mavalankar Auditorium, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi. This year's civil accounts day has showcased the progress of the flagship project of the Indian Civil Accounts Organization namely the Public Financial Management System (PFMS). Shri Anthony Lianzuala, Controller General of Accounts (CGA), on this occasion has launched 2 functionalities of PFMS to strengthen, monitor and user interface. ICAS was constituted in 1976 and it has steadily increased in stature and played an important role in the management of public finances of the Union Government since its inception. Finance Minister, Shri Arun Jaitley has implemented PM -KISAN Yojana through PFMS and released the Compendium on GST Refunds. On this occasion, CGA has presented a report on overall GST Refunds made till date in this Financial Year 2018-19 which is about Rs. 84,000 crore and a short film on ARPIT (Accounting and Reconciliation Portal of Indirect Taxes) was also shown to Finance Minister, Arun Jaitley.

4) When was World Hearing Day Observed?

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

Answer – 3) 3rd March

Explanation:

World Hearing Day is observed on 3rd March every year by Office of Prevention of Blindness and Deafness of the WHO (World Health Organization). The Theme for this year's World hearing day is "Check your Hearing". This year, WHO launched an app, HearWHO that will allow people to check their hearing.

5) What was the theme of the World Wildlife Day that was observed on March 3, 2019?

- 1) Theme – 'Calm and Patience of Wild Animal'
- 2) Theme – 'Life beyond wild and Violence'
- 3) Theme – 'Life of Wildlife'
- 4) Theme - 'Life below water: for people and planet'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 'Life below water: for people and planet'

Explanation:

World Wildlife Day is observed on 3rd March every year to spread awareness about wildlife. This date was designated as the World Wildlife Day on 20 December 2013 at the 68th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). On this day, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) was signed. The theme for World Wildlife Day 2019 is 'Life below water: for people and planet', which corresponds to goal 14 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which is Life below water. This is the first World Wildlife Day in the history which focuses on life below water.

6) World Day of the Fight Against Sexual Exploitation is observed on _____?

- 1) March 1
- 2) March 2

- 3) March 3
- 4) March 4
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) March 4

Explanation:

The World Day of Fight Against Sexual Exploitation is observed on March 4 every year. It aims to spread awareness about the prevalent sexual exploitation, largely among women and children. Sexual assault statistics: Around 35 per cent of women worldwide sexual violence by a non-partner at least once in their lives. Adult women comprise 51 per cent of all human trafficking victims globally. Women and girls together comprise 71 per cent, with girls representing nearly three out of every four child trafficking victims. Nearly three out of every four trafficked women and girls are trafficked for the purpose of sexual exploitation.

7) What is the theme of the National Safety Day, that is observed on 4th March, 2019?

- 1) Theme - "Cultivate and Sustain a safety culture for building nation"
- 2) Theme - "Partnership with Youth to Achieve the SDGs-Moving from Policy to Action"
- 3) Theme - "Shaping of a New India"
- 4) Theme - "Shared Values, Common Destiny"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme - "Cultivate and Sustain a safety culture for building nation"

Explanation:

In India, National Safety Day (NSD) is observed on 4th March every year by National Safety Council of India. This day is celebrated to make every people safe from issues like Financial Loss, Health problems and environmental problems. NSC was set up on 4th March 1966 by Ministry of Labour, GOI. The day was initiated in 1972 as a commemoration to the Foundation Day of the National Safety Council (NSC). Started for a single day on 4th March as NSD, the Campaign converted into week long event as National Safety Week (NSW) from 4-11 March. Theme – "Cultivate and Sustain a safety culture for building nation".

8) National Security Day was observed on 4th March 2019, it is also known as _____?

- 1) Shaheed Diwas
- 2) Rashtriya Matdata Diwas
- 3) Pravasi Bharatiya Divas
- 4) Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas

Explanation:

Every year, National Security Day also known as Rashtriya Suraksha Diwas was celebrated on 4th March to praise the work of security forces such as army officers, para-military, policemen and commandos. First National Security Day was celebrated in 1972 and 48th National Security Day was celebrated this year.

9) What was the theme of the Rare Disease day 2018?

- 1) Theme - "Bridging health and social care"
- 2) Theme - "Sending recovery good thoughts your way"
- 3) Theme - "Fill yourself with all the positive energy"
- 4) Theme - "Recovery is a relaxing and restful"
- 5) None of these

Answer - 1) Theme - "Bridging health and social care"

Explanation:

Rare Disease Day is observed on the last day of February every year to raise awareness about rare diseases and their treatment. European Organization for Rare Diseases established last day of February as Rare disease day in 2018. 12th International rare disease day was observed all across the world on

28th February 2019 and it was coordinated by EURORDIS (European Organization for Rare Diseases). The Theme of this year's rare disease day was "Bridging health and social care".

10) When was World Civil Defence Day celebrated?

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

Answer – 3) March 1

Explanation:

World Civil Defence Day is observed on 1st March every year, all over the world. The theme of this year's World Civil Defence Day was "Children's safety, our responsibility". This day was incorporated in 1990 by the International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO). The day marks the entry into force of the ICDO Constitution as an intergovernmental organisation in 1972 and has two main purposes: that of bringing to the attention of the world public the vital importance of Civil Protection and of raising awareness of the preparedness for, and prevention and self-protection measures in the event of accidents or disasters; that of paying tribute to the efforts, sacrifices and accomplishments of all the national services responsible for the fight against disasters.

11) When was Janaushadhi Diwas celebrated in India?

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

Answer – 4) March 7

Explanation:

Union Minister of State for Chemicals & Fertilisers, Road Transport & Highways, Shipping, Mansukh Mandaviya, announced that March 7 will be observed as Janaushadhi Divas across India to create awareness and provide further impetus to the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) scheme. The government plans to have at least one PMBJP Kendra in each block by 2020. The scheme has led to total savings of approximately Rs.1000 crores for common citizens, as these medicines are cheaper by 50 to 90% of average market price. It is also providing a good source of self-employment with self-sustainable and regular earnings as average sales per store per month has grown to Rs 1.50 lakh.

12) What was the theme of the International Women's Day, which is observed on March 8, 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Time is Now: Rural and urban activists transforming women's lives"
- 2) Theme – "Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030"
- 3) Theme – "Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality"
- 4) Theme – "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – "Think equal, build smart, innovate for change"

Explanation:

The International Women's Day was observed on 8th March 2019. The theme for this year is Think equal, build smart, innovate for change. On this occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Women and Child Development Ministry and the Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Ministry, which aims to impart skill-training and employment to women. The WCD Ministry will involve RMK (Rashtriya Mahila Kosh) to get majority of women to join the Mahila e haat- a digital platform for selling products that are made by women. The MoU shall be valid for 3 years and will be jointly implemented by Rashtriya Mahila Kosh and the National Skill Development Council. Nari Shakti Puraskar 2018 was presented by President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi. It has been awarded to a One Stop

Centre (OSC) and to a state which has shown exceptional progress in improving child sex ratio at birth under the Beti Bachao Beti Padhao scheme.

13) When was National Immunisation Day observed?

- 1) March 10
- 2) March 9
- 3) March 8
- 4) March 7
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) March 10**

Explanation:

On 9th March 2019, the Pulse Polio programme was launched by the President of India, Ram Nath Kovind. The launch took place by administering polio drops to children below five years at the Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi. The programme was launched on the eve of National Immunisation Day which shall be observed on 10th March 2019. Under this programme, more than 17 crore children aged below 5 years shall be administered with polio drops. The injectable inactivated polio vaccine has also been introduced under this programme. Mission Indradhanush has also been launched by the government for achieving an aim of 90% full immunisation coverage. Around 3.39 crore children and 87 lakh pregnant women received vaccination under Mission Indradhanush. Mission Indradhanush has also played a significant role in decline of Infant Mortality Rate from 39 in 2014 to 32 per 1,000 live births in 2017.

14) Name the historic book of CISF, which is released on the 50th Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Forces (CISF) observed on 10th March.

- 1) Achievements of CISF
- 2) History of CISF
- 3) CISF: Force of the Future
- 4) CISF and its History
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) CISF: Force of the Future**

Explanation:

On 10th March 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 50th Raising Day of Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) at CISF Camp at 5th Battalion Camp at Indirapuram in Ghaziabad. He also presented the Police and Fire Service Medals for distinguished and meritorious services and laid wreath at the Martyr's Memorial. President's Medal for Distinguished Service and Jeewan Raksha Padak were awarded to Sudhir Kumar, IG (NCR), J S Negi, DIG (I&P), Inspector S Muthusamy and Constable R Surya. History Book of CISF "CISF: Force of the Future" and Annual Publication "Special Issue of Sentinel" were released by PM Narendra Modi.

15) When was 34th inception day of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) observed?

- 1) March 10
- 2) March 11
- 3) March 9
- 4) March 12
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) March 11**

Explanation:

On 11th March 2019, National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) celebrated its 34th inception day which was attended by Union Home Secretary, Rajiv Gauba as the chief guest. NCRB is the Nodal Agency for authentic source of data on crime, accidents, suicides, and prisons for policy matters and research. It is headquartered in New Delhi and work under the aegis of Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).

16) India Smart Utility Week 2019 observed between which of the following dates?

- 1) 12th to 16th March
- 2) 13th to 17th March
- 3) 14th to 18th March
- 4) 15th to 19th March
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 12th to 16th March

Explanation:

Shri AK Bhalla, Secretary Ministry of Power inaugurated the India Smart Utility Week (ISUW) 2019 which is being held in Manekshaw Center, New Delhi from 12th March to 16th March 2019. ISUW 2019 is organized by India Smart Grid Forum (ISGF) as an International Conference and Exhibition on Smart Energy, Gas and Water for Smarter Cities. Experts and think-tanks from more than 55 countries and over 300 utility officials will discuss on the latest developments, trends and technologies. The event is organized with an aim to project India as the top Investment destination for Smart Energy and Smart City. Key topics to be discussed in the event are Digitization and Digital customer, energy storage technologies and energy storage roadmap for India, energy and mobility transition, resiliency & future readiness and Electric vehicle roll out challenges in India. ISGF is also conducting a roundtable of Women for the first time, in partnership with C3E initiative of the IEA (International Energy Agency) to discuss the challenges faced by women and actions required to achieve gender equality in energy sector. Some parallel workshop were also conducted on a variety of topics including "Blockchain for Utilities" and "Future Skills 2030".

17) When was 89th anniversary of the Dandi Satyagraha or Salt Satyagraha observed?

- 1) 10th March
- 2) 11th March
- 3) 12th March
- 4) 13th March
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 12th March

Explanation:

12th March 2019 marks the 89th anniversary of the Dandi Satyagraha or Salt Satyagraha, an act of nonviolent civil disobedience in colonial India led by Mahatma Gandhi. Mahatma Gandhi had undertaken a 26-day march from March 12, 1930 to April 6, 1930 as a direct action campaign of tax resistance and nonviolent protest against the British salt monopoly. The 400 km Dandi March started from Sabarmati Ashram.

18) What is the theme of the World Kidney Day?

- 1) Theme – 'Kidney Disease & Obesity. Healthy Lifestyle for Healthy Kidneys'
- 2) Theme – 'Kidneys and Women's Health'
- 3) Theme – 'Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere'
- 4) Theme – 'Kidney Disease & Children: Act early to prevent it!'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – 'Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere'

Explanation:

The World Kidney Day was observed on 14th March 2019 to raise awareness about the importance of taking care of kidneys and preventing kidney diseases. It is generally celebrated at the second Thursday of March every year. World Kidney Day is an initiative of the International Society of Nephrology (ISN) and the International Federation of Kidney Foundations (IFKF). The theme of the World Kidney Day 2019 is Kidney Health for Everyone Everywhere. The theme lays emphasis on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) for prevention and early treatment of kidney diseases.

19) When was World Pi day celebrated?

- 1) March 12
- 2) March 13
- 3) March 14
- 4) March 11
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) March 14

Explanation:

On 14th March, Pi day Google Developer Emma Haruka Iwao celebrated Pi-day by breaking the Guinness record for most number of digits discovered for pi. The value of Pi, represented as $3/14$ or 3.14 to 31.4 trillion decimal places. That's $\pi \times 10$ to the power 13. On this day various celebrations occur worldwide with several activities like people recite Pi and see who can get the furthest. In Museums and Science centers educational programs, music, pi memorisation challenges and math fans celebrate this day by simply enjoying a slice of pie. Numerical fun is also sometimes accompanied by delicious food items like pizza pie, fruit pie etc. As we know that pi is used in formulas in math and physics.

20) When was World Contact Day observed?

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

Answer – 2) March 15

Explanation:

World Contact Day was first declared in March 1953 by an organization called the International Flying Saucer Bureau (IFSB), as a day on which all IFSB members would attempt to send a telepathic message into space. The IFSB voted to hold such a day in 1953, theorising that if both telepathy and alien life were real, a large number of people focussing on an identical piece of text may be able to transmit the message through space.

21) What was the theme of the World Consumer Rights Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘Trusted Smart Products’
- 2) Theme – ‘Consumer Rights’
- 3) Theme – ‘Right to Choose’
- 4) Theme – ‘Choose to Smart’
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – ‘Trusted Smart Products’

Explanation:

The World Consumer Rights Day 2019 was celebrated on 15th March 2019. The theme for this year is “Trusted Smart Products” which has been selected owing to the popular nature of smart gadgets like smart phones, wearable fitness trackers, voice-activated assistants and smart TVs etc. The day is celebrated every year to spread awareness about consumer rights. It is an initiative by Consumer International which is a membership organisation for consumer groups around the world. The day draws its inspiration from President John F Kennedy, who was the first leader in the world to address the issue of consumer rights in a special message sent to the US Congress on 15 March 1962.

22) What was the theme of the World Sleep Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging’
- 2) Theme – ‘Sleep makes feel comfort’
- 3) Theme – ‘Healthy Sleep leads to Success’
- 4) Theme – ‘Sleep and Success’
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – ‘Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging’

Explanation:

The World Sleep Day was observed on 15th March 2019 and the theme for this year was ‘Healthy Sleep, Healthy Aging’. It has been organised since 2008 by the World Sleep Day Committee of the World Sleep Society, formerly known as the World Association of Sleep Medicine (WASM World Sleep Society). It aims to spread awareness about sleep issues and their effect on our daily lives, prevention and treatment of these issues.

23) When was Measles Immunization Day observed?

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

Answer – 3) March 16

Explanation:

Measles (Khasra) is a highly contagious viral disease which affects mostly children. It is one of the leading causes of death and disability among young children. Measles Immunization Day is celebrated on 16th March every year to make people aware about this deadly disease and how they can deal with the same. There is no specific treatment for measles but there is a vaccine to protect from the disease, which is both safe as well as cost effective. Young children, who don't receive measles immunization, are at highest risk of measles and its complications, including death.

24) When was the Ordnance Factory day observed?

- 1) 16th March
- 2) 17th March
- 3) 18th March
- 4) 19th March
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 18th March

Explanation:

Ordnance Factories Day is observed annually on March 18 all over India to commemorate the first production of Ordnance Factory of India. Indian Ordnance Factories are regarded as the backbone of India's Defence production. On 18th March 1802, the production of the oldest Ordnance Factory of India was commenced at Cossipore, Kolkata. On the 200th anniversary of the first ordnance factory which is now known as the Gun and Shell Factory, the day was declared as Ordnance factories day. The day is celebrated by displaying the major weapons manufactured in the factories, through exhibitions across all over India. The Ordnance Factories Board is known as the country's "Fourth Arm of Defence" and the remaining three arms are – the Navy, the Air Force, and the Army.

25) What was the theme of the Global Recycling Day 2019?

- 1) Theme - "Recycling into the Future"
- 2) Theme - "Recycling the Global Economy "
- 3) Theme – "Recycling the Environment "
- 4) Theme – "Recycling the Future world"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme - "Recycling into the Future"

Explanation:

Global Recycling Day is held on 18th March every year, with an aim to change the mindset of governments, businesses, communities and individuals around the world, to see recyclables as resource – not waste. The theme for Global Recycling Day 2019 was "Recycling into the Future". It was created in

2018 to help recognize, and celebrate, the importance recycling plays in preserving our precious primary resources and securing the future of our planet.

26) When was the World Sparrow day observed?

- 1) 17th March
- 2) 18th March
- 3) 19th March
- 4) 20th March
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 20th March**

Explanation:

The World Sparrow Day(WSD) is observed annually on 20th March to spread awareness about the house sparrow as well as to educate people about the threat to their population. The Theme for this year's World Sparrow Day is "I love sparrows". The Nature Forever Society of India founded by Mohammed Dilawar in collaboration with the Eco-Sys Action Foundation (France) has taken this international initiative. In the year 2010, the first World Sparrow Day was celebrated and in the year 2012, a campaign "Rise of Sparrows" launched by Delhi Government aimed at conservation of House Sparrow and also declared it as 'state bird' of Delhi.

27) What was the theme of International Day of Happiness 2019?

- 1) Theme - "Happier Together "
- 2) Theme - "Share Happiness"
- 3) Theme - " Happiness to be Shared "
- 4) Theme - "Live Happily "
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme - "Happier Together "**

Explanation:

On March 20th of every year the 'International Happiness Day' is celebrated worldwide. The concept of happiness day was founded by prominent United Nations special advisor Jayme Illien and it was celebrated from the year 2013. Theme of International Day of Happiness 2019 is 'Happier Together'. This year also celebrates with a central aim "Share Happiness and be Part of Something Amazing." Main concept of the day is to create awareness about importance of happiness in everyone's life around the world.

28) When is the International Day of Nowruz observed?

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

Answer – **4) 21st March**

Explanation:

In 2010, the United Nations General Assembly officially declared 21 March as International Nowruz Day. Iranian New Year, Nowruz has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years in Iran, previously known as Persia, and other countries that were formerly part of the ancient Persian empires. The festival has roots in Zoroastrianism, a monotheistic religion which originated in ancient Iran.

29) What was the theme of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination 2019?

- 1) Theme- " Building partnerships through global value Chain of Forests"
- 2) Theme- " Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests"
- 3) Theme- " Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India"

- 4) Theme-“ Good Governance – Focus on Aspirational Districts and Forests”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme-“ Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests”**

Explanation:

International Day of Forests(IDF) 2019 was observed on 21st of March 2019 all over the world. Theme for International Day of Forests: “Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests”. It has been organized since 2013 by the United Nations General Assembly with an aim to raise awareness and educate people about the importance of forest for maintaining the balance of the ecosystem.

30)What was the focus of the World Down Syndrome Day 2019?

- 1) Leave no one behind
- 2) Reviving the Millennial Partnership
- 3) Shaping a New World
- 4) One World One Sun One Grid
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Leave no one behind**

Explanation:

World Down Syndrome Day is observed annually on March 21 to raise awareness about Down syndrome, a congenital disorder caused by having an extra 21st chromosome. This year the focus of the day was on “Leave no one behind” by creating opportunities for people with Down syndrome to live fulfilling lives. The day was first recognized by World Health Organization (WHO) on March 21, 2007 then from 2012 onwards, UN General Assembly decided to designate 21 March as World Down Syndrome Day.

31)When was World Poetry Day observed?

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

Answer - **3) 21st March**

Explanation:

World Poetry Day observed on 21st March 2019 to encourage the reading, writing, and teaching of poetry throughout the world. In the year 1999, UNESCO, in its 30th General Conference in Paris, has declared this day to support linguistic diversity and to safeguard endangered languages.

32)What was the theme of the International Day of Forests 2019?

- 1) Theme-“ Building partnerships through global value Chain of Forests”
- 2) Theme-“ Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests”
- 3) Theme-“ Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India”
- 4) Theme-“ Good Governance – Focus on Aspirational Districts and Forests”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme-“ Mobilizing Global Capital for Innovation in India”**

Explanation:

International Day of Forests(IDF) 2019 was observed on 21st of March 2019 all over the world. Theme for International Day of Forests: “Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests”. It has been organized since 2013 by the United Nations General Assembly with an aim to raise awareness and educate people about the importance of forest for maintaining the balance of the ecosystem.

33)What was the theme of the World Water Day 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Nature for Water”
- 2) Theme – “Why Waste Water?”
- 3) Theme – “Leaving no one behind”
- 4) Theme – “ Water and Jobs”

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “Leaving no one behind”**

Explanation:

Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) is an initiative taken by Ministry of Housing and Urban affairs to focus on water supply, sewerage facilities, storm water drains to reduce flooding, creating and upgrading green spaces and other facilities in the urban areas. Theme for World Water Day 2019 is “Leaving no one behind”. In the year 1993, it was first observed by United Nations General Assembly.

34) What was the theme of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) 2019?

1) Theme – “Weather-Ready, Climate-Smart”

2) Theme – “The Sun, the Earth and the Weather”

3) Theme – “Understanding Clouds”

4) Theme – “Climate and Water”

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “The Sun, the Earth and the Weather”**

Explanation:

World Meteorological Day is observed annually on March 23 to commemorate the establishment of World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in 1950. The day also underlines the efforts of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services for the safety and well-being of society. The theme 2019 was “The Sun, the Earth and the Weather”. The day was first observed in 1961.

35) When was Martyr’s Day (88th) or Shaheed Diwas observed?

1) 21st March

2) 22nd March

3) 23rd March

4) 20th March

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 23rd March**

Explanation:

Martyr’s Day (88th) or Shaheed Diwas observed on 23rd March every year in India to commemorate the death anniversary of three of India’s freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, Shivaram Hari Rajguru and Sukhdev Thapar. On this day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid tributes to the three freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the country. On March 23, 1931, Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev Thapar, and Shivaram Rajguru were hanged by the British Government for killing British police officer John Saunders. They mistook John for Superintendent James Scott who injured Lala Lajpat Rai during a protest against Simon Commission.

36) When was International Day for Achievers (IDA) observed?

1) 22nd March

2) 23rd March

3) 24th March

4) 21st March

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 24th March**

Explanation:

International Day for Achievers (IDA) observed on 24th March every year to honor the achievers who have shown determination and confidence on their journey. In this regard, achievers from different fields are honored for motivating people to achieve their goals.

37) What was the theme of the World Tuberculosis Day 2019?

1) Theme - ‘Wanted: Leaders for a TB-free world’

- 2) Theme - 'Its time'
- 3) Theme - 'Unite to End TB'
- 4) Theme - 'World free from TB'
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme - 'Its time'**

Explanation:

On 24th March 2019, World Tuberculosis Day was observed to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis. World Health Organization (WHO) and the Global Fund and Stop TB launched a joint initiative 'Find. Treat. All. #End TB' on the World TB day. The theme for World Tuberculosis Day 2019 was 'Its time' which drew the attention of the global leaders towards the immediate need to end the global epidemic tuberculosis. India achieves 84% fall in TB deaths among HIV affected patients by 2017. The global efforts to combat TB was successful by saving around 54 million lives since 2000. It reduced the mortality rate by 42%. Centre and State Government working together to make India TB-free by 2025, which is a five year ahead of the global target.

38) When was International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims observed?

- 1) 22nd March
- 2) 23rd March
- 3) 21st March
- 4) 24th March
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 24th March**

Explanation:

International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims observed on 24th March every year to Honor the memory of victims of gross and systematic human rights violations and to promote the importance of justice. The day was recognized by United Nations General Assembly on 21 December 2010.

39) What was the theme of International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2019?

- 1) Theme - "Remember Slavery: The Power of the Arts for Justice"
- 2) Theme - "Remember Slavery: Triumphs and Struggles for Freedom and Equality"
- 3) Theme - "Breaking the Silence, Lest We Forget"
- 4) Theme - "Women and Slavery"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme - "Remember Slavery: The Power of the Arts for Justice"**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade was observed all over the world to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and to honour and to remember people who suffered for the slavery system. The theme for International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade 2019 was "Remember Slavery: The Power of the Arts for Justice". The day was first observed in 2008, which was recognized by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) after adopting a resolution in 2007.

40) When was the International Day of Solidarity with Detained and Missing Staff Members observed?

- 1) 23rd March
- 2) 24th March
- 3) 25th March
- 4) 22nd March

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 25th March**

Explanation:

On 25th March 2019, International Day of Solidarity with detained and missing staff members was observed all over the world to mark the anniversary of the abduction of Alec Collett, a former journalist who was kidnapped by armed gunman in 1985. The day aims to prepare action, demand justice and to protect UN staff, peacekeepers and the workers in non-governmental community and the press. Alec Collett worked for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA).

41) When was the World Purple day or Epilepsy Awareness Day Observed?

1) 24th March

2) 25th March

3) 26th March

4) 23rd March

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 26th March**

Explanation:

Epilepsy Awareness Day which is commonly known as World Purple Day is observed on March 26 in order to encourage the people to wear the colour to increase the awareness of Epilepsy. Nearly 50 million people in the world are having Epilepsy as per the World Health Organization (WHO) which does not have a known cause. The day was first observed in 2008 in Nova Scotia, Canada to encourage awareness and cast away the myths on the general public about the disease. Epilepsy is a neurological disorder in which brain activity becomes abnormal causing seizures.

42) When was World Theatre Day observed?

1) 24th March

2) 25th March

3) 26th March

4) 27th March

5) None of these

Answer – **4) 27th March**

Explanation:

World Theatre Day is celebrated every year on 27th March by the ITI (International Theatre Institute) centres and International theatre community. It is initiated by International Theatre Institute in 1961. Every year, various national and international theatre events are organized on this day. Also ITI selects an outstanding theatre personality to write the message for World Theatre Day. For 2019, famous theatre director, playwright, academic and faculty member, Carlos CELDRAN from Cuba was selected as the speaker of World Theatre Day message 2019.

43) When was World Idli Day celebrated?

1) 30th March

2) 29th March

3) 28th March

4) 31st March

5) None of these

Answer – **1) 30th March**

Explanation:

March 30 has been celebrated as World Idli Day, the idea being the brainchild of M Eniyavan, founder of Mallipoo Idly, a popular chain. "The humble idli is the safest food for all ages - children to elderly."

44) When was World Piano Day observed?

- 1) 30th March
 - 2) 29th March
 - 3) 28th March
 - 4) 31st March
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 2) 29th March**

Explanation:

In 2015, German pianist Nils Frahm declared the 88th day of a year (29th March) as the World Piano Day, as modern standard pianos have 88 keys. It has been celebrated in dozens of cities around the world over the past years. Many people were attracted towards the van by the piano's beautiful melodies, taking photos and cheering for the performers, Xinhua news agency reported. Launched by Universal Music Group, an American global music corporation, the event also celebrated the global release of Chinese pianist Lang Lang's new album Piano Book, a collection of pieces he has loved and played since childhood.

45) Rajasthan State came into existence on 30th March of ____ year?

- 1) 1949
 - 2) 1953
 - 3) 1935
 - 4) 1948
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – 1) 1949**

Explanation:

Rajasthan Day is celebrated on 30th March every year to commemorate the day on which the state Rajasthan came into existence as it was previously known as Rajputana. On 30th March 1949, the state was formed.

Static GK Q & A – March 2019

1) What is the Capital and Currency of Brunei?

Capital – Bandar Seri Begawan and Currency – Brunei dollar

2) Who is the MD and CEO of IDBI Bank?

Rakesh Sharma

3) Gorumara National Park is located in which State?

West Bengal

4) Who is the Governor of the Maharashtra?

C. Vidyasagar Rao

5) Who is the CEO of ICICI Lombard?

Bhargav Dasgupta

6) What is the Capital and Currency of Bangladesh?

Capital – Dhaka and Currency – Taka

7) Where is the headquarter of Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) located?

Beijing, China

8) Who is the President of Tajikistan?

Emomali Rahmon

9) Where is the headquarter of IFFCO Tokio located?

Gurgaon, Haryana

10) Who is the Chairman and where is the headquarter of National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority located?

Chairman - Shubhra Singh; Headquarter - New Delhi

11) Who is the Chief Minister of Gujarat?

Vijay Rupani

12) What is the Capital of Cambodia?

Phnom Penh

13) Who is the Union Minister of Steel?

Chaudhary Birender Singh

14) What is the Capital and Currency of Vietnam?

Capital - Hanoi and Currency - Vietnamese Dong

15) When was the Indian History Congress Established?

1935

16) What is the Capital and Currency of United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

Capital - Abu Dhabi and Currency - Dirham.

17) Who is the Chief Minister of Assam?

Sarbananda Sonowal.

18) What is the currency of Senegal?

CFA Franc

19) Who is the Prime Minister of Nepal?

Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli

20) What is the Capital of Odisha?

Bhubaneswar

21) Who is the CEO of Unique Identification Authority of India?

Ajay Bhushan Pandey

22) What is the Capital and Currency of United States?

Capital - Washington DC and Currency - Dollar

23) Who is the Prime Minister of Bangladesh?

Sheikh Hasina

24) Where is the Zuari River located?

Goa

25) Who is the Chairperson of Securities and Exchange Board of India?

Ajay Tyagi

26) Who is the Chief Minister of Assam?

Sarbananda Sonowal

27) What is the Capital and Currency of Iran?

Capital- Tehran and Currency- Iranian Rial

28) Who is the President of Estonia?

Kersti Kaljulaid

29) Where is the headquarter of Olympic Council of Asia located?

Kuwait City, Kuwait

30) Who is the MD and CEO of ICICI Bank?

Sandeep Bakhshi

31) Who is the Chief Minister of Odisha?

Naveen Patnaik

32) What is the Capital and Currency of Malaysia?

Capital – Kuala Lumpur and Currency – Ringgit

33) Who is the President of Zimbabwe?

Emmerson Mnangagwa

34) Where is the headquarter of International Criminal Court (ICC) located?

The Hague, Netherlands

35) Who is the Chairman of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)?

Ram Sewak Sharma

36) What is the Capital and Currency of Mongolia?

Capital – Ulaanbaatar and Currency – Mongolian tögrög

37) Who is the President of France?

Emmanuel Macron

38) What is the Capital and Currency of Austria?

Capital – Vienna and Currency – Euro

39) Who is the Prime Minister of Bhutan?

Lotay Tshering

40) Where is the headquarter of ISRO located?

Bengaluru

41) Who is the Chief of Naval Staff?

Admiral Sunil Lamba.

42) What is the Capital and Currency of Russia?

Capital – Moscow and Currency- Ruble.

43) Who is the Chairman of Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)?

J Satyanarayana

44) Where is the headquarter of United Nations Development Programme located?

New York, US

45) Where is Chandaka Wildlife sanctuary located?

Odisha

46) Where is Hindon Airport located?

Uttar Pradesh.

47) Who is the President of Armenia?

Armen Sarkissian

48) What is the Capital and Currency of China?

Capital : Beijing and Currency : Renminbi

49) Who is the chairperson of Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India?

M S Sahoo

50) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY)-Housing for All Scheme has set a target to achieve this feat by which year?

2022

51) What is Capital and Currency of Maldives?

Capital – Male and Currency – Maldivian rufiyaa

52) Where is Orang National Park located?

Assam

53) Who is the President of Finland?

Sauli Niinistö

54) What is the Capital of Marshall Islands?

Majuro

55) Who is the Prime Minister of United Kingdom?

Theresa May

56) What is the Capital and Currency of Pakistan?

Capital- Islamabad and Currency – Rupee

57) Who is the President of Paraguay?

Mario Abdo Benitez

58) What is the Capital and Currency of Japan?

Capital- Tokyo and Currency- Japanese Yen

59) Who is the President of Costa Rica?

Carlos Alvarado Quesada

60) What is the Capital of Mizoram?

Aizawl

61) What is the Capital and Currency of Oman?

Capital – Muscat and Currency – Rial

62) Who is the Chief Election Commissioner of India?

Sunil Arora

63) Who is the MD and CEO of Corporation Bank?

P.V Bharathi

64) When was National Voter Day is celebrated?

25th January

65) Who is the Chief Minister of Meghalaya?

Conrad K Sangma

66) What is the Capital and Currency of United States?

Capital – Washington DC and Currency – Dollar

67) Who is the chairman of State Bank of India?

Rajnish Kumar

68) Where is the headquarter of Defence Research and Development Organisation(DRDO) located?

New Delhi

69) Who is the President of Pakistan?

Arif Alvi

70) Where is the headquarter of Badminton World Federation(BWF)?

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

71) Who is the Governor of Gujarat?

Om Prakash Kohli

72) Where is the headquarter of United Nations Environment Programme located?

Nairobi, Kenya

73) Who is the MD and CEO of IDBI Bank?

Rakesh Sharma

74) Where is the headquarter of Aviva Life Insurance Company located?

Gurugram, Haryana

75) Who is the President of Board of Control for Cricket in India(BCCI)?

C.K.Khanna

76) Who is the chairman of Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)?

K.Sivan

77) What is the Capital and Currency of Myanmar?

Capital – Naypyidaw and Currency – Burmese kyat

78) Where is the headquarter of BRICS located?

Shanghai, China

79) Who is the MD and CEO of ICICI Bank?

MD and CEO: Sandeep Bakshi

80) What is the Capital of Fiji?

Suva

81) Who is the founder of Kotak Mahindra Bank?

Uday Kotak

82) Where is the headquarter of Kotak Mahindra Bank located?

Mumbai

83) Who is the Chief of Staff Western Command?

P.N.Bali

84) Where is the headquarter of Reserve Bank of India located?

Mumbai

85) Who is the Secretary of Department of Science and Technology (DST)?

Ashutosh Sharma

86) Who is the CEO of ICICI Lombard?

CEO-Bhargav Dasgupta

87) When was the Ordnance Factory Board founded?

1775

88) Who is the chairperson of NASSCOM?

Rishad Premji

89) What is the Capital and Currency of Afghanistan?

Capital – Kabul; Currency - Afghan afghani

90) Which is the largest river in africa?

River Nile

91) Maracana stadium is located in which city?

Rio de Janeiro

92) What is the Capital and Currency of UK?

Capital – London and Currency – Pound Sterling

93) Who is the Chief Minister of Telangana?

K. Chandrashekar Rao

94) Where is the Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary located?

Panaji,Goa

95) What is the Capital of Gujarat?

Gandhinagar

96) Where is the headquarter of Export-Import Bank of India located?

Mumbai

97)Who is the chairman of State Bank of India?

Rajnish Kumar

98)Where is the headquarter of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) located?

Geneva,Switzerland.

99) Who is the Governor of Mizoram?

Jagdish Mukhi

100) What is the Capital and Currency of Kazakhstan?

Capital: Nursultan and Currency: Kazakhstani tenge

101) What is the Capital and Currency of Indonesia?

Capital-Jakarta & Currency: Indonesian rupiah.

102) Who is the Secretary General of United Nations?

Secretary General-Antonio Guterres

103) Where is the headquarter of European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) located?

Alicante,Spain

104) Who is the president of Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

Takehiko Nakao

105) Where is Nokrek National Park located?

Meghalaya

106)Where is the headquarter of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) located?

Mumbai

107)Who is the Administrator of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)?

Jim Bridenstine

108)Where is the head quarter of United Nations General Assembly located?

New York City, New York, United States

109)Who is the Chief Minister of Goa?

Pramod Sawant

110)Where is the headquarter of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) located?

New Delhi

111) Who is the Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

Harsh Vardhan

112) Where is the headquarter of World Meteorological Organization located?

Geneva, Switzerland

113) Who is the CEO of Microsoft Corporation?

Satya Nadella

114) What is the Capital and Currency of Nepal?

Capital: Kathmandu & Currency: Nepalese rupee

115) 2019 Cricket World Cup is to be held in which country?

England and Wales

116) Who is the Governor of Reserve Bank of India(RBI)?

Shaktikanta Das.

117) Where is the headquarter of World Health Organization(WHO) located?

Geneva, Switzerland

118) Who is the founder of Indian Premier League(IPL)?

Lalit Modi

119) Where is the headquarter of Badminton World Federation located?

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

120) What is the Capital & Currency of Denmark?

Capital: Copenhagen & Currency: Danish krone.

121) Where is the headquarter of World Economic Forum (WEF) is located?

Cologny, Switzerland

122) Who is the Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

Devendra Fadnavis

123) When was the Lalit Kala Akademi established?

1954

124) Who is the chief Election Commissioner of India?

Sunil Arora

125) Where is Chandoli National Park located?

Maharashtra

126) What is the Capital and Currency Malaysia?

Capital - Kuala Lumpur & Currency – Ringgit

127) Who is the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka?

Ranil Wickremesinghe

128) What is the Capital and Currency of Japan?

Capital – Tokyo & Currency - Japanese yen

129) Who is the MD & CEO of Karur Vysya Bank?

P.R. Seshadri

130) Name the first state affected by Kyasanur Forest Disease or also known as “monkey disease/monkey fever”.

Karnataka

131) What is the Capital and Currency of Morocco?

Capital – Rabat & Currency – Dirham.

132) Who is the President of Republic of Korea?

Moon Jae-in

133) Where is the Headquarter of ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund located?

Mumbai

134) What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda?

India's International Bank

135) Where is Chandoli National Park located?

Maharashtra

136) Where did Salim Ali Bird Sanctuary located?

Goa

137) When was Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) founded?

December 1928

138) Who is the Chief Minister of Delhi?

Arvind Kejriwal

139) What is the Capital and Currency of Nigeria?

Capital-Abuja & Currency-Nigerian naira

140) Who is the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI)?

S.Eswara Reddy

141) What is the Capital and Currency of United States?

Capital- Washington, D.C. & Currency- US Dollar

142) Who is the Prime Minister of Canada?

Justin Trudeau

143) What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda?

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144) Who is the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh?

Shri Jai Ram Thakur.

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Geneva, Switzerland

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147) Who is the Secretary General of United Nations?

Antonio Guterres

148) Where is the Betla National Park located?

Jharkhand

149) Who is the President of Japan?

Shinzo Abe

150) Where is the headquarter of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) located?

Mumbai

151) What is the Capital and Currency of Slovakia?

Capital- Bratislava & Currency- Euro

152) Who is the President of Croatia?

Kolinda Grabar Kitarovic

153) Where is Manas National Park located?

Assam

154) What is the tagline of ICICI Bank?

Hum Hain Na!

155) Who is the Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands?

Devendra Kumar Joshi

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