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INDIAN AFFAIRS

1) Where was the first “two-plus-two” (2+2) dialogue between India and Japan held?

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

Answer – 4) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019 inaugural meeting of India-Japan Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue, which is the “two-plus-two” (2+2) dialogue between India and Japan, was held in New Delhi. The dialogue was held with the aim of boosting bilateral security and defence cooperation and is expected to strengthen “India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership”.

2) Exercise MITRA SHAKTI is associated with which countries?

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

Answer – 2) India & Sri Lanka

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, The 7th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint Military & Army Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-VII: 2019 has started at Aundh Military Station, Pune, Maharashtra with the aim to build and promote positive relations between the armies of India and Sri Lanka. The exercise will be conducted for 14 days upto 14 December 2019& will involve sharing and learning from each others experiences.

3) Which state celebrates the 20th edition of the Hornbill festival?

- 1) Nagaland
- 2) Tripura
- 3) Mizoram
- 4) Manipur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nagaland

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, the 20th edition of the Hornbill festival began in Heritage Kisama, an Amphitheatre in Kohima, Nagaland, it is also the 57th Statehood Day of Nagaland. The festival is organized by Nagaland Government and is celebrated for the promotion of tourism and for the exhibition of the state’s tradition and culture.

4) Government has mandated to enroll FASTag for toll payments on national highways, FASTag works under which technology?

- 1) Blue Light Technology (BLT)
- 2) Code Recognition Technology (CRF)

- 3) Radio-frequency identification (RFID)
- 4) Image scanner
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Radio-frequency identification (RFID)**

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019 the government has extended the deadline for enrolling to the mandatory FASTag for toll payments on national highways to December 15, 2019. The National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) programme, under MoRT&H, has been implemented on a Pan-India basis of FASTag in ensuring seamless movement of traffic and collection of user fee as per the notified rates, using passive radio frequency identification (RFID) technology.

5) Where was the 7th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint Military & Army Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-VII: 2019 held?

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

Answer – **2) Pune, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, The 7th edition of India-Sri Lanka joint Military & Army Exercise MITRA SHAKTI-VII: 2019 has started at Aundh Military Station, Pune, Maharashtra with the aim to build and promote positive relations between the armies of India and Sri Lanka. The exercise will be conducted for 14 days upto 14 December 2019& will involve sharing and learning from each others experiences.

6) Name the first country in the world to make Haj 2020 process completely digital?

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

Answer – **1) India**

Explanation:

As per the Union Minister of Minority Affairs Shri Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi, India has become the 1st country where the entire process of Haj 2020 has gone 100% digital after he signed a bilateral agreement for the pilgrimage with the Saudi Haj Minister Dr Mohammad Saleh bin Taher Benten in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia on December 1, 2019.

7) Where was the Regional Conference on 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' with focus on 'Jal Shakti and Disaster Management' inaugurated?

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

Answer – **4) Jammu**

Explanation:

On November 31, 2019, Dr Jitendra Singh, the Minister of State (MoS) for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, has inaugurated the 2-day Regional Conference on 'Ek Bharat Shreshta Bharat' with focus on 'Jal Shakti and Disaster Management', organized by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) in association with Governments of Tamil Nadu and Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, held in Jammu.

8) Which state celebrates Konark festival?

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

Answer – **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal has inaugurated the 5-day long 30th edition of Konark festival, a showcase of Odisha's art, culture and tradition has started in Odisha. The theme of the festival is based on eco-tourism, culture, Fairs, women empowerment, and no to plastic and heritage.

9) Which two countries participate in the 8th joint training exercise 'HAND-IN-HAND 2019'?

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

Answer – **3) India & China**

Explanation:

The 8th edition of the joint training exercise between India and China named "HAND-IN-HAND 2019" for the year 2019 held from December 7-20, 2019. The aim of this exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct of counter-terrorist operation in the semi-urban terrain. The theme for the exercise will be 'counter-terrorism under United Nations mandate'.

10) Where was the 8th edition of the joint training exercise between India and China named "HAND-IN-HAND 2019" held?

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

Answer – **1) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

The 8th edition of the joint training exercise between India and China named "HAND-IN-HAND 2019" for the year 2019 is to be held in Umroi, Meghalaya from December 7-20, 2019. The aim of this exercise is to practice joint planning and conduct of counter-terrorist operation in the semi-urban terrain. Theme: The theme for the exercise will be 'counter-terrorism under United Nations mandate'.

11) To which country, India has committed to provide Rs 4,500 crores for implementing development projects & Rs.400 crores for transitional trade support facility?

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

Answer – 2) Bhutan

Explanation:

The Indian govt. has committed assistance of Rs 4,500 crores for implementing development projects and Rs.400 crores for transitional trade support facility during the Bhutan's 12th Five Year Plan (2018 – 2023). 51 large and intermediate projects and 359 Small Development Projects (SDPs)/High Impact Community Development Projects (HICPDs) are also at various stages of implementation under the 12th Five Year Plan.

12) Name the Foreign Secretary of Bhutan, who visited India recently?

- 1) Kinga Singye
- 2) Tandi Dorji
- 3) Kinley Wangdi
- 4) Sonam Tobgay
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kinga Singye

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019, the 2nd annual India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks were held in New Delhi. It was conducted to boost cooperation between both the nations in areas that need development and also to review India's development partnership with Bhutan. The Indian delegation was led by secretary of Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) T. S Tirumurti. The delegation from Bhutan side was led by Mr. Kinga Singye, Foreign Secretary of Bhutan. Mrs Ruchira Kamboj, Indian ambassador to the Royal Kingdom of Bhutan was also present during the talks.

13) Under which mission, nationwide vaccination drive that aims to immunize children under 2 years of age and pregnant women against 8 vaccine preventable diseases launched on December 2, 2019?

- 1) National Social Assistance Scheme
- 2) National Service Scheme
- 3) INSPIRE Programme
- 4) Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 (IMI-2.0)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 (IMI-2.0)

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the centre has launched nationwide vaccination drive under Intensified Mission Indradhanush 2.0 (IMI-2.0) across the country. This flagship programme aims to immunize children under 2 years of age and pregnant women against 8 vaccine preventable diseases such as diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, tuberculosis, measles, meningitis and Hepatitis B.

14) Name the president of Sri Lanka, who visited India from November 28-30, 2019?

- 1) Chandrika Kumaratunga
- 2) Mahinda Rajapaksa
- 3) Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- 4) Maithripala Sirisena
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa

Explanation:

The president of Sri Lanka Shri Nandasena Gotabaya Rajapaksa paid a 3 day official visit to India from November 28-30, 2019. It is to be noted that this was his first overseas visit after becoming President.

15) To which Country, India is set to offer \$450 million Line of Credit (LoC) in which \$400 million will be provided for infrastructure projects and \$50 million provided for counter terror measures?

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

Answer – 2) Sri Lanka

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi announced to offer \$450 million Line of Credit(LoC) to Sri Lanka in which \$400 million will be provided for infrastructure projects and \$50 million provided for counter terror measures to Sri Lanka.

16) Which state was ranked as the most corrupt state having 78% citizens indulged in bribery as per the report titled 'India Corruption Survey 2019'?

- 1) Rajasthan
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Rajasthan

Explanation:

A new report titled 'India Corruption Survey 2019' by independent agencies Transparency International India (TII) and LocalCircles, was released on November 27, 2019. Rajasthan ranked as the most corrupt state having 78% citizens indulged in bribery. Rajasthan was followed by Bihar and Jharkhand in the second and third place respectively.

17) What is the rank of India in the Corruption Perception index 2019?

- 1) 82
- 2) 75
- 3) 80
- 4) 78
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 78

Explanation:

India has improved its ranking in the corruption perception index 2019 that ranks countries based on low corruption instances as per Transparency International. India ranks 78th position in the corruption index 2019 out of 180 countries compared to 81 in 2018.

18) Name the organization, which constitutes a committee that recommends to launch a scheme for the promotion of endangered languages in central and state universities?

- 1) Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
- 2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 3) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 4) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) University Grants Commission (UGC)**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the govt. has launched a scheme for the promotion of endangered languages in central and state universities. The scheme has been launched following recommendations of an expert committee constituted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) to look into the issues related to preservation and promotion of endangered languages. The central and state universities have been grouped together into separate clusters like North Eastern languages, tribal languages, numeric and coastal languages and theoretical work of endangerment.

19) Who launched the 'POSHAN Anthem' in New Delhi to spread the message of the importance of nutrition?

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

Answer – **4) Venkaiah Naidu**

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 the Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu launched the 'POSHAN Anthem' at an event organised by the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoWCD) in New Delhi. The anthem was launched to spread the message of the importance of nutrition.

20) Name the lyricist of the POSHAN anthem?

- 1) Mankombu Gopalakrishnan
- 2) Prasoon Joshi
- 3) Rajeev Alunkal
- 4) Javed Akhtar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Prasoon Joshi**

Explanation:

The lyricist of the POSHAN anthem was Shri Prasoon Joshi and its composer was singer Shri Shankar Mahadevan. The efforts made under the POSHAN Abhiyan (national nutrition mission) scheme that aims to achieve the target of govt. to eliminate malnutrition in the nation by 2022, was discussed. The scheme aims to improve nutritional outcomes for children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.

21) Where was the India's 1st National maritime heritage museum to be built with the aim to boost the underwater or marine archaeology?

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

Answer – 1) Lothal, Gujarat

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, Government of India (GoI) & Portugal has decided to cooperate in the setting up of a India's 1st National Maritime Heritage Museum at the ancient Indian site of Lothal in Gujarat with the aim to boost the underwater or marine archaeology. The Museum will showcase salvaged material from shipwreck sites in the Indian Ocean waters.

22) Name the India's first railway station, which received Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) "Eat right station" certification?

- 1) Vijayawada Railway Station
- 2) Char Bagh railway station
- 3) Mumbai Central railway station
- 4) Ghum railway station
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mumbai Central railway station

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 the Mumbai Central station of Western Railways was conferred with the 'Eat Right Station' certification with a 4-star rating by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). With this certification, it became India's first "Eat right station". The certification was done as part of the 'Eat Right India' movement launched in 2018 by FSSAI.

23) How many days was prescribed for porting facility in the service area as per new norms of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)?

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

Answer – 4) 3 days

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019, Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), a statutory body set up by the Government of India (GoI), has changed the rules related to Mobile Number Portability (MNP) by making the whole MNP service time-saving and easier than before. TRAI has prescribed the port facility in the service area within 3 days. At the same time, 5 days time has been fixed for getting ported out of service area. The new rules will come into effect from December 16, 2019. This means, it will be mandatory for companies to provide MNP facility within three days of application from December 16. But, as per the current rules, companies are given 15 days from the date of application for this.

24) Name the system, implemented by Election Commission of India (ECI) in order to track the status of the political parties' registration process?

- 1) Political Parties Registration Process Tracking Management System (PPRPTMS)
- 2) Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)
- 3) Political Parties Registration and Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)
- 4) Political Party Registration and Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System (PPRTMS)

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 the Election Commission of India (ECI) reviewed the political parties' registration process and decided to implement new guidelines and "Political Parties Registration Tracking Management System" (PPRTMS), related to the registration process effective from January 1, 2019. The PPRTMS will be implemented through an online portal in order to track the status of the applicants. Guidelines: The guidelines for this purpose are made available in the election commission's website <https://eci.gov.in>.

25) Which country's Department for International Development (DFID) has signed an MoU with Ministry of Railways(MoR) for collaboration on energy and sustainability & with the aim to transform Indian Railways' into "Green Railways"?

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

Answer – 3) United Kingdom

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the Ministry of Railways(MoR) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom(UK) for collaboration on energy and sustainability. The MoU was signed with the goal to transform Indian Railways' into "Green Railways" by achieving complete complete electrification of Railway network.

26) Name the Made in India, fast interceptor vessel that was gifted by India to Maldives on December 4, 2019 to enhance it's maritime security?

- 1) COUACH
- 2) RANI ABBAKKA
- 3) KAAMIYAAB
- 4) RAJSHREE
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) KAAMIYAAB

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019 the prime minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and the president of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jointly inaugurated 4 key development projects in Maldives via video conference. India gifted Made in India Coast Guard Ship(CGS) Kaamiyaab, which is a fast interceptor vessel. The CGS Kaamiyaab would help in enhancing the maldives' maritime security, and also promote blue economy (use of ocean resources for economic growth, improved livelihoods etc) and

tourism. It was handed over to the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF). It was constructed by L&T (Larsen & Toubro) in Gujarat.

27) Where did India launched Rupay Card and 3 fish processing plants recently?

- 1) Maldives
- 2) Mauritius
- 3) Morocco
- 4) Seychelles
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Maldives**

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019 the prime minister of India Shri Narendra Modi and the president of Maldives Ibrahim Mohamed Solih jointly inaugurated 4 key development projects in Maldives via video conference. The 4 projects are gifting of Made in India Coast Guard Ship (CGS) Kaamiyaaba, which is a fast interceptor vessel, to Maldives, launch of RuPay card, lighting up of Malé using LED (Light Emitting Diodes) lights, and launch of 3 fish processing plants. India also plans to undertake several High impact community development projects implemented by the Addu City Council in Maldives.

28) Name the institute, that develop and will maintain the 1st of its kind Independent Director's Databank in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 to strengthen the institution of independent directors under the companies act?

- 1) Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India (ICWAI)
- 2) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)
- 3) Indian Institute for Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- 4) Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Indian Institute for Corporate Affairs (IICA)**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the secretary of ministry of corporate affairs, Shri Injeti Srinivas launched Independent Director's Databank in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the rules made thereunder. Powered by integrated Learning Management System (LMS), the data bank was launched to strengthen the institution of independent directors under the companies act. It has been developed and will be maintained by Indian Institute for Corporate Affairs (IICA) and is a first of its kind by the ministry.

29) Which organization in association with Women and Child Development (WCD) launched "YuWaah- (Generation Unlimited India)" to promote the secondary education and training to build the skills young people need for productive lives and work?

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

Answer – **2) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

Explanation:

Ministry of **Women and Child Development (WCD)** has joined hands with **UNICEF**

(United Nations Children's Fund) to launch “YuWaah- (Generation Unlimited India)” with the aim to transform the countries involved into hubs of education, skilling and employment for its more than 300 million young people aged 10-24 years. The new initiative YuWaah (word “Yuva”, in the Hindi language, means young person) promotes the secondary education and training to build the skills young people need for productive lives and work & also boost the number of quality work opportunities available to youth.

30) Under which scheme, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 18 projects worth Rs 1456 crore to develop and promote tourism in the North Eastern (NE) region?

- 1) Swadesh Darshan & Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT)
- 2) Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana & Swadesh Darshan
- 3) Hridaya Plan and PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive)
- 4) Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive)

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 the Ministry of Tourism with a focus to develop and promote tourism in the North Eastern (NE) region, has sanctioned 18 projects under the Swadesh Darshan and PRASAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive) Schemes for the entire NE region for Rs 1456 crore.

31) Where was the foundation stone of India's first Ganga centralised aqualab laid?

- 1) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- 2) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Dehradun, Uttarakhand

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019 the Uttarakhand state forest minister Shri Harak Singh Rawat laid foundation stone of India's first Ganga centralised aqualab at Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Dehradun, Uttarakhand. The aqualabs will be set up under the National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG). Various aquatic life forms found in the 2525-kilometer-long Ganga river would be preserved in the lab WII.

32) What is the fixed maturity of India's 1st corporate bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) “Bharat Bond ETF”?

- 1) 5 and 9 years
- 2) 3 and 7 years
- 3) 3 and 10 years
- 4) 5 and 10 years
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 3 and 10 years

Explanation:

The CCEA gave its approval to launch India's 1st corporate bond Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) “Bharat Bond ETF” to create an additional source of funding for the Central Public Sector Undertakings

(CPSUs) Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs), Central Public Financial Institutions (CPFIs) and other Government organizations. This move will allow retail investors to buy government debt by providing low cost access to bond markets with smaller amounts as low as Rs. 1,000. The bond will be issued by central public sector enterprises/undertakings (PSUs) or any other government organization bonds. (Initially, all AAA rated bonds.) Bond Maturity: The bond has a fixed maturity of 3 and 10 years and will trade on the stock exchanges. Each of these series will have separate index of the same maturity.

33) How much amount was penalized for company executives who violate privacy norms as per Personal Data Protection Bill?

- 1) Rs 25 crore or 4% of an entity's global revenue
- 2) Rs 15 crore or 4% of an entity's global revenue
- 3) Rs 30 crore or 4% of an entity's global revenue
- 4) Rs 45 crore or 4% of an entity's global revenue
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rs 15 crore or 4% of an entity's global revenue**

Explanation:

The CCEA approved Personal Data Protection Bill. The bill proposes a penalty of up to Rs 15 crore or 4% of an entity's global revenue and up to 3-year jail term for company executives who violate privacy norms. The bill mandates storage of critical data of individuals by internet companies within the country. Sensitive data can be transferred overseas only after explicit consent of the data owner. Critical data will be defined by the govt from time to time. The bill has been approved and will be introduced during the current winter session.

34) Which two countries Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) for cooperation on strategic projects in the field of Railways was approved on 4th December, 2019?

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

Answer – **1) India and Germany**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the Joint Declaration of Intent (JDI) between India and Germany for cooperation on strategic projects in the field of Railways. The JDI in this regard was signed in November 2019 by the Indian Ministry of Railways(MoR) and Federal Ministry for economic affairs and energy of the Federal Republic of Germany.

35) Which country's Election Commission has signed an MoU with Election Commission of India (ECI) for cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration?

- 1) Mauritius
- 2) Madagascar
- 3) Seychelles
- 4) Maldives
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Maldives**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Election Commission of Maldives (ECM) for cooperation in the field of electoral management and administration. The MoU includes exchange of knowledge and experience in electoral management process, support in exchanging information, training of personnel, capacity building etc thus promoting bilateral cooperation.

36) Which two countries participate in the joint tri services exercise "INDRA 2019"?

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

Answer – **3) India and Russia**

Explanation:

11th "INDRA 2019" which is a joint tri services exercise between India and Russia is to be held from December 10-19 2019. Both the nation's armed forces will jointly evolve drills to defeat the scourge of terror under the United Nations (UN) mandate. Esprit-de-corps and goodwill will be the key areas during the exercise which will facilitate further strengthening of bonds between the defence forces of India and Russia.

37) Which State/UT will host the 11th edition of "INDRA 2019", a joint tri services exercise between India and Russia?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and West Bengal
- 2) Uttar Pradesh (Babina), Maharashtra (Pune) and Goa
- 3) Maharashtra, Punjab and Assam
- 4) Kerala, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Uttar Pradesh (Babina), Maharashtra (Pune) and Goa**

Explanation:

11th "INDRA 2019" which is a joint tri services exercise between India and Russia is to be held from December 10-19 2019, simultaneously at Babina (near Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh (UP)), Pune and Goa. Both the nation's armed forces will jointly evolve drills to defeat the scourge of terror under the United Nations (UN) mandate. Esprit-de-corps and goodwill will be the key areas during the exercise which will facilitate further strengthening of bonds between the defence forces of India and Russia.

38) How much amount was sanctioned by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) for setting up women help desks in police stations in all states and Union Territories (UT) across the country?

- 1) Rs 400 crore
- 2) Rs 200 crore
- 3) Rs 500 crore
- 4) Rs 100 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rs 100 crore**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sanctioned Rs 100 crore for setting up women help desks in police stations in all states and Union Territories (UT) across the country. The women help desks will be focused on making police stations more women friendly and approachable. Women police officers will be deployed at the help desks which would be the first and single point of contact for any woman walking into a police station.

39) Under which fund, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has sanctioned Rs 100 crore for setting up women help desks in police stations in all states and Union Territories (UT) across the country?

- 1) Nirbhaya Fund
- 2) Fund for Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao
- 3) Fund for Integrated Child Development Services
- 4) Womens Welfare Development Fund
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nirbhaya Fund

Explanation:

The Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA) has sanctioned Rs 100 crore from the Nirbhaya Fund for setting up women help desks in police stations in all states and Union Territories (UT) across the country. The women help desks will be focused on making police stations more women friendly and approachable. Women police officers will be deployed at the help desks which would be the first and single point of contact for any woman walking into a police station.

40) Where was the 4th Workshop on management of Heat Wave, “Heat Wave 2020” held?

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

Answer – 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019 the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA), in collaboration with Karnataka govt. has organised a two-day national workshop “Heat Wave 2020” on preparedness, mitigation and management of Heat Wave in Bengaluru city of Karnataka. The workshop has been conducted well in advance of the heat wave season to manage the hot weather conditions for the year 2020. Climate change led to rise of average summer temperature by 0.5°C in the past five years.

41) Who will head the 14 member panel to study issues related to online pornographic content on the internet and social media platforms?

- 1) Kapil Sibal
- 2) Shashi Tharoor
- 3) Jairam Ramesh
- 4) Anand Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Jairam Ramesh

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, the Rajya Sabha Chairman and Vice President of India Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu announced a 14-member panel coordinated by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh to study the issues related to pornographic content on the internet and social media platforms. The panel will prepare a report regarding it within 1 month.

42) To which country, India has extended one Line of Credits (LOC's) and two Solar projects?

- 1) Nigeria
- 2) Guinea
- 3) Liberia
- 4) Sierra Leone
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Guinea**

Explanation:

On 5th December 2019, India has extended one Line of Credits (LOC's) and two Solar projects in Guinea. S Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister, India and Mamadi Toure, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guinea were both present during the exchange of the agreements. The agreement was open for signature on 15th November, 2016 during the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) held at Marrakech, Morocco.

43) Where was the 33rd International Book Fair for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Asunción, Paraguay
- 2) San José, Costa Rica
- 3) Havana, Cuba
- 4) Guadalajara, Mexico
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Guadalajara, Mexico**

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019 the Minister of State(MoS) for Human Resource and Development(HRD) Shri Sanjay Dhotre inaugurated the India Pavilion at the 33rd International Book Fair 2019 in Guadalajara, Mexico.

44) Name the first Asian Country, which becomes the “guest of honour” for 33rd International Book Fair 2019 that held in Guadalajara, Mexico?

- 1) India
- 2) China
- 3) Indonesia
- 4) Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) India**

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019 the Minister of State(MoS) for Human Resource and Development(HRD) Shri Sanjay Dhotre inaugurated the India Pavilion at the 33rd International Book Fair 2019 in Guadalajara, Mexico. India is the “guest of honour” for the 2019 book fair and is also the first Asia country to have received this honour. In Mexico, this book fair called “Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara” in Spanish is the biggest book fair in the Spanish-speaking world and will be held till December 8, 2019.

45) Where was the Central India's 1st Avantee mega Food Park inaugurated by Harsimrat Kaur Badal?

- 1) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- 2) Chandigarh, Haryana
- 3) Dewas, Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Dewas, Madhya Pradesh (MP)

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, Harsimrat Kaur Badal, the Union Minister for Food Processing has inaugurated the Central India's 1st Avantee mega Food Park spread over 51 acres in Dewas, Madhya Pradesh (MP). It was built with a cost of about 150 crore rupees. Gram, wheat, soyabean and other grains and vegetables will be Processed in park. Warehouses will also be opened in Agar, Indore, Dhar, Ujjain and in next phases.

46) Which country's King Carl XVI Gustaf Folke Hubertus and Queen Silvia Renate Sommerlath visited India recently?

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

Answer – 3) Sweden

Explanation:

King Carl XVI Gustaf Folke Hubertus and Queen Silvia Renate Sommerlath of Sweden paid a 5-day official visit to India from December 2-6, 2019 at the invitation of President Ram Nath Kovind. They were received by Member of Parliament(MP) Babul Supriyo at the New Delhi airport. This is the 3rd time they both have visited India. Earlier they visited in the year 1993 and 2005.

47) How many MoU's were signed between India and Swedan during Swedan's King Carl XVI Gustaf Folke Hubertus and Queen Silvia Renate Sommerlath visit to India?

- 1) 3
- 2) 4
- 3) 5
- 4) 7
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 3

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 India and Sweden signed 3 agreements/ Memorandum of Understandings (MoU). The MoUs are as follows, Cooperation between the Department of Science and Technology(DST) of India and the Swedish Energy Agency. MoU between the Ministry of Earth Sciences(MoES) of India and the Ministry of education and research of Sweden on cooperation of polar science. Mou on promoting safety of the maritime environment. Under this MoU, seafarer certificates will be recognised pursuant to Regulation I/10 of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watch. It is the 1st first maritime cooperation agreement between these two nations.

48) Where was the India's first Hybrid Annuity (HAM) based 14 MLD (megalitres per day) Sewage Treatment Plant(STP) inaugurated?

- 1) Mangaldoi in Darrang, Assam
- 2) Manika block in Latehar, Jharkhand
- 3) Abhana Village in Damoh, Madhya Pradesh
- 4) Sarai village in Haridwar, Uttarakhand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sarai village in Haridwar, Uttarakhand

Explanation:

The king and queen of Sweden inaugurated the 14 MLD (megalitres per day) Sewage Treatment Plant(STP) Sarai village in Haridwar, Uttarakhand. Sarai treatment plant: The Sarai treatment plant is the 1st plant completed under Hybrid Annuity (HAM) Based Public Private Partnership Model and the cost was about Rs 41.40 crores. The plant is based on aerobic biological process, Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) process. These types of processes are capable of removing nutrients during treatment and will also be 100% ecofriendly. Under the HAM project the plant will be treated for about 15 years upto 2035 by the same developer for efficient performance

49) Which two countries partnered together to set up a healthcare innovation centre to promote research on non- communicable diseases & to work together in areas such as digital health, artificial intelligence (AI), future mobility and circular economy?

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

Answer – 2) India and Sweden

Explanation:

India and Sweden announced to set up a healthcare innovation centre to promote research on non-communicable diseases and also help Indian start-ups in the health sector. The year 2019 also marks 10 years of India-Sweden cooperation in healthcare. The decision to set up health care innovation centres was taken by AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) Delhi; AIIMS- Jodhpur(Rajasthan), and the Swedish Trade Commissioner's Office in Delhi.

50) Which Police station becomes the best performing Police Stations across the country for the year 2019?

- 1) Anini police station, Arunachal Pradesh
- 2) Ajk Burhanpur police station, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Aberdeen police station, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- 4) Balasinor police station, Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Aberdeen police station, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Explanation:

On 6th December 2019, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MOH) has released the list of best performing Police Stations across the country for the year 2019. Aberdeen police station from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Balasinor police station from Gujarat and Ajk Burhanpur from Madhya Pradesh take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places respectively. The grading system of the police stations comes after the

directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing the DsGP (State Police Chief) during the 2015 Conference held in Kutch, Gujarat. Top 5 Police Stations from the list:

Ranking	Police Station	State
1	Aberdeen	Andaman and Nicobar Islands
2	Balasinor	Gujarat
3	Ajk Burhanpur	Madhya Pradesh
4	AWPS Theni	Tamil Nadu
5	Anini	Arunachal Pradesh

51) Under which scheme Government of India has produced 1.08 lakh tons of pulses and seeds, 3% of the target?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)
- 3) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PM-JJBY)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PM-SBY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)

Explanation:

Only 3% target of pulses and seeds achieved under the Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) scheme according to the data released by the Agriculture Ministry in the Lok Sabha on 3rd December 2019. The production of pulses has been only 1.08 lakh tons so far but the target of the PM-AASHA scheme is to produce 37.59 lakh metric tons of crops. The crops started arriving from October and will last till February.

52) Who heads the 15th Finance commission that has submitted its report for the financial year (FY) 2020-21 to President Ram Nath Kovind?

- 1) Arvind Subramanian
- 2) Shaktikanta Das
- 3) Urjit Patel
- 4) Nand Kishore (NK) Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Nand Kishore (NK) Singh

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, The 15th Finance Commission headed by economist & former Indian Administrative Service officer (IAS) Shri. Nand Kishore (NK) Singh and its members S/Shri Ajay Narayan Jha, Ashok Lahiri, Ramesh Chand, Anoop Singh and Secretary Shri Arvind Mehta has submitted its report for the financial year (FY) 2020-21 to President Ram Nath Kovind. The Commission sets the formula for sharing of tax and other resources between the Center and the States. President of India constituted the 15th Finance Commission on 27 November 2017 under Article 280 of the Constitution.

53) Along which border, Government of India has approved seven projects for setting up FM (Frequency modulation) transmitters in the premises of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) to strengthen FM coverage in the border?

- 1) India-China border
- 2) Indo-Nepal border
- 3) India-Pakistan border
- 4) India- Myanmar border
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Indo-Nepal border

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, As per the Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting Prakash Javadekar, the central Government has approved seven projects for setting up FM (Frequency modulation) transmitters in the premises of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) to strengthen FM coverage along the Indo-Nepal border. These 7 projects will set up in Bihar (Bathnaha village of Araria district, Narkatiaganj town in West Champaran district, and Sitamarhi district), Uttar Pradesh-UP (Gadaniya village in Lakhimpur Kheri district , Nanpara town in Bahraich district ,and Maharajganj district) , Uttarakhand (Champawat district).

54) Who addressed the 4th India Water Impact Summit 2019 in New Delhi?

- 1) Rattan Lal Kataria
- 2) Pralhad Joshi
- 3) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
- 4) Arjun Ram Meghwal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Gajendra Singh Shekhawat

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has addressed the 4th India Water Impact Summit 2019 with the theme “Valuing Water | Transforming Ganga” held with the focus on integrated water resources management in urban and rural areas at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi from 5-7 December 2019. On this occasion, Shekhawat also released the report on River Restoration and Conservation – A Concise Manual and Guide, and Documents on “cGanga Hubs”.

55) What was the theme of the 4th India Water Impact Summit 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Valuing Water | Transforming Ganga”
- 2) Theme – “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World”
- 3) Theme – “Opportunities in Modern for Young minds and Businesses”
- 4) Theme – “Transforming Logistics Landscape”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “Valuing Water | Transforming Ganga”

Explanation:

The Union Minister of Jal Shakti, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has addressed the 4th India Water Impact Summit 2019 with the theme “Valuing Water | Transforming Ganga” held with the focus on integrated water resources management in urban and rural areas at the Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi from 5-7 December 2019. On this occasion, Shekhawat also released the report on River Restoration and Conservation – A Concise Manual and Guide, and Documents on “cGanga Hubs”.

56) Where was the first ever Human Library Chapter 2, a concept that sought to replace books with humans held?

- 1) Guwahati, Assam
- 2) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 3) Mysuru, Karnataka
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Mysuru, Karnataka

Explanation:

On December 8, 2019 first ever Human Library Chapter 2, a concept that sought to replace books with humans was organised in Mysuru, in Karnataka. The event was held at Mysore Institute of Commerce and Arts (MICA), in Mysuru. The aim of the human library was to create a safe framework for conservation by using a library analogy of lending people rather than books.

57) Which state/UT hosts the 2nd edition of the Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit?

- 1) Goa
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Goa

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of the Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit, organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), in partnership with Govt of Goa, was held in Goa, from December 6-7, 2019. The summit was organised for fund managers and limited partners of top global venture capital firms.

58) What was the theme of the 2nd edition of the Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit?

- 1) Theme – “Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World”
- 2) Theme – “Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean”
- 3) Theme – “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”
- 4) Theme – “India Opportunity – Investing in tomorrow together”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “India Opportunity – Investing in tomorrow together”

Explanation:

The 2nd edition of the Startup India Global Venture Capital Summit, organised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), in partnership with Govt of Goa, was held in Goa, from December 6-7, 2019. The theme for the 2019 summit was “India Opportunity – Investing in tomorrow together”. Focus: The focus of the Summit was to mobilize global capital for innovation in India and the key objectives of the summit were showcasing of India’s opportunity in the sectors of E-Mobility, FinTech, MedTech, Enterprise Software, EdTech, Genomics and Life sciences.

59) Under which scheme, government has disbursed Rs. 36,000 crores to the farmers as on November 30, 2019 (i.e. by providing Rs.6,000 per year to the farmers)?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PM-SBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

- 3) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PM-JJBY)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)**

Explanation:

As on November 30, 2019 the govt. has disbursed Rs. 36,000 crores under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana (PM-KISAN) to the farmers. The announcement was made by Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar. Over seven crores 60 lakh farmers have been benefited under the scheme.

60) Name the Prime Minister of Mauritius, who visited India recently?

- 1) Paul Bérenger
- 2) Dr. Navin Ramgoolam
- 3) Pravind Kumar Jugnauth
- 4) Sir Anerood Jugnauth
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Pravind Kumar Jugnauth**

Explanation:

On December 6, the Prime Minister(PM) of Mauritius Mr. Pravind Kumar Jugnauth along with his wife Mrs Kobita Jugnauth visited India and met the Indian PM shri Narendra Modi in New Delhi. During the visit, both leaders agreed to work together to build up bilateral relations and to deepen the fraternal and enduring ties, based on mutual interest and priorities. Recent development projects in Mauritius such as Metro Express Project, ENT (Ear Nose Throat) Hospital, Social Housing Project by the Indian govt. were reiterated.

61) How many years of compliance will be given to remove the hazardous material for existing ships as per the "Recycling of Ships Bill 2019"?

- 1) 15 years
- 2) 5 years
- 3) 7 years
- 4) 10 years
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 5 years**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019 the parliament has passed the "The Recycling of Ships Bill 2019" in order to ensure environmentally safe and sound recycling of Ships in India. Under the bill, the govt. will provide regulations of recycling of ships by setting international standards. The bill feature in detail are as follows:

- The bill prohibits the use or installation of hazardous materials in the ship irrespective of whether the ship will be recycled or not.
- Existing ships will be given 5-year compliance to remove the hazardous material.
- New Ships will be prohibited to use the hazardous material with immediate effect from the date of legislation comes to force.

62) Name the airports, that were included under the regional connectivity scheme UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik)?

- 1) Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport in Lucknow, Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Babatpur & Jewar Airport in Jewar
- 2) Baljek Airport in Baljek, Shillong Airport in Umroi & Jay Prakash Narayan Airport in Patna
- 3) Lilabari Airport in Lakhimpur, Tezpur Airport in Tezpur & Rowrah Airport in Rowrah
- 4) Jeypore Airport in Koraput, Rourkela Airport in Sundergarh & Utkela Airport in Kalahandi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Jeypore Airport in Koraput, Rourkela Airport in Sundergarh & Utkela Airport in Kalahandi

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019, The central government has agreed to include three airports one each at Jeypore in Koraput, Rourkela in Sundergarh & Utkela in Kalahandi district of Odisha under the regional connectivity scheme UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik).

63) Which rule was amended by Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) in order to simplify the process of refund of claims filed with The Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)?

- 1) Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2013
- 2) Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2014
- 3) Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2016
- 4) Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2015
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2016

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, Ministry of Corporate Affairs(MCA), Government of India (GoI), has amended the Investor Education & Protection Fund (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules 2016 in order to simplify the process of refund of claims filed with The Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA). As per the rule, Investors/Depositors, whose shares, dividends, matured deposits, or debentures, etc have been transferred to Investor Education & Protection Fund under the companies act 2013 can claim the refund online.

64) Name the Abhiyan, which aims to promote the education among rural and tribal children?

- 1) Ekal School Abhiyan
- 2) Kendriya Vidyalaya Abhiyan
- 3) Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya Abhiyan
- 4) Sarvodaya Vidyalaya Abhiyan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ekal School Abhiyan

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019 the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi addressed Ekal Vidyalaya Sangathan in Gujarat through Video message from New Delhi. The Ekal Vidyalaya Sangathan spearheads 'Ekal School Abhiyan' which aims to promote the education among rural and tribal children.

65) By which year, Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi announced to set up 400 new 'Eklavya Model residential schools' across the country?

- 1) 2021
- 2) 2022
- 3) 2023
- 4) 2024
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 2022

Explanation:

PM Modi announced to set up 400 new 'Eklavya Model residential schools' by 2022 across the country, so as to ensure that children in tribal areas are not deprived of quality education. The sangathan(organisation) volunteers were appreciated for their role for creating awareness on education to more than 2.8 million rural and tribal children residing in the remotest locations across India and Nepal.

66) Which minister organized a massive plogging programme against single use plastic as a part of Swachhta Pakhwada on December 7, 2019?

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

Answer – 4) Rajnath Singh

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019 the Minister of Defence (MoD) Shri Rajnath Singh, flagged off the 'Swachhta Day' event, organised by the Delhi Cantt in New Delhi. The aim of the day was to create awareness to people, collect plastic waste and make the surrounding plastic free with participation from 50 lakh people. The cleanliness drive was part of the activities of Swachhta Pakhwada. The slogan for the event was 'Plastic Se Raksha – Swachhata Hi Suraksha'.

67) Which scheme has recently mandated the beneficiaries to link Aadhar card to bank accounts only then the amount will be transferred to the account?

- 1) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PM-JJBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PM-SBY)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, According to the Agriculture Department, Government of India (GoI), the 4th instalment of the PM-KISAN (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi) finance support scheme due between December 2019 and March 2020 will be transferred only to Aadhar-linked bank accounts of more than 50 million beneficiaries. This was the 1st time the central government has insisted on the mandatory condition of Aadhar seeding since the launch of PM-KISAN scheme in February 2019.

68) Where was the 20th edition of GeoSmart India Conference 2019 held?

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

Answer – 1) Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

20th edition of GeoSmart India conference 2019, was held in Hyderabad, Telangana from December 3-5, 2019. It was the largest geospatial event of India with the aim of bringing the geospatial and emerging technologies together.

69) What was the theme of the 20th edition of GeoSmart India Conference 2019?

- 1) Theme – “Vision New India”
- 2) Theme – “Ignite – Innovate – Integrate”
- 3) Theme – “Women First – Prosperity for All”
- 4) Theme – “Commercialization and Commoditization”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Theme – “Ignite – Innovate – Integrate”

Explanation:

20th edition of GeoSmart India conference 2019, was held in Hyderabad, Telangana from December 3-5, 2019. It was the largest geospatial event of India with the aim of bringing the geospatial and emerging technologies together. The theme of the 2019 conference was “Ignite – Innovate – Integrate”.

70) Which mission was conferred with ‘Leadership in Rejuvenation and Protection of Fresh Water Systems in India’ award during the 20th edition of GeoSmart India conference 2019?

- 1) National Mission for Clean Krishna (NMCK)
- 2) National Mission for Clean Godavari (NMCG)
- 3) National Mission for Clean Yamuna (NMCY)
- 4) National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)

Explanation:

The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG) was conferred with ‘Leadership in Rejuvenation and Protection of Fresh Water Systems in India’ award during the conference held at the Hyderabad International Convention Centre(HICC) in Hyderabad, Telangana. The award was given to NMCG for its transformative initiatives in the water sector.

71) Which state has distributed India’s 1st Pashu Kisan credit cards (Animal husbandry Credit Card) to 101 animal farmers to promote animal husbandry and agribusiness?

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

Answer – 4) Haryana

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019 the 1st Pashu Kisan credit cards (Animal husbandry Credit Card) in India were distributed to 101 animal farmers in Bhiwani district of Haryana. These credit cards were launched to promote animal husbandry and agribusiness. The haryana govt has also set a target to issue 10 lakh Pashu Kisan Credit cards by March 2021.

72) Which organization has collaborated with Wheebox, PeopleStrong, UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) and AIU (Association of Indian Universities) & released the 7th edition of the India Skills Report 2020 for the year 2019-20?

- 1) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 2) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Explanation:

On December 10, 2019 the 7th edition of the India Skills Report 2020 for the year 2019-20 was launched. As per the report about 46.21% students were found employable or ready to take up jobs in 2019, compared with 33% in 2014, and 47.38% in 2018. The India Skills Report, is a joint initiative of Wheebox (global talent-assessment company), PeopleStrong and Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in collaboration with UNDP (United Nations Development Programme), AICTE (All India Council for Technical Education) and AIU (Association of Indian Universities).

73) Which state has emerged as the top ranked state in terms of employability as per the 7th edition of the India Skills Report 2020 for the year 2019-20?

- 1) Telangana
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Maharashtra

Explanation:

On December 10, 2019 the 7th edition of the India Skills Report 2020 for the year 2019-20 was launched. As per the report about 46.21% students were found employable or ready to take up jobs in 2019, compared with 33% in 2014, and 47.38% in 2018. Maharashtra emerged as the top ranked state in terms of employability. It was followed by Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh(UP) in the second and third rank respectively. Availability of employable talent has also improved over the past six years.

74) How much amount of loan was disbursed by government of India under Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) as on November 1, 2019?

- 1) Rs. 10.24 lakh crore
- 2) Rs. 10.54 lakh crore
- 3) Rs. 10.64 lakh crore

4) Rs. 10.74 lakh crore

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs. 10.24 lakh crore**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019 the ministry of Labour and Employment announced that Rs. 10.24 lakh crore have been disbursed under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana (PMMY) as on November 1, 2019. The loans under PMMY were sanctioned to 20.84 crore account holders.

75) Which city is set to host the 17th edition of BioAsia 2020 with the theme “Today For Tomorrow”?

1) Mumbai, Maharashtra

2) Guwahati, Assam

3) Chennai, Tamil Nadu

4) Hyderabad, Telangana

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Hyderabad, Telangana**

Explanation:

17th edition of BioAsia2020 scheduled to be held from February 17-19, 2020 with the theme “Today For Tomorrow” in Hyderabad, Telangana. This information was provided by Jayesh Ranjan, Telangana Principal Secretary of Industries and Commerce and Information Technology(IT) at a press conference in Hyderabad on December 11, 2019.

76) Name the partner country of 17th edition of BioAsia 2020?

1) Belgium

2) Switzerland

3) Sweden

4) Norway

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Switzerland**

Explanation:

Switzerland will be the country partner at the 17th edition of BioAsia2020 scheduled to be held from February 17-19, 2020 with the theme “Today For Tomorrow” in Hyderabad, Telangana. This information was provided by Jayesh Ranjan, Telangana Principal Secretary of Industries and Commerce and Information Technology(IT) at a press conference in Hyderabad on December 11, 2019.

77) Under which scheme, 65 lakh patients availed treatment worth Rs 9,549 crore as on December 5, 2019?

1) Ayushman Bharat- Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)

2) Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Arogya Maan-dhan (PM-SYAM)

3) Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)

4) Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Kisan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMKAY)

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)**

Explanation:

On December 10, 2019 the health ministry announced that over 65 lakh patients were treated under the Centre's flagship Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) ever since its launch till december 5, 2019. The treatment costs were worth Rs. 9,549 crore. Out of the total 65,45,733 patients, treatment amounting to Rs 6,133 crore was provided to 35,34,695 patients through private hospitals.

78) Which city is set to host the 11th edition of the biennial flagship event DefExpo 2020?

- 1) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 2) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Guwahati, Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**

Explanation:

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has organised a series of web seminars (webinars) from December 10, 2019 in the run upto (the period of time just before an important event) DefExpo 2020. The 11th edition of the biennial flagship event DefExpo 2020 will be held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (UP) from February 05-08, 2020. Focus: The webinars (web seminars) will focus on topics related to defence, aerospace and security industry, academia and student fraternity.

79) How many monuments were recognized as the 'Must see monuments' by the Minister of State (MoS) of Culture and Tourism, Prahlad Singh Patel on December 9, 2019?

- 1) 168
- 2) 178
- 3) 150
- 4) 138
- 5) None of these

Answer - **4) 138**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, As per the Minister of State (MoS) of Culture and Tourism, Prahlad Singh Patel, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), an Indian government agency attached to the Culture Ministry ,has identified 138 numbers of monuments as 'Must See' Monuments . The 'Must See' list of ASI features first-class Indian monuments and archaeological sites including those that feature on UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage List. Such monuments and sites showcase exceptionality in terms of art and architecture, planning and design.

80) Mongla & Chattogram declared as Ports of Call under "Coastal Shipping Agreement", these ports are located in which country?

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

Answer – **2) Bangladesh**

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019 the Ministry of Shipping (MoS) announced that Mongla and Chattogram (Both in Bangladesh) have been declared as Ports of Call under “Coastal Shipping Agreement” between India & Bangladesh. A MoU (Memorandum of Understanding), agreement and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) on the use of Chattogram Port & Mongla Ports for goods movement between India and Bangladesh has been signed between both the nations.

81) Which state has become the fourth state to have the Inner Line Permit (ILP) regime after Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Manipur
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Manipur**

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, Ram Nath Kovind, President of India signed an order to extend the Inner Line Permit (ILP) regime to Manipur. The decision was taken after the announcement of the extension of the ILP to Northeastern state by Amit Shah, Minister of Home Affairs (MHA) in Lok Sabha. Manipur is the fourth state to have the ILP after Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Mizoram. Other state citizens require ILP to visit these states in terms of Section 2 of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulations, 1873.

82) Name the airline which flagged of its flight operations to Guwahati-Dimapur-Imphal under ‘UDAN’ (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik)-RCS (Regional Connectivity Scheme)?

- 1) SpiceJet
- 2) Alliance Air
- 3) TruJet
- 4) Air India Express
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Alliance Air**

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019 Alliance Air, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Air India, flagged of its flight operations to Guwahati-Dimapur-Imphal of Assam, Nagaland and Manipur respectively. The regional connectivity was provided under RCS (Regional Connectivity Scheme) named ‘UDAN’ (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik). It is the 236th route under RCS. The flight connectivity marks the inception of 1st ever alternative option of connectivity to Imphal. Imphal is still not connected with the railway network of India.

83) Where was the 4th edition of International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval weapon Systems -NAVARMS-19 held?

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

Answer – 3) New Delhi

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, A two day event of 4th edition of International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval weapon Systems – NAVARMS-19 has commenced at Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Development Enclave, in New Delhi. NAVARMS is the only international seminar and exhibition on Naval Arms System in India. This seminar provides a common platform for all stakeholders to express their views.

84) What was the theme of the 4th edition of International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval weapon Systems -NAVARMS-19?

- 1) Theme – “Make in India – Fight Category: Opportunities and Imperatives”
- 2) Theme – “Promoting a Shared Destiny and Path to Prosperity in the Indian Ocean”
- 3) Theme – “Make in India – Shaping a New India”
- 4) Theme – “Good Governance – Focus on Aspirational Districts”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – “Make in India – Fight Category: Opportunities and Imperatives”

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, A two day event of 4th edition of International Seminar cum Exhibition on Naval weapon Systems – NAVARMS-19 with the theme “Make in India – Fight Category: Opportunities and Imperatives” has commenced at Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Development Enclave, in New Delhi.

85) Which bank will be allowed to purchase high-rated pooled assets from Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) / Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) amounting to a total of Rs 1 lakh crore by “Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme”?

- 1) Payments Banks
- 2) Small Finance Banks (SFBs)
- 3) Private Sector Banks (PSBs)
- 4) Public Sector Banks (PSBs)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Public Sector Banks (PSBs)

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the “Partial Credit Guarantee Scheme”, which will be offered by the Government of India (GoI) to Public Sector Banks (PSBs). The scheme will allow purchasing of high-rated pooled assets from financially sound Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) / Housing Finance Companies (HFCs) amounting to a total of Rs 1 lakh crore. The scheme was announced in the Union Budget of 2019-20. The amount of overall guarantee is limited to first loss of up to 10% of the fair value of assets being purchased by the banks under the scheme, or Rs 10,000 crore, whichever is lower, as agreed by the department of economic affairs (DEA).

86) What is the increased authorised capital of India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL) from Rs. 6,000 crores as per the Cabinet Approval on December 11, 2019?

- 1) Rs. 20,000 crores
- 2) Rs. 25,000 crores
- 3) Rs. 22,000 crores
- 4) Rs. 15,000 crores

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rs. 25,000 crores**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the proposal to increase the authorised capital and equity support to India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL). Equity support: The cabinet approved to provide additional equity support of Rs. 5,300 crores in FY20 (Financial Year 2019-20) and Rs. 10,000 crores in FY21. Authorised capital: The Cabinet has also approved to increase the authorized capital of IIFCL from Rs. 6,000 crores to Rs. 25,000 crores.

87) Which government agency has given authorization to set up Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT) to monetize National Highway Projects?

- 1) National Transport Authority of India (NTAI)
- 2) National Roadways Authority of India (NRAI)
- 3) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- 4) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**

Explanation:

The CCEA approved the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRT&H) proposal to authorize National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) to set up Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT). The InvIT will be based on the InvIT guidelines issued by SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India). It will provide flexibility to investors. InvIT establishment: InvIT will be a Trust established by NHAI under the Indian Trust Act, 1882 and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Infrastructure Investment Trusts) Regulations, 2014. It may hold assets either directly or through an SPV or a holding.

88) Which will be amended by the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019 to boost investment in financially distressed sectors?

- 1) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (code)
- 2) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2015 (code)
- 3) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2017 (code)
- 4) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2018 (code)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (code)**

Explanation:

The CCEA approved Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2019. This bill will amend the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (code). The aim of the amendment is to remove certain difficulties that are faced during insolvency resolution process to realise the objects of the code and to further ease doing of business. The bill seeks to amend sections 5(12), 5(15), 7, 11, 14, 16(1), 21(2), 23(1), 29A, 227, 239, 240 and insert new section 32A in the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (Code).

89) What is the maximum limit of fine proposed by the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2019 from the existing Rs. 10 lakhs which is set to amend Aircraft Act, 1934 (XXII of 1934)?

- 1) Rs. 50 lakhs
- 2) Rs. 25 lakhs

- 3) Rs. 15 lakhs
- 4) Rs. 1 Crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rs. 1 Crore**

Explanation:

The CCEA approved to introduce the Aircraft (Amendment) Bill, 2019. The bill would make amendments to the Aircraft Act, 1934 (XXII of 1934). The Bill will now be introduced in the parliament. The Bill enhances the maximum limit of fine from the existing Rs. 10 lakhs to Rs. 1 Crore. Requirements of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) will be fulfilled by the amendment.

90) Which UT has received cabinet approval for revision of Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) for development of Horticulture under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)?

- 1) Ladakh and Daman and Diu
- 2) Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh
- 3) Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and Daman and Diu
- 4) Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Jammu & Kashmir (J&K) and Ladakh**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved for the revision/ re-appropriation of approved components of Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) for development of Horticulture in the Union Territories(UTs) of Jammu & Kashmir(J&K) and Ladakh under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). It also approved for extension of the implementation of PMDP approved in 2016 beyond 31st March 2019 by 3 years, ie., upto March 31, 2022.

91) India and Japan has signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) in which of the following field, that was approved by cabinet on December 11, 2019?

- 1) Defence Cooperation
- 2) Education
- 3) Steel Sector
- 4) Infrastructure
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Steel Sector**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) between India and Japan regarding the formation of 'India-Japan Steel Dialogue' to strengthen cooperation in the steel sector. Its objective is to build capacity for high quality steel manufacturing in India.

92) Which country's coal energy sector has partnered with India for cooperation in power supply?

- 1) Japan
- 2) North Korea
- 3) South Korea
- 4) Iran

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Japan**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet gave its nod for signing the MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) between India & Japan Coal Energy Center in the field of power supply. This tie-up will improve the environment with the objective of sustainable, stable and low carbon emission power supply. The cooperation will also provide a suitable framework to overcome the bottlenecks in the path to accelerate the generation of carbonated thermal power. This will be possible through various studies, training programs and various activities related to knowledge sharing.

93) On December 11, 2019 Union Cabinet has approved the agreement between India and Brazil in which of the following field?

1) Tourism

2) Health And Medicine

3) Renewable Energy

4) Social Security

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Social Security**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the agreement between India and Brazil for social security. There are currently around 1,000 Brazilians in India and about 4,700 Indians living in Brazil. All the appointed / unaffiliated and self employed persons will get benefit from this proposal without any discrimination.

94) Which organization has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) for Cooperation in the field of medical products regulations?

1) Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

2) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)

3) Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)

4) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has given its approval for Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO), the national regulatory body for Indian pharmaceuticals and medical devices & Saudi Food and Drug Authority (SFDA) for Cooperation in the field of medical products regulations. The agreement was signed on October 29, 2019 during the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's visit to Saudi Arabia. It was signed by TS Tirumurti, Secretary, Economic Relations (ER), MEA (Ministry of External affairs) in favor of India & HE Dr Hisham Al Jadhey, CEO, SFDA in favor of Saudi Arabia.

95) Where did President Ram Nath Kovind laid foundation stone for Paika Vidroh memorial?

1) Cuttack, Odisha

2) Balangir, Odisha

3) Khurda, Odisha

4) New Delhi, Delhi

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Khurda, Odisha**

Explanation:

On December 08, 2019 the president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind laid foundation stone of the Paika Vidroh Memorial at Barunei foothills in Khurda, Odisha. It is a 10-acre memorial in remembrance of the paikas rebellion. The construction of the memorial at Barunei, was announced by the govt. in 2017.

96) Who leads the Paika rebellion against British East India Company's rule in Odisha in 1817?

1) Bakshi Jagabandhu

2) Birsa Munda

3) Surendra Sai

4) Chakhi Khuntia

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bakshi Jagabandhu**

Explanation:

Paika rebellion: It is a rebellion under the leadership of Bakshi Jagabandhu against British East India Company's rule in Odisha in 1817. The govt also celebrated the completion of 200 years of the rebellion in 2017. A chair in the name of Buxi Jagabandhu has been established in the Utkal University, Bhubaneswar(Odisha) for more study and research on Paika Rebellion. The cost of expenditure was Rs 5 crore and a memorial coin and stamp was released in 2018. This was done in order to create awareness on the rebellion.

97) Who will head the 3-member inquiry commission constituted by Supreme Court (SC) to inquire into the encounter killing of the four accused involved in the Hyderabad (Telangana) gang-rape and murder case of a veterinarian?

1) Ashok Kumar Mathur

2) Kalyan Jyoti Sengupta

3) Surinder Singh Nijjar

4) V S Sirpurkar

5) None of these

Answer – **4) V S Sirpurkar**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 the Supreme Court (SC) has appointed a 3-member inquiry commission to be headed by former apex court judge V S Sirpurkar to inquire into the encounter killing of the four accused involved in the Hyderabad(Telangana) gang-rape and murder case of a veterinarian. The report has to be submitted to the SC within 6 months. The bench also comprising of Justice S Abdul Nazeer and Justice Sanjiv Khanna, ordered that security to the commission will be provided by the CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force).

98) Name the bill, passed by Parliament to set up a unified authority to regulate all financial services in India?

1) International Economic Services Centres (IESCs) Authority Bill, 2019

2) International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) Authority Bill, 2019

3) International Public Servants (Inquiries)(IPSS) Authority Bill, 2019

- 4) International Financial Reorganisation Centres (IFRCs) Authority Bill, 2019
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) Authority Bill, 2019**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 the Rajya Sabha(RS) passed the International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) Authority Bill, 2019. The bill was passed to set up a unified authority to regulate all financial services in IFSCs in India. Prior to RS, the Lok Sabha(LS) passed the bill on December 11, 2019 and will become a law once the president Shri Ram Nath Kovind gives his assent. IFSC: Financial centres that cater to customers outside their own jurisdiction are referred to as international (IFCs) or offshore Financial Centers (OFCs). These centres deal with finance flows, financial products and services across borders. London, New York and Singapore can be counted as global financial centres.

99) Which organization has partnered with the National Institute of design & launched the 2 Initiatives namely Chartered Designs of India (CDI) and the Design Education Quality Mark (DEQM) in New Delhi?

- 1) Association of Designers of India (ADI)
- 2) World Design Council (WDC)
- 3) India Design Council (IDC)
- 4) Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India Design Council (IDC)**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, India Design Council (IDC), an autonomous body of Government of India (GoI) in association with National Institute of design, Ahmedabad, Gujarat have launched the 2 Initiatives namely Chartered Designs of India (CDI) and the Design Education Quality Mark (DEQM) in New Delhi. The designs are aimed to address 5 challenges of scale, quality of design, quality of education for design, raising the priority for design in industry and design for a public purpose.

100) Where was the Transforming Education Conference for Humanity (TECH) 2019 jointly organized by UNESCO-MGIEP in partnership with Andhra Pradesh State Government & Ministry of Human Resources Development held?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 2) Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 3) Nellore, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 4) Vizianagaram, Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP)**

Explanation:

A 3-day Transforming Education Conference for Humanity (TECH) 2019 was jointly organized by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP), in partnership with the State Government of Andhra Pradesh and the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Government of India(GoI) at Novotel hotel in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh (AP) from December 10-12,2019.

101) Name the programme launched by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) in partnership with Dell that aims to train teachers in schools?

- 1) Dell Samakhya programme
- 2) Dell Shiksha programme
- 3) Dell Vocational programme
- 4) Dell Aarambh programme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Dell Aarambh programme

Explanation:

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) entered into a new partnership with Dell for the Dell Aarambh programme that aims to train teachers in schools all over India in how to use technology to teach students better. The training in Dell Aarambh will focus on teaching teachers the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and frontier technologies to stay relevant and invest in the sole purpose of achieving Quality Education.

102) Name the Chief of General Staff of the Vietnam People's Army's (VPA), who visited India recently?

- 1) Be Xuan Truong
- 2) Pham Hong Huong
- 3) Phan Van Giang
- 4) Ngo Xuan Lich
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Phan Van Giang

Explanation:

Vietnam People's Army's (VPA) Chief of the General Staff General Phan Van Giang is on 5-day official visit to India from November 24-28, 2019.

103) Which country has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of education and scientific research with India recently?

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

Answer – 2) Vietnam

Explanation:

On November 26, 2019 India and Vietnam signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in the field of education and scientific research. The MoU was signed following a meeting between Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Vietnam People's Army's (VPA) Chief of the General Staff General Phan Van Giang. The signing was done on Van Giang's 5-day official visit to India from November 24-28, 2019.

104) Whose name is set to be named after the under-construction 700 km Mumbai-Nagpur super communication Samruddhi expressway?

- 1) Bal Thackeray
- 2) Shanti Patel
- 3) Madhavrao Bagal
- 4) Apeksha Patil
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bal Thackeray

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, the Mumbai state cabinet Maharashtra minister Eknath Shinde has approved to name the under-construction Mumbai-Nagpur super communication Samruddhi expressway after Shiv Sena party founder late Bal Thackeray. The cabinet also approved an additional share capital of Rs.3,500 crores to reduce the burden of loan that will be raised for this project. This in turn will bring down the interest amount by Rs.2,500 crores. It is a 700-km super expressway, which is scheduled to be completed in 2021. This expressway is expected to cut down the travel time between Mumbai and Nagpur by than nine hours. Project Cost: The estimated total cost of the project is around ₹Rs.,335 crores.

105) India is set to reconstruct 11 heritage sites under Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) in which of the following country?

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

Answer – 3) Nepal

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 the Indian embassy of the govt of India has deployed Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) to provide consultancy services for Post-Earthquake reconstruction of 11 Cultural Heritage sites in Nepal. The agreement was signed between Dr. Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India and Dr. C.T. Mishra, Member Secretary of INTACH in Kathmandu, Nepal.

106) Which act will be amended by the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019?

- 1) Citizenship Act, 1955
- 2) Citizenship Act, 1945
- 3) Citizenship Act, 1935
- 4) Citizenship Act, 1965
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Citizenship Act, 1955

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind approved the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019. After his assent, the bill has changed into Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. This act amended Citizenship Act, 1955.

107) Which countries non-Muslims migrants will get citizenship if they migrated to India on or before December 31, 2014 as per the new Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019?

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

Answer – 2) Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind approved the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019. After his assent, the bill has changed into Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. This act amended Citizenship Act, 1955 by granting citizenship to undocumented non-Muslims migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who came to India on or before December 31, 2014.

108) After how many years, the migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan will receive the residence in India for citizenship by naturalization?

- 1) 4 years
- 2) 7 years
- 3) 10 years
- 4) 5 years
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 5 years

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind approved the Citizenship (Amendment) Bill, 2019. After his assent, the bill has changed into Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019. This act amended Citizenship Act, 1955 by granting citizenship to undocumented non-Muslims migrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan who came to India on or before December 31, 2014. The act will also relax the requirement of residence in India for citizenship by naturalisation from 11 years to 5 years for these migrants.

109) Which schedule of the Constitution states that tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura will not be affected with the Citizenship Amendment Act 2019?

- 1) Fourth
- 2) Second
- 3) Sixth
- 4) Fifth
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) sixth

Explanation:

Act excluded regions: The Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 will not be applicable to tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura as included in the sixth schedule of the Constitution.

110) Name the states that are protected by the Inner Line Permit (ILP) where, Citizenship Amendment Act 2019 can't be implemented?

- 1) Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya and Nagaland
- 3) Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Nagaland
- 4) Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya and Nagaland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland

Explanation:

The act will not be applicable to tribal areas of Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram and Tripura as included in the sixth schedule of the Constitution and States of Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur Mizoram and Nagaland that are protected by the Inner Line Permit (ILP). Citizens of other states should possess ILP to visit the four States (Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram and Nagaland) as per the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873.

111) Which of the following communities from three neighbouring countries (Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan) are only allowed to take up jobs, purchase land or settle down in India as per the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019?

- 1) Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and Zoroastrianism
- 2) Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Parsi, Jain and Sikh
- 3) Hindu, Buddhist, Christian and Jain
- 4) Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Islam, Jain and Sikh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Parsi, Jain and Sikh

Explanation:

As per the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 Illegal migrants other than the 6 communities which are Hindu, Buddhist, Christian, Parsi, Jain and Sikh from the three neighbouring countries (Bangladesh, Pakistan and Afghanistan) will not be able to take up jobs, purchase land or settle down in these areas.

112) Where will the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) with the theme 'Geosciences: The Basic Science for Sustainable Development' held?

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

Answer – 4) New Delhi, India

Explanation:

India is to host the 36th International Geological Congress (IGC) in New Delhi on the first week of March 2020. The theme of the conference is 'Geosciences: The Basic Science for Sustainable Development'. The event is to be organized by the Ministry of Mines.

113) ___ edition of the Economic Census, first digital census was launched in New Delhi recently?

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

Answer – **3) 7th**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 7th edition of the Economic Census was launched in New Delhi. To carry out the economic census, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI) tied up with Common Service Centres Network (CSCN). CSC is an SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) under Ministry of Electronics and IT(MeitY). It is for the first time the census is being conducted in digital platform named ICT (Information and Communication Technology).

114) What was the theme of the FICCI ARISE Conference 2019 that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – “Future Ready Learners and Schools”
- 2) Theme – “Schools of Future: Learners of Tomorrow”
- 3) Theme – “School Education 3.0; Student First”
- 4) Theme – “The Future now streaming”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Future Ready Learners and Schools”**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, Vice President of India, Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has inaugurated the 2-day FICCI ARISE Conference 2019 based on the theme ‘Future Ready Learners and Schools’ held at Dr. Ambedkar International center in New Delhi. It was organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) with the aim to collaborate the views from key stakeholders on achieving India’s vision of becoming a knowledge and human resource hub.

115) Where was the 1st meeting of the National Ganga Council held?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 3) Chandigarh, Haryana
- 4) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

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

Explanation:

On December 14, 2019 1st meeting of the National Ganga Council held in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh(UP). The aim of the council was to reinforce the importance of a ‘Ganga-centric’ approach in all departments of the concerned states as well as relevant Central Ministries. The council was responsible for superintendence of pollution prevention and rejuvenation of River Ganga Basin, including Ganga and its tributaries.

116) Who chaired the 1st meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh (UP)?

- 1) Nirmala Sitharaman
- 2) Amit Shah
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Narendra Modi

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Narendra Modi**

Explanation:

On December 14, 2019 the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi chaired the 1st meeting of the National Ganga Council in Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh(UP). The aim of the council was to reinforce the importance of a 'Ganga-centric' approach in all departments of the concerned states as well as relevant Central Ministries. The council was responsible for superintendence of pollution prevention and rejuvenation of River Ganga Basin, including Ganga and its tributaries.

117) How much capital was allocated to Namami Gange project for the year 2015-20 to the five states (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal)?

1) Rs. 20,000 crores

2) Rs. 10,000 crores

3) Rs. 15,000 crores

4) Rs. 5,000 crores

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs. 20,000 crores**

Explanation:

Rs.20,000 crores allocated: Various initiatives undertaken by the govt like Namami Gange project in 2014 were reiterated. The Central Government, for the 1st time made commitment of Rs. 20,000 crores for the period 2015-20 to the five states (Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, and West Bengal) through which Ganga passes, to ensure adequate and uninterrupted water flows in the river.

118) Which organization/ministry has decided to establish a Sustainable Development Cell (SDC) to promote environmentally sustainable coal mining in India?

1) Coal Mines Provident Fund Organisation

2) Coal Authority of India

3) Ministry of Coal

4) World Coal Association

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ministry of Coal**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, The Ministry of Coal has decided to create Sustainable Development Cell (SDC) with the aim to promote coal mining in an environmentally sustainable manner in India & to address environmental concerns during the decommissioning/closure of mines.

119) Where was the International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming Systems' for BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries held?

1) Dhaka, Bangladesh

2) New Delhi, India

3) Kathmandu, Nepal

4) Bangkok, Thailand

5) None of these

Answer – **2) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, a three day 'International Seminar on Climate Smart Farming Systems' for BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries began at the National Agricultural Science Centre (NASM) complex, in New Delhi.

120) What was the theme of the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue for the year 2019 that held in New Delhi?

- 1) Theme – “Indo-Pacific: Peace and Development in the Indian Ocean Rim”
- 2) Theme – “Indo-Pacific: Sustainable Development in the Indian Ocean Rim”
- 3) Theme – “Indo-Pacific: Economic Development in the Indian Ocean Rim”
- 4) Theme – “Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography”

Explanation:

The Ministry of External Affairs(MEA) hosted the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue and the 11th edition of the Delhi dialogue i.e., Delhi Dialogue XI in New Delhi from December 13-14, 2019. The 2019 theme for 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue was “Indo-Pacific: Re-imagining the Indian Ocean through an Expanded Geography”.

121) _____ edition of Delhi Dialogue with the theme “Advancing Partnership in Indo-Pacific” held in New Delhi from December 13-14, 2019?

- 1) 11th
- 2) 13th
- 3) 15th
- 4) 17th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 11th

Explanation:

Delhi Dialogue XI held in New Delhi from December 13-14, 2019. It was for the 1st time these two Track 1.5 dialogue (discussion involving officials and non-officials, business leaders, business organisations and all possible non diplomats of two states/countries) were held consecutively and on similar Indo-Pacific themes. The 2019 theme for the 11th Delhi Dialogue was “Advancing Partnership in Indo-Pacific”.

122) Name the organization that has partnered with National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to promote agriculture & farming systems research in New Delhi?

- 1) National Academy of Agricultural Sciences
- 2) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 3) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
- 4) National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to carry a research on agriculture & farming systems with active participation from farmers. The research will be of active participation on climate resilient practices, models and integrated and hi-tech farming practices in a participatory model. The aim of this MoU was to promote sustainable agriculture and climate resilient farming systems.

123) Which Organization has invoked the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) 2013, to increase the ceiling price of 21 medicines that are under DPCO price regulation by 50%?

- 1) Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)
- 2) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
- 3) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)

4) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)**

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), Government of India has invoked the Drug Price Control Order (DPCO) 2013, to increase the ceiling price of 21 medicines that are under DPCO price regulation by 50%. The revision has been made under Para 19 of DPCO 2013.

124) What was the theme of the 37th National Symposium of Heads of Police Training Institutions organized by Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in New Delhi?

1) Theme – “Promoting E-Learning for Police Training”

2) Theme – “Challenges in Teaching Technology to Adult Learners”

3) Theme – “Government funded resources available for E- Learning”

4) Theme – “Optimal Utilization of Resources-Through Sharing and Networking”

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “Optimal Utilization of Resources-Through Sharing and Networking”**

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, the 37th National Symposium of Heads of Police Training Institutions was organized by the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) in New Delhi. The theme of the symposium was ‘Optimal Utilization of Resources-Through Sharing and Networking’. The event was inaugurated by chief guest, Archana Ramasundaram, Member of Lokpal, Government of India.

125) Name the first Indian state to introduce ‘Trakea’, a unique barcoding software’ which helps to enable foolproof security of the samples collected in Forensic reports?

1) Haryana

2) Kerala

3) Maharashtra

4) Madhya Pradesh

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Haryana**

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, Haryana police have introduced a software named “Trakea” to enable foolproof security of the samples collected in Forensic reports. Haryana became the first State in the country to introduce this unique barcoding system. The software was developed by Amit Mishra, a software engineer who was in Bhondsi jail for 13 months imprisoned on the charge of killing his wife. Trakea has recently been bestowed with National SKOCH Police Silver Award at New Delhi.

126) Which organization has released a report titled “Digital States of India – A Comparative Analysis”?

1) Deloitte Consulting LLP

2) Gartner

3) Coeus Age

4) Gallup

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Coeus Age**

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019, research and consulting organization Coeus Age Consulting has released a report titled “Digital States of India – A Comparative Analysis”. The report which is a 2nd in series with the first report launched in 2017, is about mapping all the States and Union Territories(UT) of India on their policy and infrastructure readiness and mission mode project’s performance.

127) Which state has topped in the policy and infrastructure readiness, mission mode projects performance as per the Coeus Age report titled “Digital States of India – A Comparative Analysis”?

- 1) Chhattisgarh
- 2) Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Madhya Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Chhattisgarh

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019, research and consulting organization Coeus Age Consulting has released a report titled “Digital States of India – A Comparative Analysis”. The report which is a 2nd in series with the first report launched in 2017, is about mapping all the States and Union Territories(UT) of India on their policy and infrastructure readiness and mission mode project’s performance. As per the report’s mapping, Chhattisgarh has emerged as the top state. Chhattisgarh was followed by Maharashtra, Haryana, Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively. It is to be noted that 5th ranked Madhya Pradesh was ranked 1st in 2017.

128) Name the gram panchayat that topped in the 2019 rankings under Mission Antyodaya scheme?

- 1) Athirampuzha (Kerala)
- 2) Jangnapara (Meghalaya)
- 3) Bambhani (Gujarat)
- 4) Molugamboondi (Tamil Nadu)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Molugamboondi (Tamil Nadu)

Explanation:

On December 14, 2019, 2019 rankings on gram panchayats in the country, on implementation of development and infrastructure programmes under the Mission Antyodaya scheme was released. As per the ranking, Tamil Nadu’s (TN) Molugamboondi gram panchayat topped the ranking for the year 2019. Gujarat has most top 10 entries with 99 gram panchayats in the list. The rankings in detail are as follows: Bambhaniya GP of Bhavnagar in Gujarat ranked second on the list while four more Gujarat panchayats were tied for third ranks. One in Maharashtra, two each of Punjab and Tamil Nadu, and five Gujarat panchayats were tied at fourth ranking.

129) Which organization has organized the “Steeling India- 2019: Driving metal intensity in key sectors”?

- 1) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- 2) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 3) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)

Explanation:

On 16th December 2019, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) organized the “Steeling India- 2019: Driving metal intensity in key sectors”. Dharmendra Pradhan, Union Minister for Steel and Petroleum & Natural Gas participated in the event. The event aims to expand the economic activity in the implementation of government schemes and to promote drive steel usage in rural areas.

130) Name the campaign launched in India to increase the appropriate usage of steel in India?

- 1) Da Da Ding
- 2) MAI DIL HUA BACCHE
- 3) ISAPTI IRADA
- 4) JAANE KYA DIKH JAAYE
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) ISAPTI IRADA**

Explanation:

Dharmendra Pradhan also discussed about “ISAPTI IRADA” at the event. It is a campaign that aims to increase the appropriate usage of steel in India thereby bringing more strength to the society.

131) Who is the brand ambassador of the “ISAPTI IRADA”?

- 1) P.V Sindhu
- 2) Geeta Phogat
- 3) Dutee Chand
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) P.V Sindhu**

Explanation:

P.V Sindhu, Indian Shuttle player is the brand ambassador of the Isapti Irada.

132) Name the program that was launched with an aim to make public spaces, friendly for persons with disabilities?

- 1) Indian Sign Language Research and Training Campaign (ISLRTC)
- 2) Disabled Support Campaign (DSC)
- 3) Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Campaign (DDRC)
- 4) Accessible India Campaign
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Accessible India Campaign**

Explanation:

Accessible India Campaign is a program that aims to make public spaces friendly for persons with disabilities. It is also known as Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan.

133) Which month is set as deadline by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (MoSJE) for Accessible India Campaign or Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan?

- 1) May 2020
- 2) March 2020
- 3) January 2020
- 4) April 2020
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) March 2020**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 the ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment(MoSJE) has announced to extend the deadline of Accessible India Campaign to March 2020 due to its slowed progress. The decision in this regard was taken by the Central Advisory Board(CAB) chaired by social justice and empowerment minister Shri Thawar Chand Gehlot. Accessible India Campaign is a program that aims to make public spaces friendly for persons with disabilities.

134) Which scheme was modified to boost the productivity of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector through access to credit at reduced cost?

- 1) Coir Vikas Yojana (CVY)
- 2) Credit Linked Capital Subsidy Scheme
- 3) Interest Subvention Scheme
- 4) Grievance Monitoring Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Interest Subvention Scheme

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, In a bid to boost the productivity of small enterprises, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) & Road Transport & Highways, has approved changes to operational guidelines of the interest subvention scheme for MSMEs.

135) UAN was in news recently, What does 'U' stands for?

- 1) Udyog
- 2) Unique
- 3) Upgradation
- 4) Udan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Udyog

Explanation:

U stands for Udyog in UAN. The full form of UAN is Udyog Aadhar Number (UAN).

136) When the claim will be settled on basis of internal or concurrent auditor's certificate and on submission of certificate of statutory auditor after modifying the Interest Subvention Scheme?

- 1) January 15, 2020
- 2) January 30, 2020
- 3) June 15, 2020
- 4) June 30, 2020
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) June 30, 2020

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, In a bid to boost the productivity of small enterprises, Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) & Road Transport & Highways, has approved changes to operational guidelines of the interest subvention scheme for MSMEs. As per the changes made in the scheme, the claim will be settled once by June 30, 2020 on the basis of internal or concurrent auditor's certificate and on submission of certificate of statutory auditor.

137) Which state celebrated the 16th edition of the State-level Orange Festival on December 16, 2019?

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

Answer – 2) Manipur

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, the 16th edition of the State-level Orange Festival began at Manipur. The 3-day festival which will be held until 18, 2019 was inaugurated by Manipur's Chief Minister (CM) Shri Nongthombam Biren Singh at district headquarters Tamenglong. The festival is conducted annually by

the Manipur govt under the sponsorship of North Eastern Council(NEC), to promote the fruit and encourage its growers.

138) The 95th edition of 'Tansen Samaroh' for the year 2019 held in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh (MP), it is associated with which art form?

- 1) Singing
- 2) Painting
- 3) Classical Music
- 4) Dance
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Classical Music**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 A 5-day long 95th edition of Popular classical music festival 'Tansen Samaroh 2019', has commenced in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh(MP) with Harikatha and Milad. The festival is an annual celebration (started in 1924) in memory of Mian Tansen, a prominent 16-century Indian classical music composer, musician and vocalist.

139) Who was conferred with the National Tansen Samman Award for the year 2019?

- 1) Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas
- 2) Shounak Abhisheki
- 3) Rajeshwar Acharya
- 4) Jitendra Abhisheki
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas**

Explanation:

The Madhya Pradesh Government has conferred the annual Tansen Samman for the year 2019 upon Pandit Vidyadhar Vyas (75), an Indian Hindustani vocalist, and a contemporary exponent of the Paluskar style of North Indian classical singing. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh and is given to outstanding exponents of Hindustani classical music.

140) Which act was amended by the Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019, that received President's approval recently?

- 1) Arms Act 1949
- 2) Arms Act 1939
- 3) Arms Act 1929
- 4) Arms Act 1959
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Arms Act 1959**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 the president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind approved the Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2019. After his assent, the bill became an act with effect from December 14, 2019. The act aims to provide effective deterrence against violation of law. The act has amended Arms Act 1959.

141) What is the enhanced license period of Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019?

- 1) 12 years
- 2) 5 years
- 3) 7 years
- 4) 10 years
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 5 years**

Explanation:

The Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019 will enhance the period of arms license from 3 years to 5 years and also to issue arms license in its electronic form to prevent forgery.

142) How many guns can an individual possess as per the Arms (Amendment) Act, 2019?

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

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 the president of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind approved the Arms (Amendment) Bill, 2019. After his assent, the bill became an act with effect from December 14, 2019. According to the act, in addition to the limit of two guns being allowed, individuals would be allowed to retain ancestral guns in a deactivated state. Thus, ancestral guns may be kept as a demo gun that it must not be in a condition to fire.

143) Which state police were honoured with 'President's colours' and became the 7th to receive the honour?

- 1) Gujarat
 - 2) West Bengal
 - 3) Tamil Nadu
 - 4) Uttar Pradesh
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) Gujarat**

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019 the state police of Gujarat were honoured with 'President's colours'. The Gujarat police were presented with the President's colours by Vice President of India Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. They were presented the president's colours for their outstanding services.

144) Which organization has organized the 9th edition of Global Sports Summit 'TURF - 2019'?

- 1) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
 - 2) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
 - 3) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
 - 4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry), an association of business organizations in India, has organized the 9th edition of Global Sports Summit 'TURF 2019' & India sports awards 2019 at the FICCI Federation house in New Delhi. Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Kiran Rijiju was the chief guest of the event.

145) Name the mission launched by Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad to engage all the people in digital communication infrastructure?

- 1) National Communication Mission (NCM)
- 2) National Broadband Mission (NBM)
- 3) National Digital Mission (NDM)
- 4) National Digital Communication Mission (NDM)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Broadband Mission (NBM)**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 The Minister for Communications, Law & Justice and Electronics and Information Technology(IT), Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad launched National Broadband Mission (NBM) in New Delhi. The mission's aim is to enable all the people to engage in digital communication infrastructure. The minister also launched logo of NBM and a booklet on the occasion.

146) What is the target year set by the government of India to provide broadband access to all villages under National Broadband Mission (NBM)?

1) 2022

2) 2023

3) 2025

4) 2030

5) None of these

Answer – **1) 2022**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 The Minister for Communications, Law & Justice and Electronics and Information Technology(IT), Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad launched National Broadband Mission (NBM) in New Delhi. The Mission has set a target to provide Broadband access to all villages by 2022.

147) How much monthly GST (Goods and Services Tax) target was set by the Ministry of Finance (MoF) for the remaining four months (December 2019 to March 2020) of the fiscal year (FY 2019-20)?

1) Rs 1.3 trillion

2) Rs 1.5 trillion

3) Rs 1.6 trillion

4) Rs 1.1 trillion

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rs 1.1 trillion**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019, the Ministry of Finance(MoF) has set Rs 1.1 trillion monthly GST (Goods and Services Tax) target for the remaining four months of the fiscal year (FY 2019-20) and asked tax officials to step up efforts to achieve the goal. The announcement was made in a meeting amid government may fall short of tax collection target in a slowing economy.

148) Name the certificate, that is mandatory for recycling the ships in India as per the Recycling of Ships Act, 2019?

1) 'Certificate for Recycling'

2) 'Ready for Instant Recycling Certificate'

3) 'Ready for Recycling Certificate'

4) 'Certificate for Recycling in India'

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 'Ready for Recycling Certificate'**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind approved the Recycling of Ships Bill, 2019. After his assent the bill became an Act with effect from December 13, 2019. Ships to be recycled in India will need to obtain a 'Ready for Recycling Certificate' in accordance with the Hong Kong Convention. In this regard, a large number of recycling plots, especially at Alang, Gujarat, have obtained Statement of Compliance (SOC) with the Hong Kong Convention.

149) Which country's National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) has signed a MoU with Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), India to establish a framework for promoting and supporting scientific and technological research by cooperation?

- 1) Russia
- 2) France
- 3) United States
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) France

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), India and the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), France has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a framework for promoting and supporting scientific and technological research by cooperation. CSIR and CNRS have had long standing relations since 1975. MoU signing: The MoU was signed by Director General(DG) of CSIR, Dr. Shekhar C Mande and President and CEO of CNRS France, Prof Antoine Petit.

150) Where was the foundation stone of 'Bharat Vandana Park' worth Rs.550 crores laid by Amit Shah?

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

Answer – 1) Dwarka, New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs (MHA) presided over in the ceremony to lay foundation stone for the Bharat Vandana Park, Dwarka, New Delhi in the presence of Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri, Lieutenant Governor (LG) Anil Baijal, Member of parliament (MP) Parvesh Verma and Delhi BJP chief Manoj Tiwari at New Delhi. The park will be a major tourist attraction covering an area of 200 acres at a cost of Rs.550 crores, the park is located near the Indira Gandhi International Airport and metro station. The park is to be developed by Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and will be completed by March 2022.

151) Name the National Outreach Program, launched by Anup Wadhawan & Chairman of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) to bring more local sellers on-board?

- 1) GeM Adarsh
- 2) GeM Suraksha
- 3) GeM Shram
- 4) GeM Samvaad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) GeM Samvaad

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019, Anup Wadhawan, Secretary of Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India (GoI) and Chairman of Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has launched the national outreach program 'GeM Samvaad' in New Delhi. The program will be held from 19, December 2019 -17, February 2020 with the participation of stakeholders across the country and with local vendors to facilitate on-boarding of local vendors on the market. The market through GeM Samvaad aims to get feedback from users which will be used to improve the system.

152) Where did Minister of External Affairs (MEA) Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar co-chaired the 6th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) between India and Maldives?

- 1) Mumbai, India
- 2) Mula, Maldives
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Malé, Maldives
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) New Delhi, India**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 Minister of External Affairs(MEA) Dr. Subrahmanyam Jaishankar and Maldives Foreign Minister Abdulla Shahid co-chaired the 6th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) between India and Maldives in New Delhi. The meeting was held on part of Abdulla Shahid's 5 day (December 10-14) official visit to India. The meeting was held after a gap of 4 years.

153) How many Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)'s were signed between India and Maldives during their 6th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) in New Delhi?

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

Answer – **2) 3**

Explanation:

India and Maldives signed 3 Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)'s during the 6th Joint Commission Meeting (JCM) in New Delhi. They are as follows:

Sl.No	MoU signed Field	Indian side MoU signing
1	Cooperation between the election commissions of India and Maldives.	Shri Chandra Bhushan Kumar, Deputy Election Commissioner(EC)
2	Cooperation between their Financial Intelligence Units(FIU) of India and Maldives.	Shri Pankaj Kumar Mishra, Director of FIU
3	Instrument of Ratification(also MoU) for the treaty on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters of India and Maldives.	Ambassador of India in Maldives, Shri Sunjay Sudhir

154) Which plant is set to be destroyed using drones by Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)?

- 1) Marijuana Plantations
- 2) White Widow Plantations
- 3) Quebec Gold Plantations
- 4) Nederwiet Plantations
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Marijuana Plantations**

Explanation:

On 18th December 2019, The central Government has decided to deploy drones to destroy marijuana plantations before it reaches the hands of the drug cartels. The decision has been taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). The Centre has planned to use satellites to detect marijuana crops and then the crops will be destroyed by the drones by spraying chemicals.

155) Telecom Operators are directed to pay, how much Interconnect Usage Charge (IUC) per minute for mobile calls made on competitors' networks till 31 December 2020?

- 1) 8 paise per minute
- 2) 10 paise per minute
- 3) 4 paise per minute
- 4) 6 paise per minute
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 6 paise per minute

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has decided to make other telecom operators continue to pay 6 paise per minute for every outgoing call till 31st December 2020. The rate was reduced from 14 paise to 6 paise from 1st October 2017 and it was to become zero from 1st January 2020. From 1st January 2021 the charges of wireless to wireless calls will be made zero as proposed by TRAI.

156) Name the programme, that was launched to skill IT (Information Technology) professionals in new technologies?

- 1) Future Reskilling PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability)
- 2) Future Skills PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability)
- 3) Future UpSkills PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability)
- 4) Future Employability PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Future Skills PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability)

Explanation:

On 18th December 2019, the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has approved Rs.436 crore for Future Skills PRIME (Programme for Reskilling/Upskilling of IT Manpower for Employability) over a period of three years. The program aims to skill 412,000 IT (Information Technology) professionals in new technologies. The training will be executed by the Ministry of Electronics, IT and Nasscom.

157) Under which scheme government of India, aims to construct 1,25,000 km of roads with an estimated cost of about 80,250 crores rupees for the period of 2019-20 to 2024-25?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Sahaj Bijli Har Ghar Yojana (PMSBHGY)
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of Rural Development, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare & Panchayati Raj, has launched Phase III of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) in New Delhi. The launching event was held on the side lines of the National Workshop on PMGSY organised by the Ministry of Rural Development. Under this phase, the central Government aims to construct 1,25,000 km of roads with an estimated cost of about 80,250 crores rupees (Central Share of Rs. 53,800 crores) for the period 2019-20 – 2024-25.

158) Which state has recently set up its 1st Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at an estimated cost of Rs 1550 crores that will boost Agro-Based Food Processing industries?

- 1) Tripura in Paschim Jalefa, Sabroom
- 2) Mizoram in Chhipphir, Lunglei

- 3) Assam in Mushalpur, Baksa
- 4) Nagaland in Ongpangkong, Mokokchung
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Tripura in Paschim Jalefa, Sabroom**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoCI) has announced the setting up of 1st Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Tripura at an estimated cost of Rs 1550 crores. The SEZ is being set up in Paschim Jalefa, Sabroom of South Tripura District and is 130 kilometers away from Agartala, the capital city. The SEZ will be a boost for Agro-Based Food Processing.

159) Supreme Court (SC) has formed a Judge Committee, to speed up the disposal process of rape cases in India. How many members are there in the committee?

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

Answer – **3) 2**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, The Supreme Court (SC) has formed two-Judge Committee to speed up the disposal process of rape cases across the country. The cases will be monitored by the panel to make the process fast and well organized. The panel was announced by Sharad Arvind Bobde, Chief justice of India. It comprises Justice Subhash Reddy and Justice MR Shah.

160) What is the target year set by the government of India after extension for Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) scheme on December 18, 2019?

- 1) 2027
- 2) 2022
- 3) 2030
- 4) 2025
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2022**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 the centre has decided to extend the mission period of its flagship initiative Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) for urban renewal from 2020 to 2022. The extension was made, as the previously set targets were unable to be met in 500 cities of the country. The initiative promises to provide 139 lakh water connections by March 2020, 145 lakh sewer connections, storm water drainage projects, parks and green spaces and LED (Light Emitting Diodes) streetlights. The total outlay for this initiative is Rs 77,640 crore (including central assistance of Rs 35,990).

161) Which of the following countries are included in the Indo-Pacific policy as per the decision taken in 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue held in New Delhi?

- 1) Asia and Europe
- 2) Gulf states and Asia
- 3) Gulf states and Oceania
- 4) Gulf states and Africa
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Gulf states and Africa**

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019 India has increased the area covered by its Indo-Pacific policy. It was announced by Minister of External Affairs (MEA) in his address at the 6th Indian Ocean Dialogue held

in New Delhi. This has been done to include western Indian Ocean and Arabian Sea. With this, the Indian partnership in the Indo-Pacific region which includes the Quad, ASEAN, and Western Indian Ocean, will additionally include Gulf states and Africa.

162) Who chaired the 38th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council Meeting in New Delhi?

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

Answer – **1) Nirmala Sitharaman**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman has chaired the 38th Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council Meeting in New Delhi. The meeting was also attended by the Union Minister of State for Finance & Corporate Affairs Shri Anurag Thakur besides Finance Ministers of States & UTs and senior officers of Ministry of Finance.

163) How much percent of goods and services tax (GST) was levied on lottery?

- 1) 18%
- 2) 5%
- 3) 28%
- 4) 12%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 28%**

Explanation:

The GST council has decided to levy uniform tax on lottery will be effective from March 01, 2020 at 28%. At present, there are 2 types of taxation on lottery i.e GST is levied at the rate of 12 % on the sale of the state lottery and 28 % on the sale outside the state.

164) What is the new goods and services tax (GST) levied on woven and non-woven bags from 1 March 2020?

- 1) 5%
- 2) 18%
- 3) 28%
- 4) 12%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 18%**

Explanation:

The Council also rationalized tax rate to 18 % (from 12%) on bags belonging to HSN code 3923/6305 (woven and non-woven bags and sacks of polythene or polypropylene strips or the like, whether or not laminated, of a kind used for packing of goods including Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers-FIBC). It will be effective from 1 January 2020.

165) Where was the India's first 'Vaccination On Wheels'(VOW) Clinic launched by IIT Hyderabad's Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) fellow Mr. Jignesh Patel in collaboration with Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation?

- 1) Guwahati, Assam
- 2) Pune, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Kolkata, West Bengal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Pune, Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019, In collaboration with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), Jignesh Patel, a fellow at the Center for Healthcare Entrepreneurship (CfHE) at IIT(Indian Institutes of Technology) Hyderabad (Telangana), has launched India's 1st 'Vaccination On Wheels'(VOW) Clinic in Pune, Maharashtra.

166) Name the large scale anti-hijacking exercise conducted by Indian Navy in association with Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Cochin Port Trust in Kochi coast, Kerala?

- 1) Talwar
- 2) Tropex
- 3) Slinex
- 4) Apharan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Apharan**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 the Indian Navy(IN), Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and the Cochin Port Trust conducted large scale anti-hijacking exercise codenamed "Apharan" off Kochi coast of Kerala. More than 12 ships and helicopters of IN, ICG, and Cochin port trust participated in the exercise. Aim: The aim of the exercise was to provide a response mechanism/ preparedness to thwart any attempt by rogue elements to hijack a vessel or attempted forced entry into the Kochi harbour.

167) Where was the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) regional level pollution response exercise named 'Swachhh Samundra NW-2019' held?

- 1) Gulf of Kutch (GoK), Gujarat
- 2) Ratnagiri, Maharashtra
- 3) Gulf of Khambhat (GoK), Gujarat
- 4) Malvan, Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Gulf of Kutch(GoK), Gujarat**

Explanation:

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) conducted a 2-day regional level pollution response exercise named 'Swachhh Samundra NW-2019' at sea off Vadinar in Gulf of Kutch(GoK), Gujarat. The exercise was conducted from December 17-18, 2019. The aim of the exercise was to create a response mechanism by ICG, by taking actions for oil pollution incidents. The exercise focused on combating marine oil spill in the region, exercising reporting procedures, testing of communication links, threat assessment and deployment of pollution response equipment.

168) Who was awarded with SAR (Search and Rescue) Award for Fisherman during the 18th National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) meeting 2019?

- 1) D. Pauly
- 2) E. Vivekanandan
- 3) Anand A Ambhire
- 4) Devraj.M
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Anand A Ambhire**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, Indian Coast Guard (ICG), an armed force that protects India's maritime interests, has organised the 18th National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB) meeting 2019 in New Delhi. The meet, chaired by K Natarajan -Director General (DG) of Indian Coast Guard and Chairman NMSARB, saw the discussion over policy issues, formulation of guidelines & procedures and assess the efficacy of National Search and Rescue Plan.

S.No	Award name	Won by
1	SAR Award for Merchant Vessel (MV) for the year 2018-19	MV Asia Emerald III (It saved 6 lives from a distressed fishing boat)
2	SAR Award for Fisherman	Anand A Ambhire from Maharashtra (for saving 11 lives from a sinking fishing boat)
3	SAR Award for Government Owned SAR Unit	ICG Ships (ICGS) Sujoy & ICGS Vikram (for saving 46 lives from ROSV Sagar Sampada off New Mangalore)

169) What is the target year set by Ministry of Jal Shakti to achieve 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd)?

- 1) 2027
- 2) 2024
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2022
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2024**

On December 14, 2019 the Ministry of Jal Shakti, submitted its data on water supply and usage by the people in the country. As per the data, nearly 3 lakh rural habitations in the country were deprived of the govt's minimum prescribed provision of 40 litre per capita per day (lpcd) of potable quality drinking water. The aim of the Jal ministry is to achieve 55 lpcd by 2024.

170) Which University has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Rail Transport Institute (NRTI), Ministry of Railways (MoR) to set up 1st Centre of Excellence for Next Generation Transportation Systems?

- 1) University of Worcester, England
- 2) University of Bristol, England
- 3) Newman University, England
- 4) University of Birmingham, England
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) University of Birmingham, England**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 The National Rail Transport Institute(NRTI), deemed to be a university under the Ministry of Railways (MoR) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Birmingham, (England) in New Delhi. The MoU was to set up 1st Centre of Excellence for Next Generation Transportation Systems. Indian Railways(IR) is a founding partner of this centre. As a founding partner, IR will provide data, professional expertise, spare equipment and other available resources directly or through its Centralised Training Institutes and research organisations.

171) Name the first country, that has recognized Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP) recently?

- 1) Afghanistan
- 2) Israel
- 3) Iraq
- 4) Syria
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Afghanistan**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, The National Department of Regulation of Medicines and Health Products of the Ministry of Public Health of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan has formally recognized Indian Pharmacopoeia (IP), an official book of standards for drugs manufactured & marketed in India in terms of their identity, purity and strength. With this, Afghanistan has become the 1st nation to recognize IP, which is published by the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) on behalf of the Department of Commerce, and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

172) Name the Prime Minister of Portugal, who visited India recently?

- 1) Hubert Minnis
- 2) Novruz Mammadov
- 3) António Luís Santos da Costa
- 4) Nikol Pashinyan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) António Luís Santos da Costa**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of Portugal, António Luís Santos da Costa, visited India from December 19-20, 2019 on the invitation by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

173) Who presided the 2nd meeting of National Committee for Commemoration of the 150th Birth anniversary (October 2) of Mahatma Gandhi 'Gandhi@150' in New Delhi?

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

Answer – **2) Ram Nath Kovind**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 the President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind presided the 2nd meeting of National Committee for Commemoration of the 150th Birth anniversary (October 2) of Mahatma Gandhi 'Gandhi@150' which was held in New Delhi.

174) Which country has announced its 1st edition of "Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize" to animal welfare to perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's ideals?

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

Answer – **4) Portugal**

Explanation:

The Prime Minister of Portugal, António Luís Santos da Costa, announced the Portuguese govt's launch of Gandhi Citizenship Education Prize to perpetuate Mahatma Gandhi's ideals. The announced prize will be given annually. 1st edition of the prize will be awarded to animal welfare. The decision to award animal welfare in 1st edition was taken considering the view of Mahatma Gandhi that a nation is judged based on how its animals are treated. It is to be noted that António Costa is the only foreign Prime Minister to be a part of the National committee.

175) OCI was in news recently, what does 'O' stands for _____?

- 1) Overseas
- 2) Overage
- 3) Overall

4) Over Countries

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Overseas**

Explanation:

O stands for Overseas in OCI. The full form of OCI is Overseas Citizenship of India.

176) Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has relaxed certain guidelines for reissuing of Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) card till June 30, 2020 for the people on which of the following age group?

a) Below 20

b) Above 20 & Below 50

c) Above 50

1) Only a

2) Only b

3) Both a & c

4) Both a & b

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Both a & c**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), relaxed certain guidelines for Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI). The relaxation is for reissuing of passport for those people aged below 20 years and those aged above 50 years. The relaxation which is temporary has been granted till June 30, 2020.

177) Name the programme launched by Prof. Krishnasamy VijayRaghavan in New Delhi, to bring citizens, govt etc to solve problems in the areas of research knowledge, and awareness of Indian ecology and the environment?

1) Solve Network

2) EChO Network

3) Research Network

4) Aware Network

5) None of these

Answer – **2) EChO Network**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 Prof. Krishnasamy VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Govt of India launched a national program called “EChO Network” in New Delhi. The EChO network provides a template for cross-disciplinary leadership in India. The purpose of this programme is to bring citizens, govt etc to solve problems in the areas of research knowledge, and awareness of Indian ecology and the environment.

178) What was the theme of the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) that held in New Delhi?

1) Theme: Communications as a Decisive Catalyst for Jointness

2) Theme: Stakeholders for a Cohesive and Sustainable World

3) Theme: Economic growth and innovative future for India's economy

4) Theme: New India Aspiring for 5 trillion USD

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme: New India Aspiring for 5 trillion USD**

Explanation:

PM Modi addressed the annual meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) in New Delhi. This is to celebrate the 100 years of ASSOCHAM. Theme: New India Aspiring for 5 trillion USD PM target's to achieve 5 Trillion Dollar Economy in upcoming days. He also

said that the corporate tax was the lowest ever since this time and this will boost the economic growth in the country. He also spoke about the Labor Reforms and sweeping reforms in the Banking Sector to make it more transparent and profitable.

179) Which tech giant has partnered with NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) to launch 'Future Skills' platform to train 10,000 engineering students in artificial intelligence (AI), big data, cloud computing, cyber security and internet of things (IoT)?

- 1) Wipro
- 2) Infosys
- 3) Google
- 4) Microsoft
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Wipro**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Software major Wipro has partnered with Indian IT (Information Technology) industry apex body, NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) to launch 'Future Skills' platform to train 10,000 students from over 20 engineering colleges in India with new age technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI), big data, cloud computing, cyber security and internet of things (IoT).

180) Chabahar Agreement, which was seen in news recently was associated with which countries?

- 1) Bangladesh, India and Pakistan
- 2) India, Bangladesh and Iran
- 3) India, Afghanistan and Iran
- 4) India, Afghanistan and Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India, Afghanistan and Iran**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, the 2nd meeting of the Follow-up Committee for implementing trilateral Chabahar Agreement between India, Afghanistan and Iran was held in New Delhi. The meeting was held at the level of Joint Secretary/ Director General.

181) Mormugoa and New Mangalore Port from India was included as part of designated route under the Chabahar Agreement. Mormugoa and New Mangalore Port is located in which state?

- 1) Goa and Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Goa and Karnataka
- 3) Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh
- 4) Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Goa and Karnataka**

Explanation:

During the meeting, it was agreed to include Mormugao(Goa) and New Mangalore Port(Karnataka) from India in addition to JNPT (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust), Mundra(Gujarat), Kandla(Gujarat) and Cochin(Kerala) ports as part of designated route under the Chabahar Agreement.

182) Name the state, that topped the list for organising Fit India Week in schools?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 2) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Karnataka

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Andhra Pradesh (AP)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 Andhra Pradesh(AP) topped the list for organising Fit India Week in schools. So far, AP has organised the Fit India Week in 13,839 schools. AP was followed by Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh ranked 2nd & 3rd by organising the programme in 1,967 and 1,504 schools respectively. Overall the programme was organised in 26,845 schools. 21,344 schools obtained the Fit India Flag. Again AP topped the list obtaining 8,117 flags. It was followed by Karnataka in the second rank.

183) What was the theme of the 92nd Annual Convention of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) that held in New Delhi?

1) Theme – “Economic growth and innovative future for India’s economy”

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

3) Theme – “India: Roadmap to a \$5 trillion economy”

4) Theme – “Advancing Partnership for Sustainability”

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Theme – “India: Roadmap to a \$5 trillion economy”**

Explanation:

The 92nd Annual Convention of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) was conducted in New Delhi from December 20-21, 2019. The Union Minister for Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan addressed the 92nd convention. The theme for the year 2019 was “India: Roadmap to a \$5 trillion economy”.

184) Where was the Second National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration held?

1) New Delhi, Delhi

2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

3) Kolkata, West Bengal

4) Guwahati, Assam

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation:

The Second National Conference on Uniformed Women in Prisons Administration was held at Central Academy for Police Training on 19-20 December 2019 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. The conference was inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai. The Madhya Pradesh Jail Department along with the Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) of New Delhi organized the conference.

185) Under which fund, Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoW&CD) has approved projects worth Rs 7,000 crore including setting up of 1023 fast-track courts?

1) SWADHAR Greh Fund

2) Mahila e-Haat Fund

3) Nirbhaya fund

4) Training and Employment Programme Fund

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Nirbhaya fund**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 the Ministry of Women and Child Development (MoW&CD) has announced the approval of projects worth Rs 7,000 crore including setting up of 1023 fast-track courts under Nirbhaya fund. These courts were decided to be set up in order to provide speedy trials of over 1.66 lakh pending cases of crime against women and children in India.

186) To which country, India has granted Rs 2.2 crore for construction of Girls' Hostel for its Armed Police Force (APF) School?

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

Answer – **1) Nepal**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019, The Government of India (GoI) has granted Rs 2.2 crore (40.42 million Nepali Rupees) for construction of Girls' Hostel for Nepal Armed Police Force (APF) School in Kirtipur, Kathmandu. The construction project was implemented by Nepal APF. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Dr Ajay Kumar, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of India, Ramsharan Paudel, Assistant Inspector General, Armed Police Force, Nepal, and others.

187) Which state government has signed 1st tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) with department of fisheries and NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) for implementation of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund (FIDF)?

- 1) Assam
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019 the department of fisheries of govt. of India, NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) and the govt. of Tamil Nadu (TN) has signed the 1st tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for implementation of Fisheries and Aquaculture Development Fund (FIDF). The total outlay of the fund is Rs. 7522.48 crores. The FIDF will provide finance to the eligible entities, cooperatives, individuals and entrepreneurs for development of identified fisheries infrastructure.

188) How many fishing harbours will be developed in Tamil Nadu(TN) with an outlay of Rs 420 crore from NABARD under the 1st tripartite Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)?

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

Answer – **1) Three**

Explanation:

420 crore approval by govt: Initial concessional finance of Rs 420 crore from NABARD will be availed by the TN govt. under the the 1st tripartite agreement. Under this initial concession, 3 fishing harbours will be developed in TN. They include Tharangampadi (Tranquebar) in Nagapattinam District, Thiruvottriyur Kuppam in Thiruvallur District and Mudhunagar in Cuddalore District. These fishing harbours will augment fish production, create employment opportunities etc.

189) Name the Scheme launched by government of India in 2015 to improve farm productivity & to improve on-farm water use efficiency through a number of measures such as Micro-Irrigation (MI)?

- 1) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY)
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

- 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PMSYM)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019 the website of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) (<https://pmksy.gov.in>) released the data on states with coverage of area under micro-irrigation (MI) for the year 2019.

190) Which state government, topped the list in coverage under micro-irrigation for 2019?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 2) Tamil Nadu (TN)
- 3) West Bengal (WB)
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tamil Nadu (TN)**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019 the website of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) (<https://pmksy.gov.in>) released the data on states with coverage of area under micro-irrigation (MI) for the year 2019. As per the data, Tamil Nadu(TN) topped the list in coverage under micro-irrigation. Out of the 3.64 lakh hectares brought under MI, TN accounts for around 1.39 lakh hectares, i.e., 38% of the total coverage in the country.

191) Where was the 1st Annual Meet of State Nodal Agencies for National Green Corps (NGC) “Ecoclub” programme held?

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

Answer – **1) Kevadia, Gujarat**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, The Ministry’s Environment Education Division & GEER (Gujarat Ecological Education and Research) Foundation, have jointly organized the 1st Annual Meet of the State Nodal Agencies implementing the National Green Corps (NGC) ‘Ecoclub’ programme of the Ministry of the Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) in Kevadia, Gujarat from December 20- 21,2019. The meet also witnessed the releasing of books namely ‘Glimpses of Ecoclubs’, a handbook on International Environment Conventions and Programmes & Handbook on Important Days of Environmental significance.

192) Find the “Silver Line” project that received Ministry of Railways approval recently?

- 1) Baruipur - Lakshmikantapur - Namkhana in West Bengal
- 2) Ghaziabad-Meerut-Khatauli(Muzaffarnagar) in Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Thiruvananthapuram – Kasaragod in Kerala
- 4) Tindivanam-Gingee-Tiruvannamalai in Kerala
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Thiruvananthapuram – Kasaragod in Kerala**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, As per the order was issued by the Ministry of Railways , the Central Government has gave its approval for Rs 56,443 crore worth of 532 km Thiruvananthapuram – Kasaragod in Kerala semi-high speed rail (SHSR) corridor project, named “Silver Line” project. This

high speed corridor project will be implemented by Kerala Rail Development Corporation (KRDCL), a joint venture between the Government of Kerala and the Ministry of Railways.

193) Name the resolution that was adopted during the Regional Conference on 'Improving Public Service Delivery – Role of Governments' that emphasis Minimum Government, Maximum Governance to promote transparency, citizen centricity and participation?

- 1) Sikkim Resolution -A Holistic approach for empowering citizens
- 2) Jammu Resolution -A Holistic approach for empowering citizens
- 3) Ladakh Resolution -A Holistic approach for empowering citizens
- 4) Nagpur Resolution -A Holistic approach for empowering citizens
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Nagpur Resolution -A Holistic approach for empowering citizens

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019 the 'Nagpur Resolution -A Holistic approach for empowering citizens' which is an approach to empower citizens, was adopted during the 2-day organised Regional Conference on 'Improving Public Service Delivery – Role of Governments', in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The conference was organised by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) along with Maharashtra govt and the Maharashtra State Commission for Right to Public Services' collaboration. [Click here to read more about the resolution.](#)

194) Based on how many sectors, States/UT were ranked in the first edition of Good Governance Index (GGI)?

- 1) 12 Sectors
- 2) 10 Sectors
- 3) 15 Sectors
- 4) 18 Sectors
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 10 Sectors

Explanation:

The GGI is also ranked based on ten sectors which are measured by 50 indicators. The 10 sectors are Agriculture and Allied Sectors; Commerce & Industries; Human Resource Development; Public Health; Public Infrastructure & Utilities; Economic Governance; Social Welfare & Development; Judicial & Public Security; Environment and Citizen-Centric Governance.

195) Which state topped in the 'first edition of Good Governance Index (GGI)' under the "Big States Category"?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Tamil Nadu
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019, the Minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and MoS for Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space Dr Jitendra Singh launched the 'Good Governance Index' (GGI) in New Delhi. Tamil Nadu (TN) won the 1st position in the composite ranking for good governance index (GGI) under Big States Category. TN was followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana and Kerala in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th place respectively. Other top ranked big states: the states following Kerala are Madhya Pradesh(9th), West Bengal(10th), Telangana (11th), Rajasthan (12th), Punjab (13th), Orissa (14th), Bihar (15th), Goa (16th), Uttar Pradesh (17th) and Jharkhand (18)

196) Find the Union Territory, that topped among the other Union Territories in the 'first edition of Good Governance Index (GGI)'?

- 1) Daman and Diu
- 2) Delhi
- 3) Puducherry
- 4) Chandigarh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Puducherry

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019, the Minister of State (MoS- Independent Charge) for the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) and MoS for Prime Minister's Office; Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space Dr Jitendra Singh launched the 'Good Governance Index' (GGI) in New Delhi. Union Territories: Among the UTs, Puducherry topped the list. It was followed by Chandigarh(2nd), Delhi (3rd), Daman and Diu(4th), Andaman and Nicobar Islands(5th), Dadra and Nagar Haveli(6th) and Lakshadweep(7th).

197) Name the Scheme launched by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to improve ground water management with an outlay of Rs 6000 crores for 5 years (2020-21 till 2024-2025)?

- 1) Atal Bhujal Yojana
- 2) Atal Jal Yojana
- 3) Atal Vidyutikaran Yojana
- 4) Atal Samridhi Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Atal Bhujal Yojana

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019 the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi launched Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL) in an event held in New Delhi on the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The CCEA approved for implementing Atal Bhujal Yojana (ATAL JAL). It is a central sector scheme with an outlay of Rs 6000 crores and will be implemented for a 5-year period (2020-21 till 2024-2025). The aim of the scheme is to improve ground water management. The improvement will be done through community participation in identified priority areas in 7 States, they are Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh(MP), Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh (UP).

198) _____ edition of Census in India will be conducted in the year 2021 & National Population Register (NPR) will also be updated?

- 1) 10th
- 2) 16th
- 3) 15th
- 4) 12th
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 16th

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved to conduct Census of India which is the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world will be conducted in the year 2021(16th census) with a cost of Rs. 8,754.23 crores. It has also approved to update the National Population Register (NPR) at a cost of Rs. 3,941.35 crores.

199) Which state will not be covered by National Population Register (NPR) 2021?

- 1) Meghalaya
- 2) Nagaland
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Assam

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Assam**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved to conduct Census of India which is the largest administrative and statistical exercise in the world will be conducted in the year 2021(16th census) with a cost of Rs. 8,754.23 crores. The census will cover entire India but the NPR will cover all regions in the country except Assam. House listing and Housing Census under NPR will also not be conducted in Assam.

200) Name the Post (4 star post), that was created to increase the coordination between the three armies (Army, Navy & Airforce) as per the recommendation of K. Subrahmanyam committee?

- 1) Chief of Armed Staff (CAS)
- 2) Chief of Military Staff (CMS)
- 3) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)
- 4) Chief of Armed Force (CAF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) in the rank of a 4-star General with salary and benefits equivalent to a Service Chief. The CDS will also head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), which will be created within the Ministry of Defence(MoD) and function as its Secretary. The proposal for setting up a CDS has been done around 20 years ago after the Kargil war of 1999 by the K. Subrahmanyam committee.

201) Indian Railway Medical Service (IRMS) will be renamed as _____?

- 1) Indian Railway Health Service (IRHS)
- 2) Indian Railway Welfare Service (IRWS)
- 3) Indian Railway Fitness Service (IRFS)
- 4) Indian Railway Physical Health Service (IRPS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Indian Railway Health Service (IRHS)**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved for transformational organisational restructuring of the Indian Railways(IR). This reform will help in achieving Government's vision of making IR the growth engine of India's vikas yatra. Reform: The reforms include Grouping the currently existing 8 Group A services of IR into a central service known as Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS). Existing Indian Railway Medical Service (IRMS) will be renamed as Indian Railway Health Service (IRHS).

202) Name the former Prime Minister of India, whose name will be named for the World's longest Strategic mountain tunnel under Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) Jawahar Lal Nehru
- 2) P. V. Narasimha Rao
- 3) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

Explanation:

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved to rename Strategic Tunnel under Rohtang Pass in Himachal Pradesh (HP) after former Prime Minister(PM) Atal Bihari Vajpayee to honour his contributions for the welfare of the country. The Tunnel which is the world's longest, was renamed on December 25, 2019 which marks

his 95th birth anniversary. Rohtang Tunnel, connecting Manali, Himachal Pradesh with Leh, Ladakh and Jammu Kashmir, will now be known as Atal Tunnel

203) What is the length of the Atal tunnel, World's longest mountain tunnel under Rohtang Pass located in Himachal Pradesh?

- 1) 9.8-kilometre
- 2) 9.2-kilometre
- 3) 8.8-kilometre
- 4) 10.2 -kilometre
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 8.8-kilometre**

Explanation:

Atul Tunnel, world's longest mountain tunnel which is 8.8-kilometre long is situated at an altitude of 3,000 metres. Construction cost: The construction of the tunnel with the estimated cost of Rs 4000 crore will be completed by 2020. Distance reduction: The distance between Manali and Leh will be reduced by 46 kilometers. Tunnel Feature: The tunnel is 10.5-metre wide single tube bi-lane tunnel and is also a fire proof emergency egress tunnel built into the main tunnel itself.

204) Which ministry takes the administrative control of Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) from the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals?

- 1) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas(MoPNG)
- 3) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- 4) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas(MoPNG)**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved the transfer of administrative control of Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited (BCPL) to Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas(MoPNG) from the Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals. The BCPL is Central Public Sector Undertaking implementing the Assam Gas Cracker Project (AGCP).

205) Name the scheme that received Rs. 627.40 crore from Cabinet for 10 projects sanctioned during 2018-19 to promote, develop and harness the potential of tourism in India?

- 1) AMRUT Yojana
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana
- 3) Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana
- 4) Swadesh Darshan Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Swadesh Darshan Scheme**

Explanation:

The CCEA has approved to release funds to the tune of Rs. 627.40 crore for 10 projects sanctioned during 2018-19. It also approved an additional Rs. 1854.67 crores for sanctioning new projects during 2019-20 under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.

206) Which country has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with India for Bioenergy Cooperation?

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

Answer – **1) Brazil**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between India and Brazil on Bioenergy Cooperation. The agreement in this regard agreed in 2016 during the meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi & President of Brazil to cooperate on research and development (R&D) of renewable energies & in the field of second-generation biofuels.

207) In which of the following field, India & Saudi Arabia signed an Agreement during the Prime Minister visit to Saudi Arabia on 29th October, 2019?

- 1) Cooperation Agreement
- 2) Domain Awareness
- 3) Security Cooperation
- 4) Cooperation in Skill Development and Vocational Training
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Security Cooperation**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has given ex-post facto approval on an Agreement between India and Saudi Arabia for Security Cooperation. It was signed during the visit of Prime Minister to Saudi Arabia on 29th October, 2019. The cooperation with India aims to counter terror and its financing, including blocking access to terror networks and sharing information.

208) Name the country which has signed Protocol to amend the Air Services Agreement with India?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Switzerland
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Switzerland**

Explanation:

The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the protocol to amend the agreement between the Swiss Federal Council and Indian Government on air services and to exchange Diplomatic Notes with Switzerland for bring in to force the amendments in the Air Services Agreement.

209) Name the scheme, that was launched to provide drinking water to 14.6 crore rural households?

- 1) Jal Shram Mission (JSM)
- 2) Jal Adarsh Mission (JAM)
- 3) Jal Samman Mission (JSM)
- 4) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)**

Explanation:

On the occasion of Good Governance Day i.e. on December 25, 2019, Indian Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has released the Operational Guidelines for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), during an event organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Out of 17.87 Crore Indian rural households, there are 14.6 Crore households who do not have household water tap connection facility. They account 81.67%.

210) Which 4 states have launched the national outreach program 'GeM Samvaad'?

- 1) Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 2) Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP)

- 3) Karnataka, Assam, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 4) Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP)**

Explanation:

A national outreach program 'GeM Samvaad', launched by Government e-Marketplace (GeM) has begun from 19th December 2019 in 4 States of Karnataka, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Andhra Pradesh (AP). The program will be held till 17, February 2020 with the participation of GeM senior officers, stakeholders across the country and with local vendors to facilitate on-boarding of local vendors on the market.

211) Name the state government, that has set up sign boards in Chinese language at 5 Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protected archaeological sites?

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

Answer – **1) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, As per the Union Minister of State for Culture and Tourism (IC) Shri Prahlad Singh Patel, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), an Indian government agency attached to the Ministry of Culture, has set up sign boards in Chinese language at 5 ASI protected archaeological sites located in Uttar Pradesh (UP). It includes the sites at Sarnath, the Buddhist relics at Chaukhandi Stupa, Mahaparinirvana Temple in Kushinagar, Piprahwa and Shravasti.

212) Which Organization has developed the 5 documents launched by Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' that covers 5 verticals of Quality Mandate in New Delhi?

- 1) National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC)
- 2) Ministry of Human Resource Development
- 3) University Grants Commission (UGC)
- 4) All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) University Grants Commission (UGC)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 the Union Minister of Human Resource Development (MHRD) Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' has launched 5 documents developed by the University Grants Commission (UGC) which covers 5 verticals of Quality Mandate in New Delhi. These 5 documents cover areas such as evaluation reforms, eco-friendly and sustainable university campuses, human values & professional ethics, faculty induction and academic research integrity.

213) Name the organization, that was honoured with a postage stamp for commemorating its distinguished service and glorious contribution for protecting the nation?

- 1) National Investigation Agency (NIA)
- 2) Research and Analysis Wing (RAW)
- 3) Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
- 4) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 the Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs(MoFCA) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman released a postage stamp to commemorate the service and contribution of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) in protecting the nation by preventing smuggling activities across the country.

214) Where did Dharmendra Pradhan unveils India's First Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus which can run 1000 Kms in one fill?

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

Answer – **2) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, In order to make CNG as the eco-friendly option for long distance transport in India and to promote waste-to-wealth efforts, Dharmendra Pradhan, Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Steel has unveiled India's first long distance CNG bus fitted with composite CNG cylinders, which can travel around 1000 kms in a single fill.

215) Which Automotive manufacturer, has partnered with Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) & Agility Fuel Solutions of USA to develop India's First Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus?

- 1) Mahindra & Mahindra
- 2) Ashok Leyland
- 3) Tata Motors
- 4) Eicher Motors
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Mahindra & Mahindra**

Explanation:

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216) Indian Railways for the 1st time launched the new train "Him Darshan Express", with all-new Vistadome coaches, it runs in which of the following route?

- 1) Shimla (Himachal Pradesh) - Puri (Odisha)
- 2) Howrah (West Bengal) - Kalka (Haryana)
- 3) Kalka (Haryana)-Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)
- 4) Howrah (West Bengal) – Puri (Odisha)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kalka (Haryana)-Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)**

Explanation:

On December 25,2019, In view of the increasing demand of tourists, For the 1st time, the Indian Railways has started the new train "Him Darshan Express", which comprising all-new Vistadome coaches run between Kalka (Haryana)-Shimla (Himachal Pradesh). Currently, this train (Number-52459/52460) will run for one year i.e. 24 December 2020.The specialty of the train is that it has 6 AC Vista dom coaches and one AC coach with big mirrors all around, through which one can enjoy the journey by seeing the beauty outside. Passengers will have to spend Rs 630 to travel in it.

217) Name the Project launched by government of India to provide internet facility to all villages with an objective to promote Digital India?

- 1) IndiaNet
- 2) BharatNet
- 3) NationNet
- 4) ConnectNet
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) BharatNet**

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019, To promote Digital India and make the internet accessible to the rural people, the central Government will provide free Wi-Fi will be provided to all villages across the country through BharatNet project.

218) Which organization has commissioned 1st Lignite based 500 MW thermal unit of 2×500 MW Neyveli New Thermal Power Project in Tamil Nadu(TN)?

- 1) NTPC Limited
- 2) BEML Limited
- 3) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- 4) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019 the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has successfully commissioned 1st Lignite based 500 MW thermal unit of 2×500 MW Neyveli New Thermal Power Project in Tamil Nadu(TN). It is India's 1st lignite fired 500 MW (Mega Watt) power plant. This thermal unit is also the highest rating pulverised lignite-fired thermal unit commissioned in India so far. The plant is based on Once-Through and Tower Type Boiler design which has been adopted for the 1st time in the country.

219) What is the target year set by the government of India, to provide free wifi service to all villages through BharatNet project?

- 1) March 2025
- 2) March 2022
- 3) March 2020
- 4) March 2024
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) March 2020**

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019, To promote Digital India and make the internet accessible to the rural people, the central Government will provide free Wi-Fi will be provided to all villages across the country through BharatNet project by March 2020. This information was provided by Communication and IT (Information Technology) Minister, Ravi Shankar Prasad during the inauguration ceremony of Digital Village Gurawara in Rewari, Haryana.

220) Urban areas of which state, is the only not declared Open Defecation Free (ODF) areas, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U)?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) West Bengal**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019 the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) announced that the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-U) has achieved the national target of becoming Open Defecation Free (ODF) across the country. Urban areas of 35 states / UTs (Union Territories) became ODF, but it is also to be noted that urban local bodies in West Bengal had not been declared as ODF.

221) By which year, Digital Radio will be launched by Minister of Information and Broadcasting?

- 1) 2024
- 2) 2022
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2030
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 2024**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019 the Minister of Information and Broadcasting announced the launch of Digital Radio in 2024 during the annual Akashvani awards function which was held in New Delhi. It was also announced that audio of digital radio will be made more clear.

222) In which city, India's 1st transgender university will be opened?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Silchar, Assam
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh (UP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh (UP)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019, India's 1st transgender university will open in Fazilnagar block in UP's (Uttar Pradesh) Kushinagar district. It is being constructed by Akhil Bhartiya Kinnar Siksha Seva Trust (All-India transgender education service trust).

223) For which of the following scheme, Union Ministry of Finance (MoF) announced mandatory linkage of Aadhar to reduce the incidence of frauds recently?

- 1) Mega Pension Scheme
- 2) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Pension Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)
- 4) Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY)**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019 the Union Ministry of Finance (MoF) in its latest notification has made it mandatory to submit the proof of Aadhaar number of senior citizens who have invested in the Pradhan Mantri Vaya Vandana Yojana (PMVVY). This move was done to bring transparency to financial processes and to reduce the incidence of frauds.

224) Where was the foundation stone of India's first Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project laid?

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

Answer – **1) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 Home minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of India's first transit-oriented development (TOD) project in New Delhi.

225) In which city, Delhi's tallest tower (161 m) under the Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project will be built?

- 1) Sultanpur
- 2) Dallopura
- 3) Tukhmipur
- 4) Karkardooma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Karkardooma**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 home minister Shri Amit Shah laid the foundation stone of India's first transit-oriented development (TOD) project. Under this project state of the art infrastructure zone including Delhi's tallest tower (161 m) will be built. The tower will be built in eastern part of Delhi at Karkardooma and is named as 'East Delhi Hub'.

226) What is the target year set by India to cross Renewable energy capacity mark of 100-GW?

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

Answer – **2) 2020**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019 the union Minister of Power and New & Renewable Energy (MoP,NRE) Shri Raj Kumar Singh has announced that India is likely to cross its 100 GigaWatt (GW) energy capacity mark in 2020. However the govt also needed to promote storage to ensure 24×7 clean energy supply as coal fired thermal power still remains as the basic use in the country.

227) Name the organization, that is set to add 10GW of solar energy generation capacity by 2022 with an investment of around Rs 50,000 crores?

- 1) GAIL Ltd
- 2) Nuclear Power Corporation of India
- 3) NTPC Ltd
- 4) NHPC Ltd
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) NTPC Ltd**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 the NTPC ltd (formerly known as National Thermal Power Corporation Limited) is in the plan of adding 10GW (GigaWatt) energy generation capacity by 2022, with an additional investment of around Rs 50,000 crores. The investment will mainly be funded by green bonds. This move will support India's ambitious target of generating 175GW by 2022.

228) Under which scheme, central government has approved construction of over 1 crore houses?

- 1) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-PMAY (Urban)
- 2) Prime Minister Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana
- 3) Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM)
- 4) Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-PMAY (Urban)**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, As per the Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the Centre has approved construction of 6.5 lakh houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-PMAY (Urban). With this, Government will sanction all the 1.12 crore houses under affordable housing programme – PMAY (Urban), a target set by the centre & deliver them to the beneficiaries by 2022. Under the scheme, about 30 lakh houses have been built and 57 lakh houses are under construction.

229) Where was the 11th edition of National Street food festival held?

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

Answer – **4) New Delhi, Delhi**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare, Dr. Harsh Vardhan has inaugurated the 4 days long, second edition of the 'Eat Right Mela' along with 11th National Street food festival at Jawahar Lal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi. The event was organized by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) in collaboration with National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) to encourage people for having healthier diets to reduce disease burden in the country.

230) Which organization has partnered with National Association of Street Vendors of India (NASVI) & organized 'Eat Right Mela' along with 11th National Street food festival with the theme "Healthier Diets" in New Delhi?

- 1) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
- 2) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- 3) Food Corporation of India (FCI)
- 4) Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO)
- 5) None of these

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

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231) Where was the BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited) LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) bottling plant built with record time of 19 months recently?

- 1) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 2) Berhampur, Odisha
- 3) Balangir, Odisha
- 4) Sambalpur, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Balangir, Odisha**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019 the governor of Odisha, Shri Ganeshi Lal dedicated the BPCL (Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited) LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) bottling plant at Balangir city in Odisha. This

state-of-the-art LPG plant was built within record 19 months which is 3 months ahead of schedule. The foundation stone for the plant was laid on May 21, 2018 and is set up at a cost of Rs 103 crores.

232) Which city host the National Tribal Dance Festival namely “Tribal fest 2019” recently for the first time?

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

Answer – **1) Raipur, Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, 3 days long National Tribal Dance Festival namely “Tribal fest 2019” begun in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, which was presided over by the state’s Chief Minister (CM) Bhupesh Baghel. The festival was inaugurated by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. It is for the first time that festival is being organized in Chhattisgarh.

233) Name the railway station that receives the first “Eat Right Station” certification from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)?

- 1) Gorakhpur Railway Station, Gorakhpur
- 2) Chennai Central Station, Chennai
- 3) Howrah Junction Station, Kolkata
- 4) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station, Mumbai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station, Mumbai**

Explanation:

The Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) railway station of Mumbai, Maharashtra has been conferred with ‘Eat Right Station’ certification with the four-star rating by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) for food safety and hygiene. With this, CSMT becomes the first Central Railway station to get this certification.

234) Name the bridge inaugurated on the Migging-Tuting road, only communication to border areas and posts at Gelling and Bishing, ahead of Tuting in Arunachal Pradesh (AR)?

- 1) Dikko Bridge
- 2) Rabung bridge
- 3) Bogibeel Bridge
- 4) Dibang Bridge
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rabung bridge**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019, The state Health and Family Welfare minister Alo Libang of Arunachal Pradesh (AR) inaugurated the Rabung bridge on the Migging-Tuting road in Arunachal Pradesh’s (AR) Upper Siang district. The bridge will be strategically important for the Indian Army (IA) and ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police). This is due to the fact that Migging-Tuting road is the only line of communication to border areas and posts at Gelling and Bishing, ahead of Tuting in AR.

235) Which organization has build the Rabung bridge in Arunachal Pradesh (AR) recently?

- 1) National Highways Authority of India
- 2) International Transport Forum
- 3) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

4) Border Road Organisation (BRO)

5) None of these

Answer – 4) **Border Road Organisation (BRO)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019, The state Health and Family Welfare minister Alo Libang of Arunachal Pradesh (AR) inaugurated the Rabung bridge on the Migging-Tuting road in Arunachal Pradesh's (AR) Upper Siang district. The bridge was constructed by Project Brahman of the Border Road Organisation (BRO). Constructed by the 1448 Bridge Construction Company (BCC) of 761 Border Road Task Force (BRTF) of Project Brahman under BRO, the bridge has load capacity of 70 tonnes.

236) Registration of which Identity card has crossed 125 crore since its launch?

1) Aadhaar card

2) PAN Card

3) Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI)

4) Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC)

5) None of these

Answer – 1) **Aadhaar card**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019 the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) announced that the Aadhaar project crossed 125 crore mark of registration. Thus as of now, over 1.25 billion residents of India hold Aadhaar card. This milestone was reached because of rapidly increasing use of Aadhaar as the primary identity document by the Aadhaar holders. The Aadhaar-based authentication services have been used close to 37,000 crore times since inception. Currently UIDAI receives nearly 3 crore authentication requests per day.

237) In which corridor, the 1st trial run of double-stack train conducted on newly built Rewari (Haryana) – Madar (Rajasthan) section?

1) Southern Dedicated Freight Corridor (SDFC)

2) Northern Dedicated Freight Corridor (NDFC)

3) Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)

4) Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC)

5) None of these

Answer – 3) **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC)**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, An inaugural trial run of double-stack freight train was conducted on newly built Rewari (Haryana) – Madar (Rajasthan) section on the 306 km long Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC). The train was flagged off in the presence of Sh. Anurag Sachan, Managing Director (MD) of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation India Limited (DFCCIL), by Station Sr. Executive Sh. Ravindra Sharma. At present, DFCCIL running freight trains at speed of 75 kilometre per hour & it will be increased to a maximum speed of 100 kilometre per hour.

238) Where was the 1st edition of Mandu festival 2019 has commenced?

1) Andhra Pradesh (AP)

2) Madhya Pradesh (MP)

3) Mizoram

4) Maharashtra

5) None of these

Answer – 2) **Madhya Pradesh (MP)**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, A 5-day long 1st edition of Mandu festival 2019 has commenced in Mandu (City of Joy), a prominent tourist destination in Madhya Pradesh (MP). This festival is being organized by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board as part of the government's efforts to promote Tribal Tourism.

239) Who chairs the Standing Committee on Economic Statistics (SCES) constituted by Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation(MOSPI)?

- 1) Pronab Sen
- 2) Malay Ghosh
- 3) C. R. Rao
- 4) Ranajit Chakraborty
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Pronab Sen**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019 the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation(MOSPI) has set up a standing committee on economic statistics (SCES) in order to develop methodologies in conducting surveys on industry, services sector and employment in place of multiple panels on these issues. The committee which consists of 28 members will be headed by India's first chief statistician Pronab Sen. The first meeting of the SCES is scheduled on January 6, 2020.

240) _____ member, Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted to expedite implementation of Rs 69,000 cr revival plan of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL)?

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

Answer – **3) 7**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, In order to track the implementation of the Rs 69,000 crore revival plan for state-owned telecom corporations Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd (MTNL), a seven-member Group of Ministers (GoM) has been constituted. The revival includes crucial elements like allocation of 4G spectrum and asset monetization worth Rs 37,500 crore. Members of the Committees are Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, IT and Telecom Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal and Oil Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

241) Which State/UT has celebrated Losar festival recently?

- 1) New Delhi
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Jammu and Kashmir
- 4) Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ladakh**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019 the people of Union Territory(UT) of the Ladakh region celebrated Losar festival, the Ladakhi new year. The Ladakh Buddhist Association (LBA) and Leh Hill Council, Leh organised the celebrations in which Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Radha Krishna Mathur participated. The year 2020 will mark the 1st Losar festival celebrated in the Ladakh Region as a UT. Losar is Tibetan word for new year.

242) Name the countries, which were included in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Division by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India recently?

- 1) Mozambique and Angola
- 2) Seychelles and Mozambique
- 3) Mauritius and Seychelles

4) Madagascar and Comoros

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Madagascar and Comoros

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has included Madagascar and Comoros in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) Division. The IOR division looks after India's maritime neighbours such as Sri Lanka, Maldives, Mauritius and the Seychelles. Previously these two nations were looked after by East and South Africa Division of the MEA. Madagascar and Comoros are also the members of the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) and International Solar Alliance (ISA). Comoros is a member of Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Countries (OIC) and is situated on the northern tip of the strategic Mozambique Channel in the Western Indian Ocean.

243) Name the organization, that has released the 2nd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and dashboard for the year 2019?

1) Finance Commission (FC)

2) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

3) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

4) National Development Council (NDC)

5) None of these

Answer – 3) National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has released the 2nd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and dashboard for the year 2019 in New Delhi. The index gives a brief analysis on the progress made by states and union territories (UTs) towards achieving the 2030 SDG targets.

244) Which state has topped in the 2nd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index for the year 2019?

1) Kerala

2) West Bengal

3) Assam

4) Gujarat

5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kerala

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog has released the 2nd edition of Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) India Index and dashboard for the year 2019 in New Delhi. Kerala topped the index with a score of 70. The index gives a brief analysis on the progress made by states and union territories (UTs) towards achieving the 2030 SDG targets. The index was launched by NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Rajiv Kumar along with other members.

245) How much percent of India's geographical area are covered with Forests as per the 16th India State of Forest Report (ISFR) released by Shri Prakash Javadekar?

1) 22.34%

2) 25.45%

3) 23.67%

4) 24.56%

5) None of these

Answer – 4) 24.56%

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Prakash Javadekar released the biennial "India State of Forest Report (ISFR)", in New Delhi. The

report assesses forest and tree resources in India biennially and is published by the Forest Survey of India (FSI). The ISFR-2019 is the 16th report in the series since 1987. As per the recent assessment made, the total forest and tree cover of the country now stands at 80.73 million hectares which is 24.56% of the geographical area of the country.

246) Which state has the largest forest cover in India under area wise category as per the 16th India State of Forest Report (ISFR)?

- 1) West Bengal (WB)
- 2) Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Madhya Pradesh (MP)**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), Shri Prakash Javadekar released the biennial “India State of Forest Report (ISFR)”, in New Delhi. In terms of largest forest cover in the country by area wise, Madhya Pradesh (MP) has the largest forest cover. It was followed by Arunachal Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Maharashtra in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th place respectively.

247) Name the project launched by Shri Hardeep Singh Puri with an aim of migrating the employees in airport from manual process of training to digital platform?

- 1) e-ACAS Project
- 2) e-CCAS Project
- 3) e-BCAS Project
- 4) e-DCAS Project
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) e-BCAS Project**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019 the Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Civil Aviation Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, launched the Biometric enabled Centralised Access Control System (CACS) and ‘e-BCAS Project Training Module’ in New Delhi. These 2 projects were launched to enhance security and to improve ease of doing business at airports. The project is envisaged to achieve “paperless office” under e-Governance initiative of Govt. of India and was approved by the Ministry of Civil Aviation (MoCA) at an estimated cost of Rs.21.69 crore.

248) Which e-commerce platform has signed MoU with Government of India for selling the products made by women self-help groups under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM)?

- 1) Flipkart
- 2) IndiaMart
- 3) Snapdeal
- 4) Amazon
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Flipkart**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019 Government of India signed MoU with Flipkart for selling the products made by women self-help groups under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Urban Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NULM) on the e-commerce platform. DAY-NULM consists of 44 lakh women across the country which aims to make women financially independent. According to Union Housing and Urban Affairs Secretary Durga Shanker Mishra, 12 lakh people have trained in the past five years and nearly 5.06 lakh people were given funds by the government to start their own business.

249) Who launched the web portal, "www.ceir.gov.in" to trace the stolen mobiles of Delhi subscribers?

- 1) D. V. Sadananda Gowda
- 2) Prakash Javadekar
- 3) Nitin Gadkari
- 4) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ravi Shankar Prasad

Explanation:

On 30th Dec 2019, the Department of Telecom Minister Mr. Ravi Shankar Prasad launched a web portal www.ceir.gov.in to trace the stolen mobiles for Delhi subscribers. This was launched in Mumbai in September 2019, and has been rolled out for Delhi now, it will be extended to other states too in the following year. If anybody lost their mobile phone, they can register their request in <https://ceir.gov.in/> portal along with the FIR copy to block the IMEI (International Mobile Equipment Identity) number of the lost or stolen device. This can be tracked with the request ID.

250) Which city hosts the 27th edition of National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) 2019 on the theme "Science, Technology and Innovation for a clean, green and healthy nation"?

- 1) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- 3) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 4) New Delhi, Delhi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

Explanation:

The Vice President of India, Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu has attended the 27th edition of National Children's Science Congress (NCSC) 2019 based on the theme "Science, Technology and Innovation for a clean, green and healthy nation" held for the 1st time at Mar Ivanios College in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala from December 27 -31,2019.

251) Where was the foundation stone of head quarter of the CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) laid with a cost of Rs 280 crore?

- 1) Kolkata, Assam
- 2) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 3) New Delhi, Delhi
- 4) Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) New Delhi, Delhi

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019, Union Minister of Home Affairs, Shri. Amitabh Anilchandra Shah has laid the Foundation stone of the Directorate General Building of CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) built with a cost of Rs 280 crore in New Delhi. He also launched a new logo with a "Garuda", sword and shield, for security branch of CRPF that will give a new identity to them, who provides security to common man and VIP's (very important person). The insignia bears the motto of the force – "Always, Aware, Alert".

252) Ministry of Railway (MoR) has renamed "Railway Protection Force" as _____?

- 1) Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRPFS)
- 2) Indian Railway Protection Force (IRPF)
- 3) Railway Protection Service (RPS)
- 4) Indian Railway Service (IRS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRPFS)

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, The Ministry of Railway (MoR) has accorded Organised Group 'A' status (OGAS) to Railway Protection Force (RPF) and also renamed RPF as Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRPFS). The notice of renaming was issued by the Joint Director of Railway Board Amitabh Joshi on December 30, 2019.

253) Which railway station has recently received its new Passenger Information System to provide better features and easy guidance to the Passengers?

- 1) Ahmadpur Junction railway station, West Bengal
- 2) Ahmadpur Junction railway station, Bihar
- 3) Nizamabad Junction railway station, Telangana
- 4) Anakapalle Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Anakapalle Railway Station, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

The Indian Railways (IR) has introduced new Passenger Information System at Anakapalle Railway Station of Vijayawada Division of Andhra Pradesh (AP) in South Central Railway (SCR). The system has been introduced to provide better features and easy guidance to the passengers and also to enhance satisfactory user experience. The cost of the equipment is Rs 10 lakhs including supply, installation, commissioning and onsite warranty of 3 years.

254) Which state celebrates the 11-day long open-air theater festival, 'Dhanu Jatra'?

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

Answer – 2) Odisha

Explanation:

'Dhanu Jatra' the famous 11-day long open-air theater festival begins on 31 December 2019 at Bargarh in western Odisha. Jatra's drama is based on the story of Lord Krishna and his uncle Kansa. It is the world's longest open-air drama named in the Guinness book of records. To celebrate Indian's Independence and to symbolize the victory of good over evil this festival was celebrated from 1947-1948. Government of India gave the National Festival Status to Dhanu Jatra in November 2014.

255) Name the Central government's citizen engagement platform that has reached one crore registered users?

- 1) UMANG
- 2) UTTAM
- 3) MyGov
- 4) Bharat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) MyGov

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019, Central government's citizen engagement platform, MyGov has reached the milestone of having 1 crore registered users. The platform was founded by the Govt. of India to promote active participation of Indian citizens in their country's governance and development. The portal is "<https://www.mygov.in/>". Platform development: MyGov platform was designed, developed and hosted by National Informatics Centre (NIC) under Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY).

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1) Name the scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister, Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy that provides postoperative sustenance allowance of Rs.225 medical allocation for each person for a day or Rs 5000 per month?

- 1) YSR Matsyakara Nestham Scheme
- 2) YSR Aasaraa Scheme
- 3) YSR Anna Vidya Deevena Scheme
- 4) YSR Adarsham Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) YSR Aasaraa Scheme

Explanation:

On 2nd December 2019, Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy, Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP) launched the YSR Aasaraa Scheme in Guntur Medical College, Guntur Andhra Pradesh. The YSR Aasaraa scheme provides postoperative sustenance allowance of Rs.225 medical allocation for each person for a day or or Rs 5000 per month, who come under the Aarogyasri Scheme, this scheme is a Community Health Insurance Scheme launched in 2008 in Andhra Pradesh.

2) Which state is set to provide 25% subsidy and 100% stamp duty waiver for setting up of defence industry in the state?

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

Answer – 3) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the govt. of Uttar Pradesh(UP) ahead of the 2020 biennial defence expo in the state, announced to provide 25% subsidy and 100% stamp duty waiver for setting up of defence industry in the state. The decision in this regard was taken at a cabinet meeting chaired by UP Chief Minister(CM) Shri Yogi Adityanath.

3) Which organization has partnered with Punjab state government to design a public-private pilot project on shared, clean and electric mobility (e-mobility)?

- 1) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 2) World Environment Federation (WEF)
- 3) United Nation (UN)
- 4) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019, In a bid to tackle environmental pollution, the Punjab state government has partnered with the World Economic Forum (WEF) to design a public-private pilot project on shared, clean and electric mobility (e-mobility). This collaboration will be formulated at the WEF annual meeting in Davos, Switzerland on January 2020.

4) Which state's political party "Jannayak Janta Party (JJP)" has been recognised as a 'state party' & 'Key' has been allocated as its reserved symbol by Election Commission of India (ECI)?

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

Answer – 2) Haryana

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019 the Haryana's Deputy Chief minister Dushyant Chautala led Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) has been recognised as a 'state party' in Haryana by the Election Commission of India (ECI). Key has been allocated as the party's reserved symbol in the state. The party was granted recognition under the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order, 1968. The JJP shot to prominence when it won 10 out of 90 assembly seats in October 2019 after its formation in 2018.

5) Name the scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh government, that provides a stipend of Rs 5,000 to junior lawyers?

- 1) YSR Arogyasri
- 2) YSR Asara
- 3) YSR Law Nestham scheme
- 4) YSR Rythu Bharosa
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) YSR Law Nestham scheme

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, which is also observed as the National lawyers day, Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy, Chief Minister (CM) of Andhra Pradesh launched the YSR (Yuvajana Sramika Rythu) Law Nestham scheme at Tadepalli, Andhra Pradesh that provides a stipend of Rs 5,000 to junior lawyers. The eligibility of the candidate is, they should be under the age of 35 and must be a graduate in Law and only one member from each family is eligible to apply for the scheme, also junior lawyers who have stopped practising law are not eligible. Junior lawyers will be eligible for the scheme for the remaining three years after completing the first three years of practice. Also senior lawyers with 15 years of practice experience and who are currently active in practice with certification from the Bar Association are also applicable for the scheme.

6) Which state government approved to create land banks in rural areas for industrial development?

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

Answer – 4) Punjab

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, Punjab state Cabinet chaired by its Chief Minister (CM) Captain Amarinder Singh gave in-principle approval to amend the Punjab Village Common Land (Regulation) Rules, 1964 to create land banks in rural areas to promote industrial development. Along with this, amendments

are further improved to ensure that the panchayats get their dues. The interests of panchayats in land acquisition should also be kept in mind.

7) Who authored the book titled “Kaleswaram project: Telangana Pragathi Ratham” that describes the details and History of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS)?

- 1) C. Lakshmi Rajyam
- 2) K. S. Ashwath
- 3) Sridhar Rao
- 4) Leelavathi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sridhar Rao

Explanation:

On 5th December 2019, Kalvakuntla Chandrashekhara Rao, Chief Minister of Telangana released a book named “Kaleswaram project: Telangana Pragathi Ratham (Kaleswaram project: The Telangana Development Chariot) at Pragati Bhavan. The book was authored by Sridhar Rao Deshpande. The book is about the details and History of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), the explanation of the efforts taken by Chandrasekhara Rao from the initiation to the execution of the project and the data of water flow from Central Water Commission (CWC). The Kaleswaram Project was completed in three years and has started supplying water to the farming community in the state.

8) Which government has set up 15 Anti-depredation squads to tackle human-wildlife conflicts to ensure the safety of both humans and wildlife?

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

Answer – 1) Assam

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, Assam Chief Minister (CM) Sarbananda Sonowal has launched the Anti-Depredation Squad of the Forest Department. The Squads will be to deploy in 15 major human-wildlife conflict districts to ensure the safety of both humans and wildlife. Under the squad, 12 Bore pump action guns and 15,000 rounds of rubber bullet ammunition will be used. Forest Department will get connected with specially trained 50 frontline staff to handle human-wildlife conflict situations. 100 more staff will also be trained in future.

9) Which state government has launched Enable Startup Track Acceleration (ESTAC) program to support the technology-led, scalable and investible growth stage startups?

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

Answer – 2) Punjab

Explanation:

On 6th December 2019, Amarinder Singh, Punjab Chief Minister launched Enable Startup Track Acceleration (ESTAC) program in the Progressive Punjab Investors Summit-2019 held in Mohali, Punjab. The goal of the summit is to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the state. ESTAC is a startup program started by the partnership between the State Government and the AIC (Atal Incubation Centre) Indian School of Business, Mohali. The goal of the program is to support the technology-led, scalable and investible growth stage startups in the areas of government and private sectors.

10) Which state has inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) to solve electricity, water, street lights, roads and other problems?

- 1) Gurgaon, Haryana
- 2) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
- 3) Jaipur, Rajasthan
- 4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Gurgaon, Haryana**

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019, The Chief Minister (CM) of Haryana, Manohar Lal Khattar has inaugurated the Integrated Command and Control Centre (ICCC) in Gurgaon, built at a cost of Rs 38 crore. Through this, people will be able to solve electricity, water, street lights, roads and other problems.

11) Name the scheme, from which odisha government has reduced the subsidy to farmers from Rs 10,000 to Rs 4000 per year after merging the scheme with Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) yojana?

- 1) Gopabandhu Sambadika Swasthya Bima Yojana
- 2) Sarbakhya Yojana
- 3) Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)
- 4) Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation (KALIA)**

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019, The Odisha government has reduced the amount of aid given to farmers under the KALIA (Krushak Assistance for Livelihood and Income Augmentation) scheme from Rs 10,000 to Rs 4000 per year. This decision was taken by the state government after merging the KALIA scheme with Central Government's Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) yojana.

12) Which state cabinet clears a proposal to set up 218 new Fast-track courts out of which 144 courts will hear cases of rape and 74 courts will hear cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act?

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

Answer – **4) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On 9th December 2019, Uttar Pradesh (UP) Cabinet clears a proposal to set up 218 new Fast-track courts in UP, accounting to the increasing number of crimes against women and children. Out of which 144 courts will hear cases of rape and 74 courts will hear cases under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. These special courts will be part of the total 1,023 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) which were proposed to be set up under the POCSO Amendment Act 2019. It is an initiative of the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development to expedite trials of rape cases.

13) Who inaugurated all-weather 72-metre-long multi cell box type load class 70 bridge in Rajouri in the Union Territory (UT) of J&K?

- 1) Subhash Chandra Garg
- 2) Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- 3) Girish Chandra Murmu
- 4) Satya Pal Malik
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Girish Chandra Murmu**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, Lt (Lieutenant) Governor of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) Shri Girish Chandra Murmu inaugurated all-weather 72-metre-long multi cell box type load class 70 bridge in Rajouri in the Union Territory (UT) of J&K. The bridge which was built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) under project sampark, spans over Draji nallah and connected Draji Area to Tehsil Kotranka area of Rajouri district.

14) Which state cabinet has approved to sell the water of River Yamuna?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Uttar Pradesh
- 3) Uttar Khand
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019, The Himachal Pradesh (HP) state Cabinet chaired by its Chief Minister (CM) Jai Ram Thakur, has approved to sign the memorandum of understanding (MoU) to sell the water of River Yamuna from states's share at Tajewala corridor on payment basis. The state government would earn Rs 21 crore per annum from this decision. The details of whom the water would be sold to and with whom this MoU would be signed were not revealed by the State Government.

15) Which State/UT has launched a Start-up policy to create a corpus fund of Rs. 10 crore to support start-up incubators and to develop co-working spaces?

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

Answer – **1) Puducherry**

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, The Government of Puducherry launched a Start-up policy to create a corpus fund of Rs. 10 crore to support start-up incubators and to develop co-working spaces. The policy was launched by M.O.H.F Shahjahan, Minister for Industries. The Puducherry Start-up Cell, will be the nodal agency for implementing the policy and will facilitate filing of patents, trademarks and designs.

16) Name the act approved by the Andhra Pradesh cabinet that mandates to settle cases of atrocities against women in 21 days and punishment including death penalty for the offences of rape and gang-rape?

- 1) Andhra Pradesh POSCO Act Criminal Law (amendment) Act, 2019 (A.P POSCO Act, 2019)
- 2) Andhra Pradesh Mahila Act Criminal Law (amendment) Act, 2019 (A.P Mahila Act, 2019)
- 3) Andhra Pradesh Shakthi Act Criminal Law (amendment) Act, 2019 (A.P Shakthi Act, 2019)
- 4) Andhra Pradesh Disha Act Criminal Law (AP Amendment) Act, 2019 (A.P Disha Act, 2019)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Andhra Pradesh Disha Act Criminal Law (AP Amendment) Act, 2019 (A.P Disha Act, 2019)**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, The Andhra Pradesh (AP) state Cabinet chaired by chief minister (CM), Yeduguri Sandinti (YS) Jagan Mohan Reddy, has approved the A.P. Disha Bill, 2019 that makes it mandatory to settle cases of atrocities against women in 21 days and punishment including a death penalty for the offences of rape and gang-rape. The new bill, the Andhra Pradesh Disha Act Criminal Law (amendment) Act, 2019, called as A.P Disha Act, 2019.

17) Which district of Nagaland received an Inner Line Permit (ILP) by its government in the midst of the uproar over the Citizenship Amendment Bill?

- 1) Longleng
- 2) Dimapur
- 3) Kiphire
- 4) Kohima
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dimapur**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, In the midst of the uproar over the Citizenship Amendment Bill, the Nagaland state government extended an Inner Line Permit (ILP) in Dimapur district of the state with immediate effect. The provision of inner line permit in the state has been made under Section 2 of the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873. The ILP system now operates in all 11 districts of the Nagaland.

18) Which state government has announced to set up 45 fast track courts for speedy disposal of rape cases registered under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012?

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

Answer – **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

On December 10, 2019 the govt of Odisha announced to set up 45 fast track courts for speedy disposal of rape cases registered under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012, in the state. The decision was taken due to the rising incidents of sexual offences against women and children and the need to dispose the cases quickly.

19) Where was the first Virtual Police Station of Andhra Pradesh inaugurated by Chief Minister Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy?

- 1) Andhra University (AU), Visakhapatnam
- 2) Gayatri Vidya Parishad College of Engineering, Visakhapatnam
- 3) Vignan's Institute Of Information Technology, Visakhapatnam
- 4) Pydah College of Engineering and Technology, Visakhapatnam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Andhra University (AU), Visakhapatnam**

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, Yeduguri Sandinti Jaganmohan Reddy, Chief Minister(CM) of Andhra Pradesh (AP) inaugurated the first Virtual Police Station at the Andhra University (AU) in Visakhapatnam, AP. The concept of Virtual police station was initiated by AU Vice-Chancellor Prasad Reddy with an aim to provide security to students.

20) Which state is set to host “Namaste Orchha” festival 2020?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal (WB)
- 4) Madhya Pradesh (MP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Madhya Pradesh (MP)**

Explanation:

Madhya Pradesh (MP) Tourism Department is going to organize a 3-day Cultural Festival ‘Namaste Orchha 2020’ in Orchha from March 6 – March 8, 2020, with the aim to promote MP Tourism through Orchha & especially to attract tourists. The information was provided by Mr. Sudhi Ranjan Mohanty, Chief Secretary, Government of Madhya Pradesh at a press conference in Bhopal on December 11, 2019.

21) Which state has launched 2 social welfare schemes – ‘Vijayamritham’ and ‘Sahachari’ to provide motivation and to become the helping hand for differently-abled persons?

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

Answer – **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, In order to provide motivation and to become the helping hand for differently-abled persons, the state Government of Kerala has launched 2 social welfare schemes – ‘Vijayamritham’ and ‘Sahachari’. These schemes are also applicable to NSS (National Service Scheme),

NCC(National Cadet Corps) and Student Police Cadet (SPC) units working for their care and welfare. Vijayamritham': It provides a one-time cash award to meritorious differently-abled people who have scored high marks in Degree/ Equivalent courses, Post Graduate (PG) & Professional courses. Sahachari scheme: This scheme aims to provide encouragement to NCC/NSS/SPC units functioning in schools that offer assistance to differently-abled students with over 40% disability in their studies as well as other extra-curricular activities.

22) Under which scheme, Odisha government has included the department of agriculture and farmer's empowerment to provide quality governance to the people?

- 1) Biju Swasthya Kalyan Yojana
- 2) Sarbakhya Yojana
- 3) Utthan Scheme
- 4) Mo Sarkar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Mo Sarkar

Explanation:

On 12th December, The Odisha Government included the department of agriculture and farmer's empowerment in the "Mo Sarkar" scheme as an expansion of the '5T' initiative. The plan will also be implemented by the Department of Higher Education (DHE). The 'Mo Sarkar program' also called 'My Government' was launched on 2nd October 2019, it was first implemented in the department of Home and Health. The aim of the program is to provide service with dignity to people who are coming to government offices for different purposes.

23) Which organization has launched country's first waste exchange platform to buy and sell reusable and recycled products online?

- 1) Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation
- 2) Greater Chennai Corporation
- 3) Chennai Metro Water Supply and Sewage Board
- 4) Chennai Waste Management Board
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Greater Chennai Corporation

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, the Greater Chennai Corporation, Chennai, Tamil Nadu (TN) launched country's first waste exchange platform(www.madraswasteexchange.com) to buy and sell reusable and recycled products online. It will run on a pilot basis for the first three months. Based on the response from public and waste recyclers, more features will be added to the website.

24) Name the application launched by Madhya Pradesh (MP) police department to ensure the safety of women?

- 1) 'MP e-cop'
- 2) 'MP Safe'
- 3) 'MP Help'
- 4) 'MP e-Help'
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 'MP e-cop'

Explanation:

On 16th December 2019, the Madhya Pradesh (MP) police have launched an application named 'MP e-cop' to ensure the safety of women. The MP e-cop app includes SOS (an international code signal for

extreme distress) facility which will send an alert SMS (Short Message Service) to 100 and any five phone numbers fed in the app as soon as the button is pressed.

25) Which state has launched the “Jal Sathi” program with an objective to engage women from the self-help group in water distribution and consumer management?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Assam
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

On 18th December 2019, Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha launched the “Jal Sathi” program in Bhubaneswar, to engage women from the self-help group mission Shakti in water distribution and consumer management. Under the program women volunteers will ensure the supply of clean drinking water through piped water systems.

26) Name the new Agriculture Policy of Odisha for the year 2020 that was launched recently?

- 1) SURAKSHA
- 2) SHRAM
- 3) SANSAD
- 4) SAMRIDHI
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) SAMRIDHI**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, Naveen Patnaik, Chief Minister (CM) of Odisha approved ‘SAMRIDHI’, the new Agriculture Policy for the year 2020 to ensure consistent sustainable growth in the income of farmers and to make sure that all policies reach small and marginal farmers. The policy will also focus on fisheries and livestock along with traditional crops.

27) Which state/UT has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India to strengthen the immunization supply chain system?

- 1) Jammu and Kashmir
- 2) Ladakh
- 3) Assam
- 4) Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Jammu and Kashmir**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, the Jammu and Kashmir administration signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) India to strengthen the immunization supply chain system in the Union territory. Atal Dooloo, Financial Commissioner, Health and Medical Education Department presided over the signing of MoU to implement Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network (eVIN). The eVIN is carried out by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and supported by UNDP.

28) Which state government has launched the Solar Energy Policy 2019, Wind and Hybrid Energy Policy 2019 along with Industrial Development Policy 2019 to promote industrial development?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) Odisha

- 3) Assam
- 4) Rajasthan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, the Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Ashok Gehlot, has launched new policies related to renewable energy namely, Solar Energy Policy 2019, Wind and Hybrid Energy Policy 2019 along with Industrial Development Policy 2019 at an event in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The state govt also launched two Investment Promotion Schemes, those are, Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2019 and Chief Minister's Small Scale Industries Promotion Scheme 2019.

29) Who was appointed as the Telangana's first LokAyukta on December 20, 2019?

- 1) P Lakshman Reddy
- 2) CV Ramulu
- 3) Reva Khetrapal
- 4) Nawal Kishore Agarwal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) CV Ramulu**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 Former High Court Judge CV Ramulu has been appointed as the Lokayukta in Telangana. His order was issued by Telangana governor Dr.Tamilisai Sounderarajan with immediate effect. Apart from CV Ramulu, Former law secretary V Niranjana Rao has been appointed as Upa Lokayukta.

30) Which state has appointed G Chandraiah, as its Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC)?

- 1) Assam
- 2) Karnataka
- 3) Telangana
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Telangana**

Explanation:

Former judge Justice G Chandraiah was appointed as Chairman of the State Human Rights Commission (SHRC). He succeeded Nisar Ahmad Kakru, who was the last SHRC chairman in Telangana and the post was left vacant after his retirement in 2016. N. Anand Rao and Mohammed Irfan Moinuddin were also appointed as members of the SHRC. It is the 1st time the state government has constituted the Lokayukta and Human Rights Commission since the formation of the state in 2014.

31) Name the former president of Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC), who passed away in Gurugram, Haryana?

- 1) Sundar Singh Ji Ramgadhia
- 2) Roop Singh Ji
- 3) Avtar Singh Makkar
- 4) Gobind Singh Longowal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Avtar Singh Makkar**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 former Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) president Avtar Singh Makkar (39th president) passed away at the age of 78 in Gurugram, Haryana due to brief illness. Avtar was the founder president of Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha, which was then a hub for Akali politics.

32) Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA), Thomas Chandy passed away recently, he was from which state?

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

Answer – **1) Kerala**

Explanation:

The National Congress Party (NCP) State President and Kerala MLA, Thomas Chandy passed away due to cancer at the age of 72 at his home in Kochi. He was closely associated with Kerala Student Union (KSU) and later with the Congress. He also built a business empire in the Persian Gulf.

33) What was the theme of the 11th edition of Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) that held in Uttarakhand?

- 1) Theme – “Creating and Sustaining a Quality Culture”
- 2) Theme – “Quality Enablers for Manufacturing Competitiveness & Trade”
- 3) Theme – “Quality and Manufacturing Excellence for Sustainable Growth”
- 4) Theme – “Advance Manufacturing with Quality, Innovation & Technology Interventions”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Theme – “Advance Manufacturing with Quality, Innovation & Technology Interventions”**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 the Quality Council of India (QCI) along with PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) organised the 11th edition of Regional Quality Conclave (RQC) at Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar of Uttarakhand. The theme of the RQC was “Advance Manufacturing with Quality, Innovation & Technology Interventions.”

34) Name the Scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh government to provide Rs 24,000 per annum for each handloom weaver family?

- 1) Rajiv Yuva Kiranalu
- 2) Nethanna Nestham
- 3) Mana Biyyam
- 4) Bangaru Thalli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Nethanna Nestham**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh (AP) Shri Yeduguri Sandinti Jagan Mohan Reddy launched a scheme for weavers named “Nethanna Nestham” at Dharmavaram of Anantapur district. The aim of the scheme is to provide Rs 24,000 per annum for each handloom weaver family. The scheme would provide financial aid to about 85,000 families across the State for a period of 5 years. Thus, each family would get Rs. 1.2lakh at the end of 5 years. The CM also announced ex-gratia to all the families of the deceased weavers who had committed suicide. Families of 57 weavers from Anantapur district, AP will be given a financial assistance of Rs.3.5 crores. The cheques would be delivered by public representatives and authorities.

35) Who won the prestigious Janakavi P Sawlaram Memorial Award 2019 for his contribution in the field of cinema and theatre?

- 1) Atul Kale
- 2) Vinay Apte
- 3) Sharad Ponkshe
- 4) Pravin Tarde

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Sharad Ponkshe**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, Sharad Ponkshe (52), an Indian film actor and writer, mainly working in Hindi and Marathi cinema, was awarded prestigious Janakavi P Sawlaram Memorial Award 2019 at Thane in Maharashtra for his contribution in the field of cinema and theatre. The award consists a cash prize worth of Rs. 25,000, a citation and shawl. Also, Marathi Actress, Usha Naik was also awarded the Ganga-Jamuna Award 2019. These awards were presented by Thane Mayor Naresh Mhaske.

36) Name the Programme launched by WE Hub in partnership with Start-up India, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT) in Telangana?

1) EMPOWER

2) SUPPORT

3) WEP

4) WING

5) None of these

Answer – **4) WING**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 the WE hub, announced its partnership with Start-up India, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade(DPIIT) to launch Startup India's flagship program for women entrepreneurs called WING. Its stands for Women Rise Together program in Telangana. The program was launched in collaboration with KSUM (Kerala Startup Mission) and would provide the entrepreneurs with knowledge on innovation and access to incubation, investors and business support.

37) Who were honoured with the Kerala Sahitya Akademi Fellowships for 2018?

1) S R Lal and V K K Ramesh

2) K G Sankara Pillai and S R Lal

3) V K K Ramesh and K G Sankara Pillai

4) M Mukudan and K G Sankara Pillai

5) None of these

Answer – **4) M Mukudan and K G Sankara Pillai**

Explanation:

Kerala Sahitya Akademi fellowships and awards 2018 were announced by Akademi President Vaisakhan. Novelist M Mukudan and Poet K G Sankara Pillai were selected for the Kerala Sahitya Akademi fellowships 2018. This fellowship is the special membership of Kerala Sahitya Akademi, apart from the cash prize of Rs 50,000, a gold locket of two sovereigns and a Citation each.

38) For which poetry, V M Girija has been selected for the best poetry award?

1) Kunjunniyude Yathrapusthakam

2) Budhha Pournami

3) Choottum Koottum

4) Ushna Rashi

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Budhha Pournami**

Explanation:

V M Girija's 'Budhha Pournami' has been selected for the best poetry award. Skaria Zakkaria, O.M. Anujan, S. Rajasekharan, Manamubur Rajan Babu and Nalini Bekal were given Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards carry Rs 30,000, Citation and Ponnada each.

WINNERS OF AKADEMI AWARDS

WINNERS	CATEGORIES
V M Girija	Best Poem for Budhha Pournami
K V Mohankumar	Best Novel (Ushna Rashi)
Rekha K	Best Short Story (Mananchira)
Rajmohan Neeleswaram	Best Drama (Choottum Koottum)
P P Raveendran	Literary Criticism (Adhunikathayude Pinnamburam)
K Babu Joseph	Knowledge Literature
Muni Narayana Prasad	Biography
Baiju N Nair	Travelogue
P P K Pothuval	Translation
S R Lal	Children's Literature (Kunjunnyude Yathrapusthakam)
V K K Ramesh	Comedy Literature (Who is afraid of V K N)

39) Name the railway station, which has collaborated with Airo Guard & opened the 'Oxygen Parlour' to provide an experience of breathing clean air and to battle against rising air pollution?

- 1) Asangaon railway station
- 2) Kasara railway station
- 3) Nashik Railway Station
- 4) Igatpuri railway station
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nashik Railway Station

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, 'Oxygen Parlour' has been opened at Nashik Railway Station in Maharashtra by Indian Railways in collaboration with Airo Guard to provide an experience of breathing clean air and to battle against rising air pollution. The Oxygen Parlour is equipped with plants; based on the 1989 recommendation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), which had identified some plants that can absorb the harmful pollutants from air.

40) Which State/UT cabinet has approved Electric Vehicle (EV) policy 2019 with an objective to reduce air pollution?

- 1) Delhi
- 2) Maharashtra
- 3) Tamil Nadu
- 4) Jammu and Kashmir
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Delhi

Explanation:

On 23rd December 2019, Delhi Cabinet led by Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal gave approval to an Electric Vehicle (EV) policy 2019 with an objective to reduce air pollution. It will be valid for three years.

41) By which year, the Delhi government aims to make 25% of the registered vehicles in the state to be electric vehicles?

- 1) 2035
- 2) 2024
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2030

5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2024**

Explanation:

The Delhi government aims to make 25% of the registered vehicles in the state to be electric vehicles by the year 2024 under this Electric Vehicle (EV) policy 2019. (Aims to register 5 lakhs in 5 years)

42) Which state will observe the year 2020 as “Susashan Sankalp Varsh”?

1) Haryana

2) Assam

3) West Bengal

4) Gujarat

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Haryana**

Explanation:

The year 2020 will be observed as “Susashan Sankalp Varsh” in Haryana. Reforms in governance will be invited from people in the state. A website will also be created in this regard.

43) Name the scheme launched by Delhi government to provide pucca house to the residents of Jhuggi Jhopri (JJ) clusters?

1) Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Yojana

2) Ladli yojana

3) Mukhyamantri Aawas Yojana

4) Jai Bhim Mukhyamantri Pratibha Vikas Scheme

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Mukhyamantri Aawas Yojana**

Explanation:

On 24th December 2019, Chief Minister of Delhi, Arvind Kejriwal launched the scheme named ‘Mukhyamantri Aawas Yojana’ for the residents of Jhuggi Jhopri (JJ) clusters & it will provide a pucca house to every citizen in Delhi. Delhi government has conducted the survey under Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) that mandated to construct houses for the slum dwellers. During the event, the government has distributed ownership certificates to 65,000 families residing in slums. They will be provided with Pucca house soon.

44) Which state government has launched the “Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Farmer Loan Waiver Scheme” and subsidized meal scheme named “Shiv Bhojan” programme for the poor?

1) Karnataka

2) Maharashtra

3) Madhya Pradesh

4) Andhra Pradesh

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Maharashtra**

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019, Maharashtra chief minister Uddhav Thackeray approved the “Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Farmer Loan Waiver Scheme” and subsidized meal scheme named “Shiv Bhojan” programme for the poor. Under Farmer Loan Waiver Scheme short-term crop loan up to Rs 2 lakh taken by farmers between April 1, 2015-March 31, 2019, and short-term restructured crop loan arrears up to September 30, 2019, will be waived. It will be implemented from March 2020 and Maha Vikas Aghadi will provide Rs 21,216 crore for scheme. Shiv Bhojan” programme: The Rs 6.4 crore programme will be started as pilot project for three months. Under this, at least one ‘Shiv Bhojan’ canteen will be started at district headquarters. Each canteen will serve 500 thalis (plates) which is available at Rs 10 each, consisting of two chapatis, one vegetable, rice and dal. Canteens serving the meal will be functional between 12 noon and 2 pm.

45) Name the Education Loan Subsidy scheme launched by Assam Chief Minister (CM) Sarbananda Sonowal?

- 1) Krishi Sinchai Yojana
- 2) Kaushalya Yojana
- 3) Krishak Swahid Scheme
- 4) Abhinandan Scheme
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Abhinandan Scheme**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, Assam Chief Minister (CM) Sarbananda Sonowal has launched an Education Loan Subsidy scheme called “Abhinandan”, during a programme held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati. The scheme will provide a one-time subsidy of up to Rs 50,000 to all educational loans that sanctioned till 31st March, 2019. The CM also distributed subsidy sanction letters under this scheme to 1,546 students during the event.

46) Which state has launched the “Atal Kisan Mazdoor canteen” for the benefit of farmers and labourers?

- 1) Haryana
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Assam
- 4) Gujarat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Haryana**

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019, Haryana Chief Minister (CM) Manohar Lal Khattar has inaugurated a “Atal Kisan Mazdoor canteen” (named after former PM late Atal Bihari Vajpayee) built by the Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board at a cost of Rs 4 lakh in Karnal’s New Anaj Mandi, Haryana. This canteen will greatly benefit farmers and labourers, who can get food for Rs 10. The canteen, open from 11 am – 3 pm, will provide nutritious food (including 4 rotis, pulses, vegetables and rice) to the laborers. Such canteen system will also be started in the sugar mills of the state.

47) Name the app launched by Odisha government using which the people can pay land revenue online without visiting a government office?

- 1) ePAY4LAND
- 2) ePAYLAND
- 3) ePAY App
- 4) ePAUTI App
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) ePAUTI App**

Explanation:

On 28 December 2019 Chief Minister of Odisha has launched an e-certificate portal and ePAUTI App. The e-certificate project is a part of 5T model of Governance by the revenue and disaster management department. According to CM, no fees will be charged for the certificates specifying these services as the rights of the people. ePAUTI App, people can pay land revenue online with the help of their smartphones without visiting a government office.

48) Under which act, the entire Nagaland was declared ‘disturbed area’ for six more months?

- 1) Section 4 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1959
- 2) Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958
- 3) Section 4 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1956
- 4) Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1957
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019, The Ministry of Home Affairs(MoHA) has declared the entire region of “Nagaland” as a disturbed area under section 3 of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 ie., AFSPA Act, for a further period of 6 more months with effect from 30th December, 2019. The implementation of AFSPA has been active in Nagaland for almost 6 decades (60 years) even after a framework agreement was signed on August 3, 2015.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

1) Name the first Arab country that will assume the G20 (Group of 20) presidency?

- 1) United Arab Emirates
- 2) Sudan
- 3) Saudi Arabia
- 4) Jordan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Saudi Arabia

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, Saudi Arabia became the first country in the Arab world to head G20 (Group of 20) after it took over from Japan. The G20 summit for 2020 will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia under the theme of “Realising Opportunities of the 21st Century for All”, from 21-22 November, 2020. It will also focus on three aims namely, empowering people, safeguarding the planet, and shaping new frontiers.

2) Which country topped in the UNCTAD’s (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) “Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019”?

- 1) Netherlands
- 2) Switzerland
- 3) Singapore
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Netherlands

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019, According to the “Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019” released by UNCTAD’s (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development). For the 2nd consecutive year in a row, the Netherlands leads the Index with the score of 96.4, followed by Switzerland (2nd with 95.5) and Singapore (3rd with 95.1).

3) What is the rank of India in the UNCTAD’s (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) “Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019”?

- 1) 77
- 2) 69
- 3) 71
- 4) 73
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 73

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019, According to the “Business-to-Consumer (B2C) E-commerce Index 2019” released by UNCTAD’s (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development), India has moved seven places up and ranked 73rd out of 152 countries index that measures an economy’s preparedness to support online shopping with the Index score of 57.0. For the 2nd consecutive year in a row, the Netherlands leads the Index with the score of 96.4, followed by Switzerland (2nd with 95.5) and Singapore (3rd with 95.1).

4) Which organization has released a report titled “World malaria report 2019”?

- 1) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- 2) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 3) United Nations (UN)
- 4) United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) World Health Organization (WHO)

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019 the World Health Organization (WHO) released a report titled “World malaria report 2019”. The report was on Malarial cases and steps taken regarding the disease globally.

5) How much percent of the malaria cases was reduced in India in 2018 as per the World Health Organization (WHO)’s “World malaria report 2019”?

- 1) 35%
- 2) 25%
- 3) 28%
- 4) 32%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 28%

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019 the World Health Organization (WHO) released a report titled “World malaria report 2019”. The report was on Malarial cases and steps taken regarding the disease globally. The report in detail are as follows, As per the report, India was one of the only two countries of the 11 high- burden- to- high -impact (HBHI) countries that achieved a significant reduction in the number of malaria cases in 2018 compared to previous year (2017). Accordingly, India reported 2.6million fewer cases with 28% reduction in malaria cases. The country next to India was Uganda. It reported 1.5million fewer cases.

6) Where was the 2019 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Summit held?

- 1) Ottawa, Canada
- 2) Brussels, Belgium
- 3) London, United Kingdom (UK)
- 4) Washington D.C., United States (US)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) London, United Kingdom (UK)

Explanation:

The United Kingdom(UK) hosted two day organised 2019 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) Summit in London from December 3-4, 2019. The year 2019 marks the 70th anniversary of the

summit. It was attended by NATO leaders and chaired by NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. The purpose of the summit was to make the heads of state and heads of government of NATO member countries to evaluate and provide strategic direction for Alliance activities.

7) Which country topped in the Germanwatch's 15th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2020: Who Suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-Related Loss Events in 2018 and 1999 to 2018"?

- 1) Madagascar
- 2) Japan
- 3) Germany
- 4) Philippines
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Japan**

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019, According to the 15th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2020: Who Suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-Related Loss Events in 2018 and 1999 to 2018" released by Germanwatch (a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Bonn, Germany). Japan topped the list of the most affected countries with the CRI score of 5.50. It was severely affected by three strong extreme weather events (including Typhoon Jebi in September 2018) during 2018.

8) What is the rank of India in the Germanwatch's 15th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2020: Who Suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-Related Loss Events in 2018 and 1999 to 2018"?

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

Answer – **4) 5**

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019, According to the 15th edition of "Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) 2020: Who Suffers Most from Extreme Weather Events? Weather-Related Loss Events in 2018 and 1999 to 2018" released by Germanwatch (a non-profit, non-governmental organization based in Bonn, Germany), India ranked 5th in the global list of most climate-affected country in 2018 with the CRI score of 18.17. India's rank has worsened from the 14th position in 2017 due to severe rainfalls, followed by heavy flooding and landslides that killed over 1000 people.

Ranking 2018	Country Name	CRI Score	Ranking 2017
1	Japan	5.50	36
2	Philippines	11.17	20
3	Germany	13.83	40
4	Madagascar	15.83	72
5	India	18.17	14

9) Which country topped in the Comparitech's list of invasive use of Biometrics?

- 1) Pakistan
- 2) United States of America(USA)
- 3) China
- 4) Malaysia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) China**

Explanation:

On 4th December 2019, a study done by Comparitech, Britain-based tech research firm, states that China, Malaysia and Pakistan come before India in the invasive use of Biometrics list.

10) What is the rank of India in the Comparitech's list of invasive use of Biometrics?

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

Answer – **1) 5**

Explanation:

On 4th December 2019, a study done by Comparitech, Britain-based tech research firm, states that India ranks 5th along with Taiwan, Indonesia and the Philippines in the list of invasive use of Biometrics while China, Malaysia and Pakistan come before India in the list. India's performance could have been worse if the Aadhar, India's national biometric database had been under the access of Police and other investigation agencies.

List of top Ranks in the invasive use of Biometrics:

Country	Rank	Score out of 25
China	1	24
Malaysia	2	21
Pakistan	3	21
The United States of America(USA)	4	20
India, Indonesia, the Philippines, Taiwan	5	19

11) Where did IAF Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria addressed the Pacific Air Force Chiefs Conference (PACS-2019)?

- 1) Damascus, Syria
- 2) Hawaii, United States(US)
- 3) Tehran, Iran
- 4) Moscow, Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Hawaii, United States(US)**

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019 Pacific Air Force Chiefs Conference (PACS-2019) was held at the American military base in Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, United States(US). Air chiefs of the Air forces of various countries participated in the conference. Representing India, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria participated in the conference.

12) What was the theme of the Pacific Air Force Chiefs Conference (PACS-2019)?

- 1) Theme – “Future Challenges and Collaboration in Military Health”
- 2) Theme – “Challenges to Regional Security: Promoting Combined Operations in the Indo-Asia-Pacific”
- 3) Theme – “Unity of Effort: Building Civil-Military Partnerships in Land Force”
- 4) Theme – “Collaborative approach towards Regional Security”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Theme – “Collaborative approach towards Regional Security”

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019 Pacific Air Force Chiefs Conference (PACS-2019) was held at the American military base in Pearl Harbour in Hawaii, United States(US). Air chiefs of the Air forces of various countries participated in the conference. Representing India, Air Chief Marshal Rakesh Kumar Singh Bhadauria participated in the conference. Theme: The theme of the conference for the year 2019 is ‘Collaborative approach towards Regional Security’.

13) Where was the 7th edition of the OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting held?

- 1) New Delhi, India
- 2) Washington D.C., United States
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Vienna, Austria
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Vienna, Austria

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019 the 7th edition of the OPEC (Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries) and non-OPEC Ministerial Meeting was held in Vienna, Austria. The meeting was held under the Co-Chairmanship of OPEC’s President, Manuel Salvador Quevedo Fernandez, People’s Minister of Petroleum of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and Alexander Novak, Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation.

14) Which country topped in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)’s “Human Development Report 2019 – Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st century”?

- 1) Scotland
- 2) Ireland
- 3) Norway
- 4) Switzerland
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Norway

Explanation:

On December 8, 2019 the United Nations Development Programme(UNDP) released its report titled “Human Development Report 2019– Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st century”. The report was based on the human development of a changing world. The list was topped by Norway. The report in detail are as follows:

Rank	Country
1	Norway.
2	Switzerland.
3	Ireland.
189	Niger (last rank)

15) What is the rank of India in the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)’s “Human Development Report 2019 – Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st century”?

- 1) 129
- 2) 132
- 3) 125
- 4) 145
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 129

Explanation:

On December 8, 2019 the United Nations Development Programme(UNDP) released its report titled “Human Development Report 2019– Beyond income, beyond averages, beyond today: Inequalities in human development in the 21st century”. The report was based on the human development of a changing world. As per the report India ranked 129th out of 189 countries in the list which is up by 1 rank of 130 from 2017. The list was topped by Norway.

16) Which country topped in the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)’s “The SIPRI Top 100 Arms Producing and Military Services Companies, 2018” & remained the world’s largest arms producer?

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

Answer – 2) United States

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019 the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released a report on worldwide arms sales titled “The SIPRI Top 100 Arms Producing and Military Services Companies, 2018”. India ranked 10th in the overall country ranking while, United States(US) topped the list. Overall country ranking:

Rank	Country
10	India.
1	United States.
2	Russia.
3	United Kingdom.

17) By how much percent, global arms sales were raised in 2018 as per the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)'s "The SIPRI Top 100 Arms Producing and Military Services Companies, 2018"?

- 1) 5.2%
 - 2) 3.9%
 - 3) 4.2%
 - 4) 4.6%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) 4.6%**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019 the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) released a report on worldwide arms sales titled "The SIPRI Top 100 Arms Producing and Military Services Companies, 2018". As per the report, arms sales rose up by 4.6% in 2018.

18) Which country topped in the list of unvaccinated children for measles for the year 2018 as per the report titled Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) by World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)?

- 1) Namibia
 - 2) Tanzania
 - 3) Nigeria
 - 4) Ethiopia
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) Nigeria**

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, According to the joint report of World Health Organization(WHO) and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), India has the 2nd highest number of children who are not vaccinated against measles with 2.3 million in 2018 (2.9 million in 2017). Nigeria, an African country tops the list with 2.4 million unvaccinated children (4 million unvaccinated children in 2017).

19) How many children are not vaccinated for measles in India for the year 2018 as per the report titled Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) by World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)?

- 1) 2.3 million
 - 2) 2.5 million
 - 3) 3.2 million
 - 4) 3.5 million
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 2.3 million**

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, According to the joint report of World Health Organization(WHO) and UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) published in Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR), India has the 2nd highest number of children who are not vaccinated against measles with 2.3 million in 2018 (2.9 million in 2017).

20) Which country has decided to shut down the appeal court of WTO (World Trade Organisation)?

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

Answer – **3) United States (US)**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, The United States (US) decided to shut down the appeal court of WTO (World Trade Organisation) in response to WTO's decisions against the federal trade rules imposed by the US administration. WTO's appeal court acts as a trade dispute settlement body for its member countries. Reason for shut down: The appeal court which consisted of 7-member body was then cut down to a 3-member body in 2018. Recently, the terms of two of the last three judges on the WTO's appellate body ended on December 10, 2019.

21) Which city topped in the list of Euromonitor International's 'Top 100 City Destinations' of 2019?

- 1) Hong Kong
- 2) Bangkok
- 3) London
- 4) Singapore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Hong Kong**

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, According to list of the 'Top 100 City Destinations' of 2019 released by the UK based market research company Euromonitor International. Hong Kong continues to hold the top position. Favorite cities for tourists also include Bangkok, Macau, Singapore, London and New York City.

22) Name the Indian city, that topped in the list of Euromonitor International's 'Top 100 City Destinations' of 2019 among other Indian cities & ranked 11th globally?

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

Answer – **4) Delhi**

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, According to list of the 'Top 100 City Destinations' of 2019 released by the UK based market research company Euromonitor International, 7 cities in India are included in the list including the capital Delhi (11th position due to the strong development in its tourism infrastructure, having a world class airport and is focusing on luxury, medical, sports and cultural tourism). Other Indian cities in list includes, Mumbai (14th), Agra (26th), Chennai (36th), Pink City Jaipur (39th position), Kolkata (76th) and Bengaluru (100th).

23) Which is set to become the world's newest nation after 98% of voters had backed independence from Papua New Guinea in its election?

- 1) Milne Bay
- 2) Manus
- 3) Bougainville
- 4) New Mecklenburg
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Bougainville

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019 The South Pacific region of Bougainville was voted to become the world's newest nation by gaining independence from Papua New Guinea. The chairman of Bougainville Referendum Commission Bertie Ahern declared that 98% of the voters backed independence. In the total of 1,76,928 people that voted, only 3,043 voted in favour of remaining with Papua New Guinea itself with more autonomy. Bougainville Referendum: Bougainville is an island in Papua New Guinea. The Bougainville referendum is a key part of a 2001 peace agreement that ended a civil war in which at least 15,000 people died in the cluster of islands to the east of Papua New Guinea mainland.

24) Which country has designated India's Indigenously developed satellite navigation system "NAVIC (NAVigation with Indian Constellation)" as allied navigational satellite system?

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

Answer – 2) United States

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, The US (United States) Congress has approved to designate India's Indigenously developed satellite navigation system, NAVIC (NAVigation with Indian Constellation) as "allied" navigational satellite system along with the Galileo of the European Union and QZSS (Quasi-Zenith Satellite System) of Japan. The tag has been given as part of the conference report under National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) 2020. The designation of allied system would mean that the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) regional navigation system- NAVIC will be treated at par with the European Union's (EU) Galileo and Japan's QZSS.

25) Which city hosted the 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25)?

- 1) Tokyo, Japan
- 2) Beijing, China
- 3) Washington D.C., U.S.
- 4) Madrid, Spain
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Madrid, Spain

Explanation:

The 25th United Nations (UN) Climate Change Conference held in Madrid, Spain from December 2-13, 2019. The conference featured 25th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 25) to the United Nations Framework Convention to Combat Climate Change (UNFCCC).

26) What is the rank of India in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2020, released by Germanwatch and NewClimate Institute report with the Climate Action Network (CAN)?

- 1) 13th
- 2) 12th
- 3) 9th
- 4) 10th
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 9th**

Explanation:

For the 1st time India was ranked among the top ten countries in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2020, released by Germanwatch and NewClimate Institute report together with the Climate Action Network (CAN). India ranked 9th in the index in 2019. Previously in 2018, it ranked at the 11th place. The list was topped by Sweden ranking 4th on the list. The top three ranks were left empty. United States(US) ranked 61st(last) on the list as the worst climate change performer.

27) By, how much percent India has reduced emission intensity of its GDP (gross domestic product)?

- 1) 33%
- 2) 30%
- 3) 15%
- 4) 21%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 21%**

Explanation:

Addressing the COP 25, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change(MoEFCC), Shri Prakash Javadekar announced that India has reduced emission intensity of its GDP (gross domestic product) by 21% and is also on track to achieve the goal of 35% emission reduction by 2030.

28) Name the Indian minister, who addressed the BASIC Ministerial Joint Statement in Madrid, Spain?

- 1) Piyush Goyal
- 2) Prakash Javadekar
- 3) Ram Vilas Paswan
- 4) Rajnath Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Prakash Javadekar**

Explanation:

The Ministers BASIC countries i.e., Brazil, South Africa, India and China group (BASIC) met during COP25 in Madrid, Spain, on 10th December 2019. The Ministers pledged their full support to the Chilean COP (Conference of the Parties) Presidency. Mr. Prakash Javadekar, Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change and Information and Broadcasting of the Republic of India attended the meeting from Indian side.

29) Based on how many categories, 57 countries were ranked in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2020?

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

Answer – 1) 4 categories

Explanation:

A total of 57 countries were ranked in the Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2020 and the rankings were based on 14 indicators within 4 categories. The 4 categories are GHG (GreenHouse Gas emissions) emissions”, “renewable energy” and “energy use”, as well as on “climate policy”.

30) Name the 1st Indian corporate firm, that was awarded with UN award in ‘climate neutral now’ category for its carbon neutral programme?

- 1) Reliance Industries Limited
- 2) Tech Mahindra
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services
- 4) Infosys
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Infosys

Explanation:

On december 11, 2019 IT (Information Technology) services major Infosys Ltd was presented with the United Nations Global Climate Action Award in the ‘Climate Neutral Now category. The Bengaluru (Karnataka)- headquartered company Infosys, is the 1st Indian corporate to receive the award. The award was given for its outstanding achievements in combating climate change.

31) Which organization has planned to set up a dedicated “Green Window” to serve the unserved segments of renewable energy sector?

- 1) Institute for Energy Studies (IES)
- 2) Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association (IWTMA)
- 3) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)
- 4) National Institute of Wind Energy (NIWE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)

Explanation:

Addressing the COP 25 conference, Secretary for the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) Shri Anand Kumar announced that Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), has planned to set up a dedicated “Green Window” to serve the unserved segments of renewable energy sector.

32) How many countries agreed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 during the 25th session of Conference of Parties (COP 25)?

- 1) 80 Countries
- 2) 73 Countries
- 3) 75 Countries

- 4) 71 Countries
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 73 Countries**

Explanation:

A total of 73 countries agreed to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050. These 73 countries represent 13% of total global emissions. Most of the 73 countries' emission rate is negligible when compared with big emitters such as the USA, China and India. China, US, European Union(EU) and India contributed to 59% of the total global Carbon dioxide(Co2) emissions. Out of these countries, China emitted 28% of Co2 emissions, while India emitted 7% of the Co2 emissions.

33) Which organization has released the report titled “Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track”?

- 1) United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF)
- 2) United Nation (UN)
- 3) Save the Children
- 4) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 5) None of these

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

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, According to the new report, ‘Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?’ released by UNICEF (United Nations Children’s Fund).

34) How much percent of children registered after birth in the year 2015-16, where the registration of children stood at 41 % in 2005–2006?

- 1) 71%
- 2) 75%
- 3) 80%
- 4) 95%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 80%**

Explanation:

The number of registered children increased from 41 % in 2005–2006 to 80 % a decade later (2015-16) in India. The number of childbirth registrations has increased significantly over the past decade & the great efforts of South Asian countries like India, Bangladesh and Nepal have contributed to the global progress in this field. The birth registration level in these regions has almost tripled from 23% in the last two decades to 70%. As per the report, the proportion of infants under the age of 5 registered globally is around 20 % of the last 10 years. This figure has increased from 63 % to 75%.

35) Which year is set as a target to neutralize carbon emissions by European Union (EU)?

- 1) 2040
- 2) 2050
- 3) 2030
- 4) 2025
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 2050**

Explanation:

The 2050 goal is a key commitment under the 2015 Paris Agreement of the Europe Union on climate change. To achieve the goal, the EU countries (comprises of 28 countries) will have to slash carbon emissions generated by fossil fuels and find ways to offset remaining emissions. It is a 100 billion - euro (\$110 billion) plan for net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. It is also called European Green Deal / Europe's man on the moon moment. In 2014, the EU agreed to cut its greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% by 2030 and 85%-90% by 2050.

36) Name the European country that left the European Union's (EU) 2050 Climate Neutrality Agreement on 13 December 2019?

- 1) Italy
- 2) France
- 3) Poland
- 4) Germany
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Poland**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, Poland, a country located in Central Europe, has left European Union's (EU) 2050 Climate Neutrality Agreement as it demanded more funds for economic transition and support for nuclear power. The Czech Republic and Hungary agree with a course of action after winning a guarantee that nuclear energy recognized for greenhouse gas emission reduction.

37) What is the target year set by UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) to achieve universal birth registration of every child?

- 1) 2030
- 2) 2045
- 3) 2050
- 4) 2025
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 2030**

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) released a report titled 'Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?'. This publication is about the latest data on global and regional estimates of the number of unregistered children worldwide. The report also analyses the steps to be taken to achieve universal birth registration by 2030.

38) Name the only country that accounted a huge rise in birth registration from 41% in 2005-06 to 80% over a decade according to UNICEF's (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) report titled 'Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?'.

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

Answer – **4) India**

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) released a report titled 'Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?'. This publication is about the latest data on global and regional estimates of the number of unregistered children worldwide. The report also analyses the steps to be taken to achieve universal birth registration by 2030. As per the report, India alone accounted for a huge rise in birth registration gap, from 41% in 2005-06 to 80%.

39) Name the Indian states that recorded the lowest birth registrations as per the report titled 'Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?' by UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)?

- 1) Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh
- 2) Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand
- 3) Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Jharkhand
- 4) Bihar, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand

Explanation:

Despite India has the huge rise in birth generation gap, half of the unregistered births have been accounted for by five countries with India (14%) having the highest numbers. Low birth registration states: Bihar, Arunachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Jharkhand recorded the lowest birth registrations in the country. Birth registration among rich & poor: In India, birth registration levels have risen for both the richest and poorest segments of the population, and the gap between the two has narrowed.

40) How many children under age of 5 are not registered in the world as per the UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)'s report titled 'Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?'?

- 1) 146 million
- 2) 156 million
- 3) 166 million
- 4) 176 million
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 166 million

Explanation:

The UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)'s report titled 'Birth Registration for Every Child by 2030: Are we on track?' has analysed data from 174 countries. One in four children under age 5 (166 million), on average, are not registered in the world today. And even when they are, they may not have proof of registration. The reasons are all too common: a lack of resources and investment in accurate and comprehensive civil registration systems, coupled with barriers in accessing birth registration services, along with policy, regulatory and institutional obstacles.

41) To what kind of transaction does Reserve Bank of India provide with additional collateralised intra-day liquidity facility for smooth operation on a 24×7 basis from earlier time limit of 8 am to 7pm?

- 1) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)
- 2) Unified Payments Interface (UPI)
- 3) Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)
- 4) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)

Explanation:

On December 14, 2019 the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced to provide an additional collateralised intra-day liquidity (IDL) facility for smooth operation of National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) transactions on a 24X7 basis. This facility is called Liquidity Support (LS) and it became operational from December 16, 2019. The LS facility will operate as per the same terms and conditions as the Intra-Day Liquidity (IDL) facility. As per the facility, funds will be transferred electronically 24X7 from one account to another of banks which are members of this NEFT LS system. Prior to this announcement, the transaction timing for NEFT system was 8 am to 7pm on working days.

42) Name the organization that has released the Gender Gap Index for the year 2019?

- 1) Oxfam
- 2) World Economic Forum (WEF)
- 3) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- 4) United Nation (UN)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) World Economic Forum (WEF)**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, the World Economic Forum (WEF) released its annual survey on the Gender Gap Index for the year 2019.

43) What is India's rank in the recently released Gender Gap Index for the year 2019 by World Economic Forum (WEF)?

- 1) 114
- 2) 113
- 3) 112
- 4) 111
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 112**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, the World Economic Forum (WEF) released its annual survey, India slipped four places and is in the 112th place in the Gender Gap Index, and ranks in the bottom-five in terms of women's health and survival and in the economic participation of women. India has moved from the 108th as stated in 2018 report to the current place in the gender gap index, the economic opportunities for women is extremely limited in India with 35.4% according to the report.

44) Which country topped in the World Economic Forum (WEF)'s Gender Gap Index 2019?

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

Answer – **1) Iceland**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, the World Economic Forum (WEF) released its annual survey, India slipped four places and is in the 112th place in the Gender Gap Index, and ranks in the bottom-five in terms of women's health and survival and in the economic participation of women. List of Countries in Gender Gap Index:

Rank	Country
1	Iceland
2	Norway
3	Finland
4	Sweden
112	India

45) Which country has the largest number of scientific papers published worldwide for the year 2019 as per the 'Science and Engineering Indicators 2019' released by National Science Foundation (NSF) of United States?

- 1) United Kingdom
- 2) United States
- 3) Russia
- 4) China

5) None of these

Answer – **4) China**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 The United States(US) govt agency National Science Foundation (NSF) released a data 'Science and Engineering Indicators 2019' on the number of scientific papers published worldwide for the year 2019. As per the data, the list was topped by China.

46) At what position, India stands globally on the number of scientific papers published worldwide for the year 2019 as per the 'Science and Engineering Indicators 2019' released by National Science Foundation (NSF) of United States?

1) 3rd

2) 4th

3) 2nd

4) 5th

5) None of these

Answer – **1) 3rd**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 The United States(US) govt agency National Science Foundation (NSF) released a data 'Science and Engineering Indicators 2019' on the number of scientific papers published worldwide for the year 2019. As per the data, India was ranked as the world's 3rd largest publisher of science and engineering(S&E) articles. The list was topped by China.

47) Where did Rajnath Singh and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar addressed the 2nd session of 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue between India & US?

1) New York, United States (US)

2) New Delhi, India

3) Washington DC, United States (US)

4) Mumbai, India

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Washington DC, United States (US)**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, the 2nd session of the 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue between India & United States(US) was held in Washington DC, US. The meeting was hosted by the Department of State at Foggy bottom headquarters in Washington DC. The focus of the meeting was on deepening bilateral strategic and defence cooperation, exchanging perspectives on global developments, & shared leadership between the two countries in the Indo-Pacific region.

48) Find the agreement, that was signed between India and United States (US) during the 2nd session of 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue in Washington DC, US?

1) Research Development, Technology and Evaluation (RDT&E) Agreement

2) Industrial Security Agreement

3) Investment Agreement

4) Infrastructure Collaboration Agreement

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Industrial Security Agreement**

Explanation:

India and the US signed an industrial security agreement which will allow transfer of defence technology in both the nations. Prior to the signing, a wide range of strategic and security issues by both the nations were discussed. Purpose: This agreement, known as Internal security annex (ISA) will provide a framework for cooperation development and production linkages in defence manufacturing.

49) Where was the World's first Global Refugee Forum held?

- 1) Paris, France
- 2) Madrid, Spain
- 3) Geneva, Switzerland
- 4) Washington D.C., United States (U.S.)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Geneva, Switzerland**

Explanation:

The 1st ever Global Refugee Forum was held in Geneva, Switzerland from December 17-18 2019. The forum was co-hosted by Switzerland along with United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and co-convened (brought together) by Turkey, Germany, Ethiopia and Costa Rica. The forum will provide an opportunity to people to strengthen the international response against war, conflict and persecution that displaced people and left them with refugee status.

50) Which organization has released the report titled “2019 Pollution and Health Metrics: Global, Regional and Country Analysis” on December 20, 2019?

- 1) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 2) United Nations (UN)
- 3) World Health Organization (WHO)
- 4) Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP) released the report, “2019 Pollution and Health Metrics: Global, Regional and Country Analysis”.

51) Which country has highest number of premature deaths about 2.3 million (23,26,771) in 2017 due to pollution as per, Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP)'s “2019 Pollution and Health Metrics: Global, Regional and Country Analysis”?

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

Answer – **2) India**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, According to the new report, “2019 Pollution and Health Metrics: Global, Regional and Country Analysis” released by Global Alliance on Health and Pollution (GAHP), India leads the world with about 2.3 million (23,26,771 deaths) in 2017 in terms of premature deaths due to pollution. India is followed by China (18,65,566 deaths) & Nigeria (2,79,318 deaths). The United States (US), the world's third most populous country with 325 million people, stood at 7th position (1,96,930 deaths).

52) What is the common name of the currency, that was renamed from “CFA Franc” by 8 West African Nations (Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo) recently?

- 1) Ero
- 2) Euro
- 3) Echo
- 4) Eco
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Eco**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019 8 West African Nations agreed to rename their common currency known as “CFA Franc” to “Eco” to sever the CFA franc’s links to former colonial ruler France. This announcement in change to a new currency was made during French President Emmanuel Jean-Michel Frédéric Macron’s visit to Ivory Coast, which is France’s former main colony in West Africa and also the world’s top cocoa producer. The 8 countries are Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

53) Which country has recently launched the “Space Force” focusing on warfare in space?

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

Answer – **2) United States (US)**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019, The United States (US) President Donald Trump has officially launched “US space force (USSF)”, the 1st new US military service in more than 70 years focusing on warfare in space. Trump has signed the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act to make the formation of the space force into reality, which would set an initial budget for the Pentagon force that would be equivalent for the five other branches of the military.

54) Which organization has released the third edition of global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025?

- 1) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)
- 2) World Health Organisation (WHO)
- 3) United Nation (UN)
- 4) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) World Health Organisation (WHO)**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 The World Health Organisation (WHO) released its 3rd edition of global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025. As per the report despite decline in tobacco usage, 163 nations besides India are also not on track in this regard.

55) What is the target year set by government of India to achieve reduction in tobacco use by 30%?

- 1) 2035
- 2) 2030
- 3) 2025
- 4) 2040
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 2025**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 The World Health Organisation (WHO) released its 3rd edition of global report on trends in prevalence of tobacco use 2000-2025. As per the report despite decline in tobacco usage, India is off track to achieve 30% reduction in tobacco use by 2025 when compared to its 2010 levels. 163 nations besides India are also not on track in this regard. Expected tobacco usage reduction by 2025: Based on current progress by India, a reduction in the tobacco usage by 23% by 2025 is expected in the country.

56) Which city will host the 17th India-EU summit in the year 2020?

- 1) Brussels, Belgium
- 2) Berlin, Germany
- 3) Madrid, Spain
- 4) Washington, D.C., United States (US)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Brussels, Belgium**

Explanation:

The President of European Council Charles Michel invited Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi to attend the 17th India-EU summit in early 2020. The summit which will be held at Brussels, Belgium, is aimed at expanding strategic partnership with Europe. The summit will focus on areas such as Bilateral Trade and Investment Agreement (BTIA), Europol, counter-terrorism, Euroatom, climate change, etc. BTIA is a free trade agreement(FTA) between India and EU in the year launched in 2007.

57) Which is the only country in the world, that has hypersonic weapons?

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

Answer – **4) Russia**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, According to the Russian President, Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, Russia is the only country in the world that has hypersonic weapons. He revealed the new zircon missile at a meeting of senior military officials in Moscow. As per Putin, the Zircon missile, which can fly from land to land in 10 times faster than the speed of sound, has a range of more than 2,000 kilometers (1,250 miles) and can carry a nuclear or conventional warhead.

58) Where did External Affairs Minister(EAM) of India, Subrahmanyam Jaishankar co-chaired the 19th Joint Commission Meeting 2019 between India & Iran?

- 1) Mumbai, India
- 2) Tehran, Iran
- 3) New Delhi, India
- 4) Tabriz, Iran
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tehran, Iran**

Explanation:

External Affairs Minister(EAM), Subrahmanyam Jaishankar, who was on a 2-day (22-23 December 2019) visit to Iran, co-chaired the 19th Joint Commission Meeting 2019 with his Iranian counterpart Javad Zarif in Tehran, Iran.

59) Which of the following countries were involved in Chabahar port project?

- 1) India, Nepal and Bangladesh
- 2) India, Myanmar and Bangladesh
- 3) India, Iran and Afghanistan
- 4) India, Iran and Bangladesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) India, Iran and Afghanistan**

Explanation:

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Javad Zarif in Tehran, Iran. During the meet, 2 sides agreed to speed up the work on the strategic Chabahar project, which is being jointly developed by India, Iran and Afghanistan.

60) Which country topped in the Knight Frank's "Global House Price Index Q3 2019"?

- 1) Czech Republic
- 2) Luxembourg
- 3) Croatia
- 4) Hungary
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Hungary**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019 global property consultant Knight Frank released a report titled "Global House Price Index Q3 2019". The report was about housing prices in a particular quarter of the financial year. As per the report, Hungary topped the list. The Global House Price Index Q3 2019 tracks the movement of residential prices across 56 countries and territories worldwide using official statistics.

61) What is the rank of India in the Knight Frank's "Global House Price Index Q3 2019" that tracks the movement of residential prices?

- 1) 47th
- 2) 35th
- 3) 23rd
- 4) 51st
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) 47th**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019 global property consultant Knight Frank released a report titled "Global House Price Index Q3 2019". The report was about housing prices in a particular quarter of the financial year. As per the report, India was ranked at 47th place out of 56 countries, while Hungary topped the list.

Rank	Country
47	India
1	Hungary
2	Luxembourg
3	Croatia

62) Which country's resolution on initiating drafting of new treaty to combat cyber-crime was approved by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)?

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

Answer – **1) Russia**

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019 the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has given its approval for a new Russian resolution which will draft a new international treaty to combat cyber-crime. The Russian draft resolution was approved by the 193-member world body of UNGA by a vote of 79-60 with 33 abstentions (declining to vote). The committee will meet in August 2020 to agree on an outline of its activities while the substantive work on the new convention will begin in 2021.

63) What is the operating budget allocated by United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) for the year 2020?

- 1) \$5.07 billion
- 2) \$4.07 billion
- 3) \$3.07 billion
- 4) \$2.07 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) \$3.07 billion

Explanation:

The UNGA adopted \$3.07 billion operating budget for 2020. 2020 operating budget is slightly more when compared with the \$2.9 billion budget for 2019.

64) United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has allocated fund for the 1st time for which of the following process in its 2020 budget?

- 1) Global Fund to Fight AIDS
- 2) Investigation of war crimes in Syria and Myanmar
- 3) For Enhancing security of all of its member states
- 4) Uniting for Peace
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Investigation of war crimes in Syria and Myanmar

Explanation:

The UNGA adopted \$3.07 billion operating budget for 2020 and also for the very 1st time included funding for the investigation of war crimes in Syria and Myanmar. 2020 operating budget is slightly more when compared with the \$2.9 billion budget for 2019.

65) Which country has officially announced to drop its nickname 'Holland' recently?

- 1) Turkey
- 2) Belgium
- 3) Germany
- 4) The Netherlands
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) The Netherlands

Explanation:

As a part of €200,000 tourism rebranding, the Netherlands has officially announced to drop the nickname 'Holland' from January 2020. Even the Netherlands' Board of Tourism and Conventions is also scrapping its symbol featuring a tulip, the national flower, and the word "Holland" and replacing it with a new logo that has an orange tulip and the initials "NL." The govt of Netherlands has instructed the companies, embassies, ministries and universities to refer the country as its official title 'the Netherlands'.

BANKING & FINANCE

1) Which bank has joined hands with Walmart India to launch a co-branded credit card?

- 1) Axis Bank
- 2) HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Bank

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, In a first, Walmart India, a wholly owned subsidiary of Walmart Inc has joined hands with HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Bank to launch a co-branded credit card. The new co-branded credit card is available exclusively for members of Best Price Modern Wholesale B2B (business to business) cash & carry Stores, owned and operated by Walmart India. In this, the facility of free credit will be available for up to 50 days without any interest.

2) Name the organization, that has anchored an investment of \$ 200 million in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL)?

- 1) International Finance Corporation (IFC)
- 2) World Bank (WB)
- 3) International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD)
- 4) Inter-American Development Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, The International Finance Corporation (IFC), a unit of the World Bank Group, has anchored an investment round of \$ 200 million in Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services Limited (MMFSL), a Rural NBFC (Non Banking Financial Company) with the objective to create a 'pool' specifically for financing micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in low income states. In a regulatory filing, IFC has invested \$ 75 million out of this in its account. The remaining \$ 125 million is being raised in parallel loans. At the same time, Mahindra Finance has committed to invest \$225 million in this fund.

3) Which health insurance company has partnered with MobiKwik to offer affordable health insurance plans?

- 1) Bharti Axa General Insurance
- 2) HDFC ERGO General Insurance company Ltd
- 3) ICICI Lombard General Insurance Company Limited
- 4) Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL)

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, Aditya Birla Health Insurance Co. Limited (ABHICL), a subsidiary of Aditya Birla Capital Ltd has partnered with MobiKwik, a fin-tech platform to offer affordable health insurance plans to mobile-first middle-class Indian consumers who have previously never had access to insurance solutions. They have jointly launched the first product called "Cancer Protect Cover" Plan as

part of their contract. The users will benefit from this comprehensive protection plan as it applies to all diagnostic stages of cancer.

4) How much percent of depositors of the Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank have been allowed to withdraw their entire deposits even though the ceiling of Rs 50,000 on withdrawal continues?

- 1) 82 %
 - 2) 80 %
 - 3) 78 %
 - 4) 75 %
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) 78 %**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, As per the Union Finance Minister (FM) Nirmala Sitharaman, nearly 78 % depositors of the scam-hit Punjab and Maharashtra Co-operative (PMC) Bank have been allowed to withdraw their entire deposits even though the ceiling of Rs 50,000 on withdrawal continues. Also account holders are allowed to withdraw up to Rs 1 lakh in case of medical emergency, marriage and other serious situations.

5) Which state has signed \$206 million loan agreement with Asian Development Bank (ADB) to develop water supply, sewerage infrastructure in 5 cities?

- 1) West Bengal
 - 2) Tamil Nadu
 - 3) Maharashtra
 - 4) Assam
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, Asian Development Bank (ADB), a regional development bank has signed \$206 million loan agreement with Government of India (GoI) to develop water supply, sewerage infrastructure in 5 cities (Ambur, Tiruchirappalli, Tiruppur, Madurai and Vellore) of Tamil Nadu (TN) and also enhances capacities of urban local bodies (ULBs) for improved service delivery. It was the 2nd project loan for the ADB-assisted \$500 million multi-tranche financing for TN Urban Flagship Investment Program, granted in earlier September 2018, that will develop climate-resilient water supply, sewerage, and drainage infrastructure in at least 10 cities in Tamil Nadu.

6) Which Grameen Bank has entered into an MoU with Canara HSBC OBC (Oriental Bank of Commerce) Life Insurance Company Ltd for bancassurance?

- 1) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)
 - 2) Kerala Gramin Bank (KGB)
 - 3) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank (APGB)
 - 4) Pragathi Krishna Gramin Bank (PKGB)
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB), an Indian Regional Rural Bank (RRB), has entered into an MoU (memorandum of understanding) with Canara HSBC OBC (Oriental Bank of Commerce) Life Insurance Company Ltd for bancassurance (selling of life assurance and other insurance products and services by bank).

7) What is the Repo Rate announced by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in the 5th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20?

- 1) 5.35%
- 2) 5.25%
- 3) 5.15%
- 4) 5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 5.15%**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced its 5th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates for 2019-20 in Mumbai, Maharashtra. The three-day (December 3 – 5, 2019) policy review meeting by the 6 members of Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) was headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das with the members -Dr. Chetan Ghate, Dr. Pami Dua, Dr. Ravindra H. Dholakia, Dr. Michael Debabrata Patra, Shri Bibhu Prasad Kanungo.

Current rates:

Policy Rates under Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF)	
Repo Rate	5.15%
Reverse Repo Rate	4.90%
Marginal standing facility (MSF) Rate	5.40%
Bank Rate	5.40%
Reserve Ratios	
Cash reserve Ratio (CRR)	4%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) (18.50% from October 12, 2019 It will again change on January 4, 2020)	18.75%

8) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019-20 as per the 5th Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Rates?

- 1) 5.5 %
- 2) 5.3 %
- 3) 5.1 %
- 4) 5 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 5 %**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank has sharply reduced the GDP growth forecast for the current financial year –FY 20 (or 2019) to 5 % from the earlier estimate of 6.1 % due to weak domestic and external demand.

9) Which firm has partnered with IDFC (Infrastructure Development Finance Company) Bank and Yes Bank to offer FASTags to truck fleet owners free of cost?

- 1) Lalamove
- 2) BlackBuck
- 3) Convoy
- 4) Next Trucking
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) BlackBuck**

Explanation:

On November 28, 2019, BlackBuck, India's largest online trucking platform. has partnered with leading private sector lenders IDFC (Infrastructure Development Finance Company) Bank and Yes Bank to offer FASTags to truck fleet owners free of cost. With this partnership, truck owners can order FASTags on Blackbuck's Boss app. It will be given free at their doorstep till 31st December 2019.

10) Which insurance company has launched "my:health Woman Suraksha policy", a comprehensive medical insurance scheme specially designed for women?

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

Answer – **1) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company**

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019, HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company, India's third-largest non-life insurance provider in the private sector, has launched "my:health Woman Suraksha policy", a comprehensive medical insurance scheme specially designed for women. People aged 18–65 years are eligible for the policy & they offered a sum insured ranging from Rs. 1 lakh to 1 crore. The policy is designed to provide financial support during medical emergencies and sicknesses in women's lives. The policy provides for a reduction in women's fitness (physical and mental fitness) during the course of the renewal.

11) To which banks, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released the final guidelines on the facility to apply 'on- tap' for licenses?

- 1) Small Finance Banks (SFBs)
- 2) Payment Banks
- 3) Commercial Banks
- 4) Agricultural or Co-operative Banks
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Small Finance Banks (SFBs)**

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, India's central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has released the final guidelines on the facility to apply 'on- tap' for licenses to Small Finance Banks (SFBs).

12) What is the minimum paid-up voting equity capital of Small Finance Banks (SFBs)?

- 1) Rs 500 crore
- 2) Rs 400 crore

- 3) Rs 200 crore
- 4) Rs 300 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rs 200 crore**

Explanation:

Under the decree, the minimum paid-up voting equity capital has been doubled to Rs 200 crore from Rs 100 crore. The minimum required capital condition of Rs 200 crore will not be applicable to the entities operating from primary (urban) cooperative banks (UCBs), non-banking financial company, micro financial institution (MFIs), local regional bank/payment bank. However, UCBs transiting into SFBs will require of net worth of Rs 100 crore, which will have to be increased to Rs 200 crore within five years.

13) After completion of how many years, payment banks are eligible to become Small Finance Banks (SFBs) if they meet the regulatory requirements?

- 1) 8 years
- 2) 5 years
- 3) 10 years
- 4) 7 years
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 5 years**

Explanation:

The payment banks which have completed 5 years of operations, are eligible to become SFBs if they meet the regulatory requirements. If the promoter of a payments bank desires to set up an SFB separately, both the banks should come under the non-operative financial holding company (NOFHC) structure.

14) What is the increased lending limits imposed on peer-to-peer (P2P) lenders from Rs 10 lakh by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 5th December, 2019?

- 1) Rs 15 lakh
- 2) Rs 25 lakh
- 3) Rs 50 lakh
- 4) Rs 100 lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rs 50 lakh**

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, India's central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken a big step to promote the peer-2-peer (P2P) sector by increasing the total loan limit among such lenders by five times to Rs 50 lakh. Right now the aggregate limit is 10 lakh rupees for all borrowers and lenders on all P2P platforms. Apart from this, a single borrower can only take up to a maximum of Rs 50,000 from a lender on all NBFC (Non Banking Financial Company)-P2P platforms.

15) Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) to spread customer awareness and investor education?

- 1) Canara Bank
- 2) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- 3) State Bank of India (SBI)

- 4) Bank of Baroda (BoB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Bank of Baroda (BoB)**

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, Investor Education & Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) works under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bank of Baroda (BoB), Indian Multinational, public sector Bank to spread customer awareness and investor education and reaching out to investors and stakeholders.

16) Which country's Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) has agreed to invest up to \$600 million in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India through the NIIF Master Fund?

- 1) Iceland
- 2) Canada
- 3) Australia
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Canada**

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, CPP Investment Board, officially the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board (CPPIB) has agreed to invest up to \$600 million in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) of India through the NIIF Master Fund. CPPIB's commitment includes a \$150 million in the NIIF Master Fund and co-investment rights of upto \$450 million in future opportunities to invest alongside the NIIF Master Fund.

17) Which transaction facility will be available 24×7 for customers from December 16, 2019 by Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) Electronic Clearing System (ECS)
- 2) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
- 3) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)
- 4) Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)**

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019, With a view to promote digital transactions, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has allowed the round-the-clock (24×7) transactions facility under the National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT) system to customers on all days including weekends and holidays from December 16, 2019. This direction was issued by RBI under Section 10(2) read with Section 18 of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 (Act 51 of 2007).

18) Name the company, which will no longer be allowed to bilaterally buy assets from banks or financial institutions (FIs) that they count among their sponsors?

- 1) Companies Limited By Guarantee
- 2) Registered Or Incorporated Companies
- 3) Statutory Companies
- 4) Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs)

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs)

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, India's central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has tightened norms for Asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) by barring them to bilaterally buy assets from banks /financial institutions (FIs) which is its sponsor, lender or has subscribed to the fund raised by the ARC for its operations or an entity in the group to which the ARC belongs.

19) Name the new loan service app launched by Xiaomi in association with ZestMoney, through which customers can get a instant loan ranging from Rs 7,000 – Rs 1,00,000?

1) MiCredit

2) MiLoan

3) Mi Instant

4) XiLoan

5) None of these

Answer – 1) MiCredit

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019, ZestMoney, an AI (Artificial Intelligence) -driven EMI(Equated Monthly Instalment) financing platform based in Bengaluru, Karnataka, has partnered with Chinese smartphone company, Xiaomi, to launch new loan service app called "MiCredit" in the Indian market. Through this, customers can get a instant loan ranging from Rs 7,000 – Rs 1,00,000.

20) To which country, India's Exim bank (Export Import Bank of India) has provided \$500 million (Rs 3561 crore) Line of Credit (LoC) for defence-related procurement?

1) Bhutan

2) Sri Lanka

3) Nepal

4) Bangladesh

5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bangladesh

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019 India's Exim bank (Export Import Bank of India) has provided \$500 million (Rs 3561 crore) Line of Credit(LoC) to Bangladesh for defence-related procurement in the neighbouring country. The exim bank entered into an agreement with Bangladesh's Armed Forces Division (AFD) in this regard on April 11, 2019. The agreement became effective from November 7, 2019 and the utilisation period of the loan is 10 years from the date of signing the agreement.

21) Which entity has partnered with Union Bank of India (UBI) for 20,000 Banking Business Correspondent (BC) point?

1) India Finserve

2) Vakrangee Finserve Limited

3) Star Finserv India Ltd

4) Swadhaar FinServe Private Limited

5) None of these

Answer – 2) Vakrangee Finserve Limited

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, Vakrangee Finserve Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Vakrangee Limited (VL) has partnered with Union Bank of India (UBI), one of the largest government-owned banks of India for 20,000 Banking Business Correspondent (BC) point for Nextgen Vakrangee Kendra.

22) Which bank has partnered with Mastercard to provide an additional layer of security function called 'Mastercard Identity Check' for digital transactions?

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

Answer – **4) Federal Bank**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, Mastercard, an American multinational financial services corporation has tied-up with Federal Bank, a Private Sector, scheduled commercial bank, to provide an additional layer of security function called 'Mastercard Identity Check' for digital transactions done by bank's cardholders. The new layer of security will be provided by using latest authentication standards of EMV 3-D Secure.

23) Who will head the 10-member working group (WG) constituted by IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) to recommend for loss prevention & minimization in the general insurance industry?

- 1) Rajnish Kumar
- 2) T. L. Alamelu
- 3) Ashok Kumar Gupta
- 4) Subhash Chandra Khuntia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) T. L. Alamelu**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India), an autonomous body constituted to regulate and develop insurance business in India, has constituted a 10-member working group (WG) headed by T. L. Alamelu to make recommendations for loss prevention & minimization in the general insurance industry. It should submit its report within 12 weeks.

24) Which Public Sector Bank (PSB) of India has signed a \$277 million (about Rs 1,958 crore) a loan agreement with KfW (formerly KfW-Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau Bankengruppe) for establishing an energy-efficient housing programme in India?

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

Answer – **4) State Bank of India (SBI)**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, State Bank of India (SBI), an Indian multinational, public sector bank has signed a loan agreement worth of \$277 million (about Rs 1,958 crore) with KfW (formerly KfW-Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau Bankengruppe), a German state-owned development bank for establishing an energy-efficient housing programme in India.

25) To what kind of transaction, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has set up subsidiaries to elevate it to International (Other) Countries?

- 1) Immediate Payment Service (IMPS)
- 2) Unified Payment Interface (UPI)
- 3) Real-time gross settlement (RTGS)
- 4) National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Unified Payment Interface (UPI)**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, According to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Shaktikanta Das, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), an umbrella organisation works under RBI for operating retail payments, has set up a subsidiary to take the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) model to other countries.

26) Which bank has granted \$250 million (about Rs 1,775 crore) loan to Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to improve energy efficiency investments in India?

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

Answer – **3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019, In a bid to support agricultural, residential and institutional consumers, Asian Development Bank (ADB), an international development finance institution & and the Government of India (GoI) have inked a \$250 million (about Rs 1,775 crore) loan to Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) to expand energy efficiency investments in India by way of identifying new business opportunities, a gender action plan, mobilising private sector participation in energy efficiency services, etc. ADB will also grant \$46 million (Rs 327 crore) from its Clean Technology Fund (CTF) & for the implementation of the project, a technical assistance (TA) of \$2 million will be provided to EESL, a public sector energy service company.

27) By how much percent, complaints received in Banking Ombudsman (BO) increased for the year 2018-19 from the previous year (2017-18) according to Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- 1) 19.25%
- 2) 19.75%
- 3) 19.55%
- 4) 19.50%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 19.75%**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019, According to the annual Report of Ombudsman Schemes for 2018-19, released by Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the volume of complaints received by its 21 Offices of Banking Ombudsman (OBOs) has increased to 1,95,901 complaints in 2018-19 (Fiscal year-FY 19), up by 19.75% (or 32,311 complaints) from the previous year (2017-18), that accounted 1,63,590.

28) Name the bank that has agreed to provide \$100 million to India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) that aims to raise about \$1 billion to invest in up to 10 private equity funds?

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

Answer – 1) New Development Bank (NDB)

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019, New Development Bank (NDB), formerly referred to as the BRICS Development Bank, has agreed to provide \$100 million to India's National Investment and Infrastructure Fund's (NIIF) Fund of Funds(FoF), that aims to raise about \$1 billion to invest in up to 10 private equity funds managed by fund managers in India.

29) Which organization has partnered with Axis Bank for launching co-branded credit cards?

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

Answer – 4) Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL)

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 Axis Bank and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) has entered into a partnership to launch co-branded credit cards. The card will be useful for customers preferring cashless and hassle-free payments. The partnership also aims to offer rewards and benefits for its customers. On December 17, 2019 Axis Bank and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) has entered into a partnership to launch co-branded credit cards. The card will be useful for customers preferring cashless and hassle-free payments. The partnership also aims to offer rewards and benefits for its customers.

30) Which bank along with UCO Bank has signed an MoU with to provide a paperless, cashless, and transparent payment system on its portal?

- 1) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)
- 2) Union Bank of India (UBI)
- 3) Bank of India (BoI)
- 4) Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bank of Maharashtra (BoM)

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), a one stop portal to facilitate online procurement of common use Goods & Services required by various government departments, has signed MoU (Memorandum of understanding) with Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) & UCO Bank (formerly United Commercial Bank) to provide a paperless, cashless, and transparent payment system on its portal.

31) Which bank has inked a \$490 million loan agreement with Government of India (GoI) for upgrade about 1,600 km of Madhya Pradesh(MP)?

- 1) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
- 2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- 3) World Bank (WB)
- 4) New Development Bank (NDB)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Asian Development Bank (ADB)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Asian Development Bank (ADB), an international development finance institution has inked a \$490 million loan agreement with Government of India (GoI) for upgrade about 1,600 km of Madhya Pradesh(MP) state highways (750km) & major district roads- MDRs (850km) from single-lane to two-lane widths in the state. This project will be a public-private partnership (PPP) through the hybrid-annuity model (HAM), for this, an additional \$286 million investment will be mobilized by the state.

32) What is the worth of the bonds that Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to buy under the Open Market Operations (OMO) mechanism alike to “Operation Twist” of United States of America (USA)?

1) Rs 10,000 crore

2) Rs 7,000 crore

3) Rs 15,000 crore

4) Rs 12,000 crore

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs 10,000 crore**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, India’s central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to conduct simultaneous sale and purchase of government bonds under the Open Market Operations (OMO) mechanism, a concept similar to “Operation Twist” that was last adopted by the US (United States) Federal Reserve in 2013. So, the RBI will buy bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore of 6.45% maturing in the year 2029 and issuing bonds worth Rs 10,000 crore maturing in the year 2020.

33) Which bank has signed an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat state government to provide loans to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector?

1) HDFC Bank

2) Canara Bank

3) Bank of Baroda (BoB)

4) State Bank of India (SBI)

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bank of Baroda (BoB)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, In order to facilitate the flow of credit in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) sector, Bank of Baroda (BoB), an Indian Multinational, public sector Bank, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Gujarat government. As per the agreement, the credit will be provided to the MSME for greenfield projects, startups, women entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs from backward areas under the Gujarat Single Window Clearance Act 2017 & Ordinance Number 1 of 2019 dated October 24, 2019.

34) Name the bank that will grant a loan worth of \$210 million for irrigation (\$145-mn) & solar energy projects(\$65-mn) in India?

1) New Development Bank (NDB)

2) World Bank (WB)

3) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), a multilateral financial institution, has decided to grant a loan worth of \$210 million for irrigation (\$145-mn) & solar energy projects(\$65-mn) in India. Under this loan, \$145-million will be given to improve irrigation service delivery and strengthen flood risk management in West Bengal (WB). While, the remaining \$65-million has been given for 250-megawatt (MW) solar power project in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

35) Lender has to produce a certificate to peer-to-peer lending (P2P) platforms from a practising Chartered Accountant certifying minimum net-worth of Rs 50 lakh for investing more than ____ lakh?

- 1) 20 Lakh
- 2) 10 Lakh
- 3) 25 Lakh
- 4) 30 Lakh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 10 Lakh

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, In a bid to protect the interest of consumers, India's Central Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has set a ₹50-lakh limit on the aggregate lending to all borrowers across all Non-Banking Financial Company – Peer to Peer (NBFC-P2P) lending platforms at a time determined. Further, lender investing over Rs 10 lakh across P2P platforms should get a practising chartered accountant (CA) certify a minimum net-worth of Rs 50 lakh.

36) PPI was in news recently, what does 'I' stands for _____?

- 1) Instrument
- 2) Interest
- 3) Index
- 4) Investment
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Instrument

Explanation:

I stands for Instrument. The full form of PPI is Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI).

37) Name the bank, that has partnered with Pine Labs to enable debit card facility for their debit cardholders across point-of-sale terminals by Pine Labs?

- 1) Canara Bank
- 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank
- 3) HDFC Bank
- 4) State Bank of India
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, Kotak Mahindra Bank has tied up with Pine Labs to enable debit card facility for their debit cardholders across point-of-sale terminals by Pine Labs. Its aim is to provide affordable, flexible and easy EMI options on a range of products so that bank's customers can break their high-value purchases into affordable installments at no extra cost.

38) What is the transaction limit for goods and services made through the newly launched semi-closed Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI)?

- 1) Rs. 20000
- 2) Rs. 15000
- 3) Rs. 10000

- 4) Rs. 25000
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rs. 10000**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, In order to boost small value digital transactions, the apex bank Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has launched semi-closed prepaid payment instrument (PPI) for transaction of goods and services up to a limit of Rs 10,000. This direction has made under Section 18 read with Section 10(2) of Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. These PPIs will enhance the digitization of daily payments at local shops and retail outlets for the purchase of daily household goods and services.

39) How much percent of gross NPA (non-performing assets) are there in the Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) as on March 2019?

- 1) 10.1 %
- 2) 9.1 %
- 3) 9.5 %
- 4) 10.3 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 9.1 %**

Explanation:

With the RBI tightening the recognition of stranded debt, the process is nearing completion & at the same time the gross NPA (non-performing assets) of the Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) improved to 9.1% in March 2019 from 11.2% in March 2018.

40) By how much percent the Bank fraud stood in the year 2018-19 as per the RBI report 'Trend and Progress of Banking in India 2018-19'?

- 1) 82%
- 2) 45%
- 3) 65%
- 4) 74%
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 74%**

Explanation:

During the financial year (FY) 2017-18, there were 5916 cases were registered, out of which forgery accounts up to Rs 41,167.04 crore. It grew by 74% to reach 6801 cases of bank fraud in India worth of Rs 71,543 crore in 2018-19.

41) The term "Greenwashing" was in news recently, what does it mean?

- 1) Product manufactured with environmental concerns
- 2) Environment Friendly Product
- 3) False claims of environmental compliance
- 4) Claims of environmental compliance
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) False claims of environmental compliance**

Explanation:

As per the report, the green finance development faces many challenges, such as "greenwashing" /false claims of environmental compliance, plurality of green loan definitions, and mismatches of maturity between long-term green investment & relatively short-term interests of investors. So the report stressed to establish Policy action to promote green finance sector in India by raising awareness through coordinated efforts.

42) Which bank has joined hands with Magicbricks for listing and e-auctioning of immovable properties repossessed by bank through recovery proceedings?

- 1) Federal Bank
- 2) HDFC Bank
- 3) ICICI Bank
- 4) Canara Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Federal Bank**

Explanation:

Federal Bank has joined hands with online real estate platform Magicbricks for listing and e-auctioning of immovable properties repossessed by bank through recovery proceedings. The reason behind this partnership is the speedy recovery of impaired assets of the bank as the portal offered by Magicbricks provides a wide and direct reach among prospective buyers across various locations. It also helps the customers in getting the best rate in the market for their properties.

43) Name the bank which was appointed as the lead banking convenor by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for the newly formed Union Territory Ladakh?

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

Answer – **4) State Bank of India (SBI)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 the Reserve Bank of India(RBI) has appointed Jammu & Kashmir Bank (J&K Bank) as the UTLBC (Union Territory Lead Bank Convenor) of the newly formed Union Territory(UT) of Jammu & Kashmir(J&K). Similarly, the State Bank of India (SBI) will be the lead banking convenor of the UT Ladakh.

44) Which bank has launched 'KBL Xpress SB Accounts', a digitized version of opening Savings Bank (SB) account through TAB (tablet) Banking facility on the spot?

- 1) Karnataka Bank
- 2) State Bank of India
- 3) Canara Bank
- 4) Karur Vysya Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Karnataka Bank**

Explanation:

On December 25,2019, An 'A' Class Scheduled Commercial Bank, Karnataka Bank has launched 'KBL Xpress SB Accounts', a digitized version for opening Savings Bank (SB) account through TAB (tablet) Banking facility on the spot. Using the TAB banking account opening process, the Bank has offered its valued customers the facility of opening accounts at their door step.

45) Through which application, people can now recharge their National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) FASTags?

- 1) SBI Pay UPI (Unified Payments Interface)
- 2) BHIM UPI (Bharat Interface for Money- Unified Payments Interface)
- 3) Google Tez UPI (Unified Payments Interface)
- 4) MobiKwik UPI (Unified Payments Interface)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) BHIM UPI (Bharat Interface for Money- Unified Payments Interface)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced a new recharge option for National Electronic Toll Collection (NETC) FASTags through BHIM UPI (Bharat

Interface for Money- Unified Payments Interface). Accordingly, any BHIM UPI enabled mobile app users can recharge their FASTags which would ease the traffic at toll plazas.

46) Name the bank that has entered into the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Ashok Leyland (ALL) for vehicle loans for a period of 2 years?

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

Answer – **3) Yes Bank**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, Ashok Leyland (ALL), an Indian automobile company has entered into the memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Yes Bank, an Indian private sector bank (PVB) for vehicle loans for a period of 2 years. The partnership will enable both partners to provide customised financial solution to their customers across India with focus on pan-India outreach.

47) What is the maximum exposure limit of all primary urban cooperative banks (UCBs), after which they have to report to the Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC), maintained by RBI?

- 1) Rs 5 crore
- 2) Rs 7 crore
- 3) Rs 3 crore
- 4) Rs 10 crore
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rs 5 crore**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, In a bid to find out early recognition of financial crisis, India's central bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has asked all primary urban cooperative banks (UCBs) to report all exposures (including all fund-based and non-fund-based exposure on the borrower) of Rs 5 crore and above to the Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC), maintained by RBI.

48) SMA was in news recently, what does 'S' stands for?

- 1) S - Subsidy
- 2) S - Securities
- 3) S - Security
- 4) S - Special
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) S - Special**

Explanation:

S stands for Special in SMA. The full form of SMA is Special Mention Accounts.

49) What is the estimated Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) ratio of all Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) for September 2020 as per Reserve Bank of India(RBI)'s 20th issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2019?

- 1) 9.3 %
- 2) 9.9 %
- 3) 9.5 %
- 4) 9.7 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 9.9 %**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, According to the 20th issue of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2019 released by Reserve Bank of India(RBI), the gross non-performing assets (GNPA) ratio of all scheduled commercial banks (SCBs) can increase from 9.3 % in September 2019 to 9.9 % in September 2020 due to changes in macroeconomic conditions, modest growth in new NPAs and the impact of declining credit growth rate. The GNPA ratio of SCB's was 9.3 % between March and September 2019. GNPA ratio of public sector banks (PSBs) will increase from 12.7 % in September 2019 to 13.2 % in September 2020 and the GNPA ratio of private banks (PVBs) from 3.9 % to reach 4.2 %. The GNPAs of foreign banks can also rise to 3.1 % from 2.9 %.

50) Which bank is set to launch the OTP (one-time-password) based ATM (Automated Teller Machine) withdrawal of above Rs 10,000 during 8 PM to 8 AM from January 2020?

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

Answer – 3) State Bank of India (SBI)

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, State Bank of India (SBI), an Indian multinational, public sector bank, has taken a big step to curb bank fraud and provide secure banking to its customers by launching new OTP (one-time-password) based ATM (Automated Teller Machine) withdrawal of above Rs 10,000 during 8 PM to 8 AM. The new system will be implemented across the country from 1 January 2020.

51) Name the online auction platform, launched by Union Finance Minister(FM) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman to increase transparency in auctioning of assets?

- 1) eBkray
- 2) eAuction
- 3) eAucTrans
- 4) eTransparent
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) eBkray

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019 the Union Finance Minister(FM) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman launched an online auction platform named “eBkray” in New Delhi in order to increase transparency in auctioning of assets attached by banks. e-Bkray platform is linked with the Indian Banks Auctions Mortgaged Properties Information (IBAPI) portal.

52) Which of the following rate will not be applicable on transactions/ payments done via RuPay and UPI (Unified Payments Interface) platforms from January 2020?

- 1) Statutory Liquidity Rate (SLR)
- 2) Service Rate (SR)
- 3) Bank Rate (BR)
- 4) Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)

Explanation:

In order to promote digital payments the FM announced that no MDR (merchant discount rate) charges will be applicable on transactions/ payments done via RuPay and UPI (Unified Payments Interface) platforms beginning January 1, 2020. Accordingly, all companies with a turnover of Rs 50

crore or more will be mandated by Department of Revenue (DoR) to provide the facility of payment through RuPay Debit card and UPI QR code to their customers.

53) As per the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI)'s, 20th issue of the Financial Stability Report, India's financial system is forecasted as _____?

- 1) AAA+
 - 2) Negative
 - 3) Stable
 - 4) BBB-
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **3) Stable**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, According to the 20th edition of the Financial Stability Report (FSR) 2019 released by Reserve Bank of India(RBI), India's financial system remains stable despite the recession (a period of temporary economic decline). After the capital market regulator SEBI (Securities and Exchange Board of India) imposed a fine of Rs 25 lakh each on the major Credit rating agencies (CRA) -CARE and ICRA, the RBI has also taken a dig at these agencies by strongly criticizing them for allowing low-rated companies to do "rating shopping" (where rating agencies giving good ratings to companies with poor ratings within 3 months).

54) Which bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with social enterprise Selco Solar Light Pvt Ltd, for solar lighting and livelihood solutions?

- 1) Andhra Pragathi Grameena Bank (APGB)
 - 2) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)
 - 3) Pragathi Krishna Gramin Bank (PKGB)
 - 4) Kerala Gramin Bank (KGB)
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019 the Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB) which is a regional rural bank (RRB) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) with social enterprise Selco Solar Light Pvt Ltd, for solar lighting and livelihood solutions. Under this MoU, finance livelihood solutions which are backed by solar power will be provided by the bank. This is done to improve the quality of life of micro and small entrepreneurs, economically weaker sections(EWS), sustainable agriculture and for women's empowerment.

55) What is the exposure limit of single borrower in Primary (urban) cooperative banks (UCBs)?

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

Explanation:

RBI has decided to restrict Primary (urban) cooperative banks (UCBs) exposure to a single borrower & a group of connected borrowers at 10% and 25%, respectively, of their tier-I capital, which comprises shareholders' equity and retained earnings. Still now, the limits are 15% and 40%, respectively. In addition, UCBs are mandated to bring down their excess current exposures to the above said stipulated scale by March 31, 2023.

56) What is the new overall priority sector lending (PSL) target set by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for Primary (urban) cooperative banks (UCBs) from earlier 40 %?

- 1) 65%
 - 2) 50%
 - 3) 80%
 - 4) 75%
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **4) 75%**

Explanation:

The reserve bank has also hiked the priority sector lending (PSL) target for UCBs to 75% of adjusted net bank credit (ANBC) /credit-equivalent amount of off-balance sheet exposure from 40%. The norms will be applicable from 31 March 2023.

57) Which e-commerce payment system has partnered with HDFC Life Insurance to purchase insurance products from HDFC Life?

- 1) PayPal
 - 2) Paytm
 - 3) FreeCharge
 - 4) PhonePe
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **2) Paytm**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, HDFC Life Insurance, a long-term life insurance provider has entered into the partnership with Paytm, an Indian e-commerce payment system to allow the latter's 450 million registered customers to purchase insurance products from HDFC Life. Through this partnership, HDFC Life will deepen the penetration of its product offers and enable more customers to access their risk solutions anytime, anywhere.

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1) What was the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the financial year (FY20) as per the CRISIL (formerly Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited)?

- 1) 5.1 %
 - 2) 5.3 %
 - 3) 5.5 %
 - 4) 5.7 %
 - 5) None of these
- Answer – **1) 5.1 %**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, CRISIL (formerly Credit Rating Information Services of India Limited), a global analytical company providing ratings, and risk and policy advisory services has lowered its estimate of India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate to 5.1 % for the current financial year –FY20 (or 2019) from an earlier estimate of 6.3 %. Growth in the second half of 2019-20 will go up to 5.5%, up from 4.75% in the first half.

2) Which organization has announced the establishment of Aerospace and Defence Industry Group in order to boost bilateral cooperation in the field of aerospace and defence between both the nations?

- 1) Russia India Business Council (RUSIBC)
- 2) Canada India Business Council (CANIBC)
- 3) UK India Business Council (UKIBC)
- 4) US India Business Council (USIBC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) UK India Business Council (UKIBC)

Explanation:

On November 29, 2019 the UK India Business Council (UKIBC) announced the establishment of Aerospace and Defence Industry Group in order to boost bilateral cooperation in the field of aerospace and defence between both the nations. It will advance India's defence acquisition process and also foster long-term technology and hardware transfers. In 2019, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on 'defence technology industrial capability cooperation' by UK (United Kingdom) and India to enhance defence cooperation.

3) Which entity has partnered with Thailand Tourism Authority (TAT) to tap more tourists from India & enable digital payments?

- 1) Mastercard
- 2) Credicard
- 3) Visa Inc
- 4) PayPal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Mastercard

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019, Mastercard, an American multinational financial services corporation has partnered with Thailand Tourism Authority (TAT) to tap more tourists from India & enable digital payments for a more experiential visit for them. As per Mastercard data, 20 % increase in the amount of spends done by Indians via cashless transactions in Thailand & TAT witnessed a growth of nearly 25 % in arrivals from India, taking the total to 1.60 million in 2018-19. Airports of Mumbai & Delhi account for more than 50 % of departures to Thailand.

4) Indian foreign exchange (forex) reserve crossed how much billion for the first time?

- 1) \$550 billion
- 2) \$450 billion
- 3) \$350 billion
- 4) \$250 billion
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) \$450 billion

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019 the Indian foreign exchange (forex) reserve for the first time crossed \$450-billion mark. This was mainly due to strong inflows which enabled the central bank to buy dollars from the market. The forex reserves were at \$451.7 billion on December 3, 2019, which is an increase of \$38.8 billion compared to that of March 2019.

5) Which organization has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Saudi Aramco (Asia) for the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in India in Oil & Gas Sector?

- 1) Bharat Petroleum (BP)
- 2) National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)
- 3) National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
- 4) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC), a Mini Ratna PSU (public sector undertaking) works under the Ministry of MSME, has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Saudi Aramco (Asia), a Saudi Arabian national petroleum and natural gas company for the development of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in India in Oil & Gas Sector.

6) What is the maturity period of the government bonds, for which National Stock Exchange (NSE) has launched interest rate options maturing in the year 2029 with coupon rate of 7.26 % and 6.45 %?

- 1) 3 year
- 2) 7 year
- 3) 5 year
- 4) 10 year
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 10 year

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, With the aim to provide institutional investors ability to manage risk through a non-linear product, National Stock Exchange (NSE), the leading stock exchange of India has launched interest rate options (financial derivative contracts whose values are based on an underlying interest rate) on 10-year Government bonds. These interest rate options are based on 10-year government bonds maturing in the year 2029 with coupon rate of 7.26 % and 6.45 %.

7) What is the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth of India for the current financial year-FY 20 as per Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

- 1) 5.5%
- 2) 5.7%
- 3) 5.1%
- 4) 5.3%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 5.1%

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, Asian Development Bank (ADB), an international development finance institution has lowered India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast to 5.1% for the current financial year-FY 20(or 2019) due to consumption has been affected due to slowing employment growth and delayed harvesting.

8) Which firm has partnered with AGNI (Accelerated Growth of New India's Innovations) to support the development of sustainable innovations and technologies across industries?

- 1) DuPont de Nemours, Inc
- 2) Siemens
- 3) Syngenta
- 4) Clariant
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) DuPont de Nemours, Inc

Explanation:

On December 10, 2019, DuPont de Nemours, Inc (commonly known as DuPont), an American company with technology-based materials, ingredients and solutions has partnered with AGNI (Accelerated Growth of New India's Innovations), an initiative of the office of the Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India (GoI), executed by Invest India (the national investment promotion and facilitation agency of India), to support the development of sustainable innovations and technologies across industries.

9) What is the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of India for the year 2019 by Moody's Investors Service report, "Global Macro Outlook 2020-21"?

- 1) 5.1 %
- 2) 5.2 %
- 3) 5.6 %
- 4) 5.5 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 5.6 %

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, Moody's Investors Service, an American credit rating agency in its Global Macro Outlook 2020-21, has lowered India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for 2019 to 5.6 %, which is less than 7.4 % in 2018. It cuts the forecast due to the slow growth rate of employment is impacting consumption. It also expects that the growth rate will improve after that and it can be 6.6 % and 6.7 % in 2020 and 2021 respectively.

10) Which country has recently become the 6th biggest oil supplier to India surpassing Kuwait?

- 1) United States (US)
- 2) Nigeria
- 3) Venezuela
- 4) United Arab Emirates (UAE)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) United States (US)

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019 according to the data furnished by the oil ministry to parliamentary committee, the United States (US) has surpassed Kuwait to become India's 6th largest oil supplier. It supplied 70% more crude to India, the world's third largest energy consumer during April-September 2019. It supplied 5.4 million tonnes of crude oil during the first six months of 2019-20. While US stands 6th, Iraq continues to be the top crude oil supplier to India.

11) Name the India's 1st Corporate Bond ETF (Exchange Trade Fund) launched by Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC)?

- 1) Bharat Bond ETF
- 2) Edelweiss Bond ETF
- 3) India Bond ETF
- 4) Private Bond ETF
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bharat Bond ETF

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, Edelweiss Asset Management Company (AMC), a subsidiary of Edelweiss Capital Limited (ECL) has launched the India's 1st Corporate Bond ETF (exchange trade fund) called the Bharat Bond ETF. This bond will invest only in bonds rated AAA bonds of Public Sector companies. Edelweiss aims to raise an initial amount of Rs 3,000 crore through this bond from institutional players.

12) Which country's Pension Plan Investment Board, Credit Investments has agreed to invest \$225 million in the India Resurgence Fund platform (IndiaRF)?

- 1) United States
- 2) France
- 3) Canada
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Canada

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, CPPIB (Canada Pension Plan Investment Board) Credit Investments, a wholly owned subsidiary of CPPIB, has agreed to invest \$225 million in the India Resurgence Fund platform (IndiaRF), a distressed assets buyout platform set up by Piramal Enterprises Ltd and Bain Capital Credit.

13) What is the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth of India for the Fiscal Year 2019-20 (FY20) according to Moody's?

- 1) 4.5%
- 2) 4.9%
- 3) 5.2%
- 4) 5.5%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) 4.9%

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 American business, financial company & rating agency Moody's has downgraded India's FY20 (Fiscal Year 2019-20) GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth projection to 4.9% from its earlier estimate of 5.8%. The revision in the growth projection was due to weak household consumption.

14) Which e-commerce payment company, has crossed 5 billion transactions on its app on December 13, 2019?

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

Answer – **1) PhonePe**

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, PhonePe Private Limited (PhonePe), an Indian e-commerce payment system and digital wallet company, has crossed 5 billion transactions on its app. In November 2018, PhonePe had touched the milestone of a billion transactions and achieved 5 times more unprecedented success in a year. It has over 175 million registered users in India.

15) Name the financial services platform, that was launched by Realme recently?

- 1) Realme Emprise
- 2) Realme Bankrate
- 3) Realme Paysa
- 4) Realme Extenda
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Realme Paysa**

Explanation:

On 17 December 2019, Smartphone manufacturer Realme launched its new financial services platform named 'Realme Paysa'. The platform will provide certain products like loans, mutual funds and credit score reports to consumers. The beta version of the app which is currently being used will offer digital personal loans of up to Rs 1 lakh and SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) loans upto Rs 5 lakhs.

16) What is the GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth of India for fiscal year-FY20 (2019) by Fitch Ratings Inc.?

- 1) 5.5 %
- 2) 5.2 %
- 3) 4.8 %
- 4) 4.6 %
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 4.6 %**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Fitch Ratings Inc., an American credit rating agency has lowered the India's GDP (Gross Domestic Product) growth forecast for fiscal year-FY20 (or 2019) to 4.6 % from the earlier estimate of 5.6%. Fitch made this deduction due to declining trade & consumer confidence. Also it has placed India's Long-Term Foreign-Currency Issuer Default Rating (IDR) at 'BBB-' with a Stable Outlook.

17) Who is the chair of the advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF) formed by Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)?

- 1) Abraham Koshy
- 2) N.S. Vishwanathan
- 3) Atanu Chakraborty
- 4) V. Ravi Anshuman
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Abraham Koshy**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), a Regulator for the Securities market in India owned by Government, has made extensive changes to the 8-member advisory committee on Investor Protection and Education Fund (IPEF), advising on issues related to investor education and protection activities. The chairman of this committee is former Professor, Abraham Koshy of IIM (Indian Institutes of Management) Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

18) Which entity becomes 3rd Indian company to cross m- cap of \$ 100 billion on December 19, 2019?

- 1) Bank of India (BoI)
- 2) Punjab National Bank (PNB)
- 3) Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank
- 4) State Bank of India (SBI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019, India's leading private sector bank, HDFC (Housing Development Finance Corporation) Bank Ltd, has become the 3rd company to cross market capitalization (m-cap) of \$ 100 billion (over Rs 7 lakh crore) after Reliance Industries Ltd- RIL (\$140.74 billion) & Tata Consultancy Services – TCS (\$114.60 billion). However, it closed below the \$100 billion mark at roughly \$99.5 billion.

19) Which country's Financial Services Authority (FSA) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for mutual cooperation and technical assistance recently?

- 1) Mongolia Financial Services Authority (MFSA)
- 2) Uzbekistan Financial Services Authority (UFSA)
- 3) Astana Financial Services Authority (AFSA)
- 4) Kazakhstan Financial Services Authority (KFSA)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Astana Financial Services Authority (AFSA)

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), the Regulator for the Securities market in India owned by Government of India (GoI), has entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Astana Financial Services Authority (AFSA), a financial hub in Kazakhstan, for mutual cooperation and technical assistance.

20) What is the growth rate (GDP) of India for the FY20 forecasted by International Monetary Fund (IMF) on December 24, 2019?

- 1) 6.1%
- 2) 6.3%
- 3) 6.5%
- 4) 6.7%
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 6.1%

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its Article IV consultation report on India has retained India's economic growth forecast at 6.1% for FY20. The report was released in Washington, United States (US). The forecast is much higher than by most agencies. For example, the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest projection pegged the growth at 5%, Standard & Poor's at 5.1%, Moody's at 4.9% and Fitch' at 4.6% for the current financial year.

21) Name the organization that has released its 11th annual report titled 'World Economic League Table 2020' (WELT 2020)?

- 1) Institute of Economical Research (IER)
- 2) National Research Institute (NRI)
- 3) National Economics and Business Research (NEBR)
- 4) Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR)**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 United Kingdom(UK)-based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) released its 11th annual report titled 'World Economic League Table 2020' (WELT 2020).

22) Which country is expected to overtake Germany as the fourth-largest economy in the world by 2026 as per the Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR)'s 11th annual report titled 'World Economic League Table 2020' (WELT 2020)?

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

Answer – **1) India**

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019 United Kingdom(UK)-based Centre for Economics and Business Research (CEBR) released its 11th annual report titled 'World Economic League Table 2020'(WELT 2020). According to the report, India is expected to overtake Germany as the fourth-largest economy in the world by 2026. It also estimated that India will overtake Japan as the third-largest economy by 2034.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

1) Who won the prestigious 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2019' for his 2018 book, 'Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From'?

- 1) Akshaya Mukul
- 2) Sujatha Gidla
- 3) Anuk Arudpragasam
- 4) Tony Joseph
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Tony Joseph**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, English author Tony Joseph (56) based in New Delhi has won the prestigious 12th 'Shakti Bhatt First Book Prize 2019' for his 2018 book, 'Early Indians: The Story of Our Ancestors and Where We Came From' published by Juggernaut Books. Authors Prayaag Akbar and Sonia Faleiro was the jury for the prize.

2) Who was awarded with the Economic Times (ET) Lifetime Achievement award for Public Service 2019?

- 1) Sushma Swaraj
- 2) Narendra Modi
- 3) Rajnath Singh
- 4) Arun Jaitley
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Arun Jaitley**

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, Arun Jaitley former Finance Minister of India was bestowed with the Economic Times (ET) Lifetime Achievement award for Public Service 2019. The award was received

by Arun Jaitley's spouse Sangeeta Jaitley. He was the former Finance Minister of India, he was also the Minister of Corporate Affairs from May 2014 to May 2019, Minister of Defence from March 2017 to September 2017, Minister of Information and Broadcasting from November 2014 to July 2016, Minister of Law and Justice from July 2003 to May 2004 and Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting from October 1999 to September 2000.

3) Name the American actor, who was conferred with the PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) 'Person of the Year' Award 2019?

- 1) Clint Eastwood
- 2) Joaquin Rafael Phoenix
- 3) Leonardo DiCaprio
- 4) Robert De Niro
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Joaquin Rafael Phoenix**

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Joaquin Rafael Phoenix, American actor from California, United States (US) has been bestowed with the PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) 'Person of the Year' Award 2019. Joaquin Phoenix has been a vegan since the age of three and has been a supporter of PETA for a long time. He has recently appeared in an advertisement of PETA titled "We are all animals", which was displayed in the Times Square and Sunset billboards to promote the prohibition of travelling wild-animal circuses.

4) Which state received the National award for Excellence for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs, Divyangjan) for the "best state in implementation of accessible india campaign" for its "Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan"?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Tamil Nadu
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Assam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President of India presents Uttar Pradesh (UP) the National award for Excellence for Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs, Divyangjan) on behalf of the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The award was received by Mahesh Kumar Gupta, additional Chief Secretary of UP on behalf of the State Government. The event was organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disability (DEPwD). UP has received the award for the implementation of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, the campaign was launched in the year 2014-2015 to provide attainable physical infrastructure and other communication facilities to PwDs.

5) Which ministry has collaborated with Centre for Media Studies (CMS) & organized the VATAVARAN-2019 Short Film Competition and Festival on Environment recently?

- 1) Ministry of Minority Affairs
- 2) Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD)
- 3) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)

4) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC)**

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019, Shri Ravi Agrawal, Additional Secretary of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has presented the 1st ever MoEF&CC and Centre for Media Studies (CMS) VATAVARAN – 2019 Short Film Competition and Festival awards on Environment to several school students and professionals for their documentaries and films in a ceremony held in New Delhi.

Category	Prize	Title	Language	Director
School Students	1 st	Clean and Green	English	Toon Club & Ecole Mondiale World School
Amateur and College students	2 nd	One Life	English	Nishant Kumar Nishu
Professionals	1 st	Now, Your Home?	English	Prasad Pandurang Mahekar

6) Which organization has presented the awards for organ donation on 10th organ donation day?

1) Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (OTTO)

2) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)

3) World Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (WOTTO)

4) International Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (IOTTO)

5) None of these

Answer – **2) National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO)**

Explanation:

States were bestowed with awards for organ donation the event was organized by NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization) of Union Health and Family Welfare Ministry (MoHFW) headed by Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare at Vigyan Bhavan.

7) Name the state, that was bestowed with Best State award in cadaveric organ donation for the fifth time by NOTTO (National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization)?

1) Gujarat

2) Maharashtra

3) Uttar Pradesh

4) Tamil Nadu

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Tamil Nadu**

Explanation:

Tamil Nadu (TN) was bestowed with Best State award in cadaveric organ donation for the fifth time, Gujarat won three awards for the Best SOTTO (State Organ Tissue Transplant Organization), Best hospital and Best coordinator in the organ donation field and Madhya Pradesh (MP) won the Best SOTTO award. Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital (RGGGH) in Chennai, Tamil Nadu won the

Best Performing Hospital award. The 10th organ donation day was headed by Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare and C. Vijayabaskar, Health Minister, Tamil Nadu.

8) Which organization has presented 15th edition of Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice (MTMA) awards 2019?

- 1) Harmony Foundation
- 2) Clinton Foundation
- 3) Adelson Foundation
- 4) Bush Foundation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Harmony Foundation

Explanation:

On November 4, 2019, Harmony Foundation has presented 15th edition of Mother Teresa Memorial Awards for Social Justice (MTMA) awards 2019 to noble reformists at the MTMA ceremony held with the theme 'Combating Contemporary Forms of Slavery' at the Taj Lands End, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

S.No	Winner	Award for
1	Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi (Founder, Bachpan Bachao Andolan)	fight against child labour and trafficking in India and South East Asia
2	Ajeet Singh (Founder, Guria)	An activist who fearlessly spearheads the fight to combat sexual exploitation of women and children in India.
3	Doctors Against Forced Organ Harvesting (DAFOH, USA)	An organisation that continually upholds ethical practices in medicine and its fight against organ trafficking especially in China.
4	Free A Girl (Founder, Evelien Hölsken)	An organization honored for uniquely re-integrating former sex-workers into civil society by training them into becoming future advocates.
5	JEEVIKA (Founder, Dr. Kiran Kamal Prasad)	An organisation working to end bonded 30,000 labour in Karnataka by freeing and rehabilitating those who have been trapped in its clutches.
6	Junior Nzita Nsuami	For spearheading the international campaign through the United Nations against the use of child soldiers in war

7	Rob Williams (CEO, War Child UK)	He rescues, reforms and rehabilitates child soldiers rescued from warlords and armed groups notably in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Central African Republic.
8	Alezandra Russell (Founder, Urban Light)	She runs an organisation in Thailand that empowers & rehabilitates boys and men who are victims of trafficking and exploitation.
9	Hsina Kharbhih (Founder, Impulse NGO Network)	An organisation rescues and empowers more than 72,000 vulnerable victims from the fate of trafficking
10	Office for the Rescue of Yazidis (Director, Hussein Al-Qaidi)	An organisation that has successfully rescued over 3500 Yazidi women and children from the perilous clutches of ISIS and are still on a mission to rescue others.
11	PRERANA (Co-Founder, Priti Patkar)	An NGO that attempts to abolish intergenerational prostitution.
12	Rob Williams (CEO, War Child UK)	For using his skills as a filmmaker to spread awareness about the existence of contemporary forms of slavery and inspiring the fight against it

9) Name the 1st living Swiss, whose face was engraved in the Swiss coin?

- 1) Ueli Maurer
- 2) Claude Nicollier
- 3) Roger Federer
- 4) Martina Hingis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Roger Federer

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Roger Federer (38), from Basel Switzerland becomes the first ever living Swiss to have his face engraved in the Swiss coin. Roger's image was engraved in a 20-Franc silver coin by the Swissmint, official mint of the Swiss Confederation. It is the first time in history that a living person's is being honoured with his image engraved on the Swiss coin. The first minting ran off 55,000 units being sold out between the 2nd and 19th of December 2019 and more coins will be minted during May 2020 on a 50-Franc gold coin with a different design.

10) National Florence Nightingale Awards 2019 is given to _____?

- 1) Doctors
- 2) Social service
- 3) Nurses
- 4) Politician
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Nurses

Explanation:

On 5th December 2019, Ram Nath Kovind, President of India bestowed 36 awardees with the National Florence Nightingale Awards 2019 at an event in Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. The Nurses were awarded for their enthusiasm and compassion towards their work in community health centres and hospitals and also their involvement in national health programmes like eradication of polio, malaria and HIV/AIDS.

11) Who topped in the IMDB's (Internet Movies Database) 2019 Top 10 Indian Celebrities on 5th December 2019?

- 1) Hrithik Roshan
- 2) Akshay Kumar
- 3) Disha Patani
- 4) Priyanka Chopra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Priyanka Chopra

Explanation:

On 5th December 2019, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Indian actress tops the list of IMDb (Internet Movies Database) 2019 top 10 Indian Celebrities. Priyanka Chopra was born in Jamshedpur, India. Other Indian celebrities in the top 10 list are Disha Patani and Hrithik Roshan taking the 2nd and 3rd places respectively. The IMDb's top 10 list is taken from IMDbPro Starmeter rankings and is based on the number of viewers in the page of the celebrities, there are about 200 million monthly IMDb visitors.

Top 5 list of IMDB's (Internet Movies Database) 2019 Top 10 Indian Celebrities:

Rank	Name of Celebrities
1	Priyanka Chopra
2	Disha Patani
3	Hrithik Roshan
4	Kiara Advani
5	Akshay Kumar

12) Name the shooters, who won the Golden Target Award from International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) in Munich, Germany?

- 1) Yashaswini Singh Deswal, Manu Bhaker and Elavenil Valarivan
- 2) Divyansh Singh Panwar, Elavenil Valarivan and Saurabh Chaudhary
- 3) Abhishek Verma, Elavenil Valarivan and Saurabh Chaudhary
- 4) Anjum Moudgil, Apurvi Chandela and Elavenil Valarivan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Divyansh Singh Panwar, Elavenil Valarivan and Saurabh Chaudhary

Explanation:

On 8th December 2019, Indian Shooters, Divyansh Singh Panwar, from Jaipur, Rajasthan Elavenil Valarivan, from Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu and Saurabh Chaudhary, from Meerut, Uttar Pradesh received the Golden Target Award from International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) at its headquarters in Munich, Germany. The occasion was assisted by Raninder Singh, President of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Abhinav Bindra former World and Olympic champion.

13) Who was crowned with Miss Universe 2019 during the 68th edition of the Miss Universe Pageant held in Atlanta, Georgia?

- 1) Bonang Matheba
- 2) Tamaryn Green
- 3) Zozibini Tunzi
- 4) Demi-Leigh Nel-Peters
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Zozibini Tunzi**

Explanation:

On 9th December 2019, Zozibini Tunzi, 26, Miss South Africa 2019, was crowned Miss Universe 2019 by Catriona Gray, Miss Universe 2018 during the 68th edition of the Miss Universe Pageant held in Atlanta, Georgia. The two runners-up were Miss Mexico (Ashley Alvidrez) and Miss Puerto Rico (Madison Anderson). The top 5 were from Mexico, Colombia, Puerto Rico, Thailand and South Africa. Vartika Singh represented India in the 68th edition of the Miss Universe Pageant, though she failed to make it up to the top 10. Vartika Singh was crowned as Miss Diva 2019, in September 2019.

14) Name the diplomats, who were honoured with 'The Diwali – Power of One' award in recognition and celebration of their work, especially at the United Nations (UN), for a secure and peaceful world?

- 1) Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Nicholas Emiliou, Frantisek Ruzicka & Volodymyr Yelchenko
- 2) Besiana Kadare, Martín García Moritán, Walton Alfonso Webson & Mitchell Peter Fifield
- 3) Jan Kickert, Sheila Carey, Masud Bin Momen & Sheila Carey
- 4) Lois Michele Young, Sacha Sergio Llorenty Solíz, Sven Alkalaj & Mauro Luiz Iecker Vieira
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kairat Abdrakhmanov, Nicholas Emiliou, Frantisek Ruzicka & Volodymyr Yelchenko**

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019, 4 diplomats were honoured with 'The Diwali – Power of One' award at the United Nations(UN) Headquarters in New York, United States (US) in recognition and celebration of their work, especially at the United Nations(UN), for a secure and peaceful world. The 4 diplomats are as follows,

- **Kairat Abdrakhmanov**– Former Foreign Minister and Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the UN.
- **Nicholas Emiliou**– Former Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the UN.
- **Frantisek Ruzicka**– Former Chef de Cabinet to the President of the 72nd Session of the UN General Assembly(UNGA) and Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the UN.
- **Volodymyr Yelchenko**- Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the UN.

15) Name the Bollywood actress, who was honoured at the Festival International Du Film De Marrakech (FIFM) 2019?

- 1) Katrina Kaif
- 2) Aishwarya Rai
- 3) Deepika Padukone
- 4) Priyanka Chopra Jonas
- 5) None of these

Answer - 4) Priyanka Chopra Jonas

Explanation:

On 6th December 2019, Priyanka Chopra Jonas, Indian actress was awarded at the Festival International Du Film De Marrakech (FIFM) 2019 held in Jemaa el Fna square, Marrakesh, Morocco for completing 20 years in Cinema. She has also received the Danny Kaye Humanitarian Award at the UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) Snowflake Ball in December 2019. Other honourees in the festival were, Robert Redford, actor and director, Bertrand Tavernier, French filmmaker and Mouna Gettou, actor.

16) Who was honoured with the Gangadhar National Award 2019, which is bestowed in the remembrance of renowned poet Gangadhar Meher?

- 1) Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari
- 2) Subodh Sarkar
- 3) Leeladhar Jagoori
- 4) Rajendra Kishore Panda
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari

Explanation:

Renowned Hindi poet, Vishwanath Prasad Tiwari is to be honoured with the Gangadhar National Award, during the 53rd Foundation Day celebration of Sambalpur University, Odisha. Viswanath was the former President of the Sahitya Akademi between 2013-2014 and was born in Kushinagar, Uttar Pradesh (UP).

17) Which city was selected as the World's Leading Sports Tourism Destination by the 26th Edition of the World Travel Awards (WTA) 2019?

- 1) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 2) Moscow, Russia
- 3) Abu Dhabi, UAE (United Arab Emirates)
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Abu Dhabi, UAE (United Arab Emirates)

Explanation:

On 10th December 2019, Abu Dhabi, UAE (United Arab Emirates) has been selected as the World's Leading Sports Tourism Destination by the 26th Edition of the World Travel Awards (WTA) 2019 held in Muscat, Oman. Abu Dhabi has been selected for the award for the 7th time in a row.

18) Which country's Davi Kopenawa Yanomami also called the 'Dalai Lama of the Rainforest' received the Right Livelihood Award 2019, also known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize' award for his effort taken in the protection of the Amazon Rainforest?

- 1) Brazil
- 2) China
- 3) Germany
- 4) Japan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Brazil

Explanation:

Activists Davi Kopenawa, Greta Thunberg, Guo Jianmei and Aminatou Haidar received the Right Livelihood Award 2019, also known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize'. The award ceremony took place at Stockholm, Sweden at the end of a Final event of a ten day long program of celebrations in Germany, Switzerland and Sweden. Davi Kopenawa Yanomami from Brazil also called the 'Dalai Lama of the Rainforest' received the award for his effort taken in the protection of the Amazon Rainforest, he has led a 20 year campaign to protect their amazon territory and has always fought for the people of Yanomami and Yakwana and the Yanomami territory in Venezuela, which is the largest area of rainforest in the world under the control of indigenous people in Spite of receiving threat from gold miners and politicians.

19) Which state government has won the 'World Habitat Award' for its Jaga Mission, that aims at transforming the slums into livable habitats by UK based organization World Habitat?

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

Answer – 3) Odisha

Explanation:

On 9th December, 2019, Odisha won the 'World Habitat Award' for Jaga Mission also called Odisha Liveable Habitat Mission (OLHM), a slum land titling project executed for the benefit of millions of urban-poor people living in slums. The award was given by the World Habitat, a UK (United Kingdom) based organization which gives the award annually to recognize innovative housing projects around the world.

20) Name the application that won the Copernicus Masters Award also called Space Oscars 2019 under the social Entrepreneurship category?

- 1) Zuri
- 2) Runtastic PRO
- 3) Untappd
- 4) Yelp
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Zuri

Explanation:

The Gurugram- based startup program has created an application called 'Zuri' that won the Copernicus Masters Award also called Space Oscars, under the social Entrepreneurship category. The

award was given by the Earth observation program managed by the European Commission (EU) in partnership with the European Space Agency (ESA). The application was developed by Gurgaon-based startup Blue Sky Analytics.

21) Who becomes the youngest TIME's Person of the Year for 2019?

- 1) Luisa Neubauer
- 2) Malala Yousafzai
- 3) Beata Thunberg
- 4) Greta Thunberg
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Greta Thunberg

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, Greta Thunberg, 16 year old Swedish climate activist was named TIME's Person of the Year for 2019, she is the youngest person to be honoured with the title in the 92 year history of TIME magazine. The TIME's Person of the Year for 2019 award is conferred since 1927, for a person or a group of people who create an impact on the important events taking place in the year, the selection is done by the editors of TIME magazine.

Honourees in other categories of TIME 2019 awards:

Name	Profession	Category of award
Melissa Viviane Jefferson (Lizzo)	Singer	Entertainer of the Year
Robert Allen Iger	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of The Walt Disney Company	Businessperson of the Year
United States (US) women's national soccer team	Women's Soccer	Athlete of the Year
The Public Servants	Federal workers of the US	Guardians of the Year

22) Who were honored with the 'Sports Person of the Year 2019' award at the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards-2019?

- 1) Virat Kohli & Manu Bhaker
- 2) Rani Rampal & Saurabh Chaudhary
- 3) Virat Kohli & Saurabh Chaudhary
- 4) Rohit Sharma & Sania Mirza
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rani Rampal & Saurabh Chaudhary

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, Indian women's hockey team captain Rani Rampal (25) and Asian Games gold medalist shooter Saurabh Chaudhary (17) were honored with the 'Sports Person of the Year 2019' award at the FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards-2019 held at FICCI Federation House in New Delhi. Some other award winners are,

S.No	Award name	Winner
1	Best Company Promoting Sports (Public Sector)	Central Coalfields Limited Railway Sports Promotion Board
2	Best Company Promoting Sports (Private Sector)	Centre for Sports Science
3	Best NGO Promoting Sports	Subroto Mukherjee Sports Education Society
4	Special Recognition NGO (Non-governmental organizations) Promoting Sports	My Angels Academy
5	Best Professional Services Company	The Sports School
6	Best Sports Start-up	FanCode Powered by Dream11
7	Best National Sports Federation	National Rifle Association of India
8	Sportsperson of the Year (Female)	Rani Rampal (Hockey)
9	Sportsperson of the Year (Male)	Saurabh Chaudhary (Shooting)
10	Para-Athlete of the Year	Sandeep Chaudhary (Javelin)
11	Special Recognition Para-Athlete of the Year	Manasi Joshi (Badminton)
12	Breakthrough Sports Person	Amit Panghal (Boxing)
13	Special Recognition Breakthrough Sports Person of the Year	Esow Alben (cycling)
14	Coach or Support Staff of the Year	Satyanarayana
15	Lifetime Achievement Award (Administrator)	Govindaraj Kempareddy

23) Pankaj Advani was awarded with the Lifetime Achievement Award (Athlete) in FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards-2019, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Boxing
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Cue Sport
- 4) Cycling
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Cue Sport

Explanation:

Pankaj Advani, who won Lifetime Achievement Award (Athlete) in FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) India Sports Awards-2019. He belongs to Cue Sport. Some other award winners are

1	Lifetime Achievement Award (Athlete)	Pankaj Advani (cue sport)
2	Best State Promoting Sports	Odisha
3	Best Sports Journalist	Kamesh Srinivasan (The Hindu)
4	Special Recognition on the theme of Building New India Through Sports & Fitness	Chitharesh Natesan – (1 st Indian to win 'Mr Universe 2019)

24) Who was bestowed with the first edition of Siu-Ka-Pha award for the year 2019?

- 1) Padmeswar Gogoi
- 2) Sayed Monowar Hussain
- 3) Jyoti Prasad Gogoi
- 4) Jayanta Kumar Goswami
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Padmeswar Gogoi

Explanation:

Padmeswar Gogoi, was bestowed with the first edition of Siu-Ka-Pha award for the year 2019 by the Central Committee of Different Ethnic Groups and the organizations of the Golaghat district at the Siu-Ka-Pha Samannay Kshetra in Golaghat, Assam. The award was presented by Dhiren Hazarika, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Golaghat, and includes a citation, a memento, a cheleng chador and cash prize of Rs. 10,000.

25) Who topped in the 16th annual ranking of 'The Forbes 2019 list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women' list released on December 13, 2019?

- 1) Ursula von der Leyen
- 2) Nancy Pelosi
- 3) Christine Lagarde
- 4) Angela Merkel
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Angela Merkel

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 the 16th annual ranking of 'The Forbes 2019 list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women' list was released. The list was topped by German Chancellor Angela Dorothea Merkel, 65-year old, for the 9th consecutive year.

26) At what position, Union Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman (60 years) ranked in 'The Forbes 2019 list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women' list that released on December 13, 2019?

- 1) 33
- 2) 41
- 3) 34
- 4) 45
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) 34

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019 the 16th annual ranking of 'The Forbes 2019 list of The World's 100 Most Powerful Women' list was released. Union Finance Minister of India Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman (60 years) ranked 34th in the list. The list was topped by German Chancellor Angela Dorothea Merkel, 65-year old, for the 9th consecutive year.

Rank	Name	Country
34	Nirmala Sitharaman	India
1	Angela Merkel	Germany
2	Christine Lagarde	France.
3	Nancy Pelosi	United States(US)
4	Ursula von der Leyen	Belgium
5	Mary Barra	United States

27) Name the Urdu Journalist, who returned the "Maharashtra Rajya Sahitya Akademi Award" that was bestowed upon her in 2011?

- 1) Khalid Iqbal Yasir
- 2) Shireen Dalvi (Shirin Dalvi)
- 3) Ansar Abbasi
- 4) Ahmed Rashid
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Shireen Dalvi (Shirin Dalvi)

Explanation:

On 12th December 2019, Shireen Dalvi (Shirin Dalvi), Mumbai based Urdu Journalist returned the 2011 Special Prize given by the Maharashtra State Urdu Sahitya Akademi to protest against the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB). The Citizenship Amendment Bill, 2019, amends the Citizenship Act of 1995 to provide Indian citizenship to illegal migrants who entered India on or before 31st December 2014. The bill also relaxes the citizenship period of migrants from 11 years to 5 years, the immediate beneficiaries of the bill includes over 30,000 people.

28) Name the founder of "International Changemaker Olympiad (ICO)", who won the Wharton-QS Stars Reimagine Education Award 2019, popularly known as the "Oscars" of education under "Sustainability" category in London, U.K?

- 1) Rahul Adhikari
- 2) Saurabh Saxena
- 3) Surabhi Dewra
- 4) Raveendran

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rahul Adhikari**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, “International Changemaker Olympiad (ICO)”, an annual international competition program founded by Rahul Adhikari, a Gold-Medalist from Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee (IIT-R), has won the Wharton-QS Stars Reimagine Education Award 2019, popularly known as the “Oscars” of education under “Sustainability” category at the 2019 Reimagine Education Conference & Awards ceremony held in London, U.K(United Kingdom), from December 8 -10,2019.

29) Who was awarded with the 2019 WTA Player of the year award by Women’s Tennis Association (WTA)?

- 1) Sofia Kenin
- 2) Timea Babos
- 3) Kristina Mladenovic
- 4) Ashleigh Barty
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ashleigh Barty**

Explanation:

Ashleigh Barty, Australia was bestowed with the 2019 WTA Player of the year award with 82% vote, she became the first Australian to be named WTA No.1 since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1976. She has recorded 57 matches, the most matches won in the 2019 tour, and won 4 titles from 6 finals. She advanced to the quarter finals at the Australian open and the round 16 of Wimbledon and U.S open becoming the 1st player to reach the 2nd week at all four Grand Slams in 2019.

30) Belinda Bencic has won the 2019 WTA Comeback Player of the Year award by Women’s Tennis Association (WTA), she belong to which country?

- 1) United States (US)
- 2) France
- 3) Switzerland
- 4) Hungary
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Switzerland**

Explanation:

Belinda Bencic, Switzerland won the 2019 WTA Comeback Player of the Year award with 80% vote, she The player struggled after a wrist surgery in the year 2016 that pushed her out of the top 300, she has regained her position in the year 2019 as the WTA World No.8, after her first grand semifinal, and success in Dubai and Moscow with a score of 49 wins in the WTA tour 2019.

List of 2019 WTA Player Award Winners:

Winners	Country	Category
Ashleigh Barty	Australia	Player of the year
Bianca Vanessa Andreescu	Canada	Newcomer of the year

Sofia Anna Kenin	United States (US)	Most Improved Player of the year
Timea Babos and Kristina Mladenovic	Hungary and France	Doubles Team of the Year
Belinda Bencic	Switzerland	Comeback player of the year

31) Which state's Restoration of Dignity and Human Rights of Indigenous Tribal Community has received the gold prize in the 2019 World Habitat Award?

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

Answer – 4) Karnataka

Explanation:

On 12th December 2019, the Restoration of Dignity and Human Rights of Indigenous Tribal Community in Karnataka project was bestowed with a gold prize in the 2019 World Habitat Award. The project started in the year 2000 and is executed by ActionAid India with Koraga Federation and Samagra Grameena Ashrama. The award was given by the World Habitat, a UK (United Kingdom) based organization, in association with the United Nations (UN)-Habitat.

32) Name the Indian actress, who received the 26th Annual Crystal Awards for the year 2020 by World Economic Forum (WEF) for her leadership in raising mental health awareness?

- 1) Alia Bhatt
- 2) Deepika Padukone
- 3) Priyanka Chopra
- 4) Aishwarya Rai
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Deepika Padukone

Explanation:

On 14th December 2019, the World Economic Forum's (WEF) 26th Annual Crystal Awards 2020 announced its winners to celebrate the enduring contributions of exceptional artists to the society. The winners will be honoured in the World Economic Forum at its 50th Annual Meeting 2020 to be held on 20th January in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland.

Winners of 26th Annual Crystal Award 2020 are as follows:

- Deepika Padukone, India, for her leadership in raising mental health awareness.
- Theaster Gates, United States (US), for his leadership in creating sustainable communities.
- Jin Xing, China, for her leadership in shaping inclusive cultural norms.
- Lynette Wallworth, Australia, for her leadership in creating inclusive narratives.

33) Which film has won the prestigious Suvarna Chakoram award 2019 (Golden Crow Pheasant) in the 24th edition of International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) 2019?

- 1) Howl's Moving Castle
- 2) Nobody Knows
- 3) They Say Nothing Stays the Same
- 4) The Tale of Princess Kaguya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) They Say Nothing Stays the Same

Explanation:

Kerala State Chalachitra Academy (KSCA), an a Kerala Government Institution to promote cinema has organized the 24th edition of International Film Festival of Kerala (IFFK) 2019 in Nishagandhi Auditorium, Thiruvananthapuram (Kerala) from December 6- 13, 2019. Chief Minister (CM) Pinarayi Vijayan presented awards during the event. Japanese film, 'They Say Nothing Stays the Same', directed by Joe Odagiri, has won the prestigious Suvarna Chakoram award 2019 (Golden Crow Pheasant) for the best film screened in the competition section.

34) Which massage has been inducted to UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) prestigious heritage list?

- 1) Nuad Thai (Thailand)
- 2) Balinese Massage (Bali)
- 3) Indian Ayurvedic Massage (India)
- 4) Hot Stone Massage (Vietnam)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Nuad Thai (Thailand)

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, Thailand's famous 2000-year-old massage, Nuad Thai was added to UNESCO's (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) prestigious heritage list. Thai massage originated in India and brought it to Thailand about 2,500 years ago by doctors and monks who carried its secrets for generations. Under King Rama III of Thailand in the nineteenth century, scholars carved their knowledge on the stones of Wat Pho (a Buddhist temple complex).

35) Who was crowned as Miss World 2019 at 69th Miss World competition 2019 held in London, United Kingdom (UK)?

- 1) Stephanie Del Valle
- 2) Manushi Chhillar
- 3) Vanessa Ponce
- 4) Toni-Ann Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Toni-Ann Singh

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019, Toni-Ann Singh (23) of Jamaica was crowned as Miss World 2019 at 69th Miss World competition 2019 held at the ExCeL London international centre in London, United Kingdom(UK). She was crowned Miss World title by Miss World 2018-Vanessa Ponce of Mexico.

36) Suman Ratan Singh Rao (21) of India, has won the title of Miss World Asia 2019. She belong to which state?

- 1) Uttar Pradesh
- 2) Rajasthan

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

Answer – **2) Rajasthan**

Explanation:

Miss World 2019 finale, Suman Ratan Singh Rao (21) of India, has won the title of Miss World Asia 2019 during the beauty pageant. The other Miss World 2019 Continental winners are Trinidad & Tobago from Caribbean, France from Europe, Brazil from Americas, Cook Islands from Oceania & Nigeria from Africa. Suman Ratan Singh Rao, who hails from Rajasthan, finished 3rd in the contest.

37) Which country's 'Carnival of Aalst' has been removed from the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)'s Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity List?

- 1) Andorra
- 2) Luxembourg
- 3) Belgium
- 4) Netherlands
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Belgium**

Explanation:

On 14th December 2019, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), has removed the 'Carnival of Aalst' of Belgium from its Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity List. The 2019 carnival featured a parade float that included racist and anti-Semitic representations which mocked the Orthodox Jews. The carnival was added to the Intangible Cultural Heritage list in 2010.

38) Who was named as the BBC's (British Broadcasting Corporation) Sports Personality of the Year 2019?

- 1) Benjamin Andrew Stokes (Ben Stokes)
- 2) Jonny Bairstow
- 3) Joe Root
- 4) Steve Smith
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Benjamin Andrew Stokes (Ben Stokes)**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 English cricket player Benjamin Andrew Stokes (Ben Stokes), was named as the BBC's (British Broadcasting Corporation) Sports Personality of the Year 2019. He also became the 5th cricketer to bag the coveted trophy and the first cricketer after England's Andrew Flintoff(Cricketer) who won in 2005. Ben Stokes was awarded for his key role in England's win in the 2019 cricket World Cup which was held in England and Wales in the United Kingdom(UK).

Award	Awardee	Country	Sports
Sports Personality of the Year 2019	Ben Stokes	England	Cricket
Helen Rollason Award	George Wilson Doddie Weir	Scotland	Rugby
Young Sports Personality of the Year	Caroline Dubois	Britain	Boxing
Lifetime Achievement	Tanni Grey-Thompson	United Kingdom	Wheelchair racing
Coach of the Year	John Blackie	England	Athletics
World Sport Star	Eliud Kipchoge	Kenya	Marathon running

Greatest Sporting Moment	Jos Buttler(England) breaks the stumps to seal Cricket World Cup victory	-	-
Team of the Year	England's Cricket World Cup team	-	-
Unsung Hero	Keiren Thompson	England	-

39) Who has won the 9th edition of DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019 for the book "Half The Night Is Gone"?

- 1) Salman Rushdie
- 2) Ruskin Bond
- 3) Amitabha Bagchi
- 4) Arundhati Roy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Amitabha Bagchi

Explanation:

On 16th December 2019, Amitabha Bagchi's book "Half The Night Is Gone" won the 9th edition of DSC Prize for South Asian Literature 2019. The award ceremony was held in the 8th edition of IME (International Money Express) Nepal Literature Festival 2019 held in Pokhara, Nepal. The award was presented by Pradeep Gyawali, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Nepal and Surina Narula, co-founder of the DSC Prize.

40) Name the Indian Cricketer, who was named in both ICC women's ODI (One Day International) and T20 (twenty twenty) teams of the year 2019 in ICC Awards 2019?

- 1) Smriti Mandana
- 2) Jemimah Rodrigues
- 3) Mithali Raj
- 4) Harmanpreet Kaur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Smriti Mandana

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 the International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced the ICC awards 2019. It is a set of sports awards for cricket recognising and honoring the best international cricket players of the previous 12 months. Indian women's cricket player Smriti Mandana was named in both ICC women's ODI (One Day International) and T20 (twenty twenty) teams of the year.

41) Who has won the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award 2019 & ODI cricketer of the year 2019 in ICC awards 2019?

- 1) Rachael Haynes
- 2) Meg Lanning
- 3) Ellyse Perry
- 4) Alyssa Healy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ellyse Perry

Explanation:

Ellyse Perry won the Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award 2019 & ODI cricketer of the year 2019 in ICC awards 2019.

S.No	Award	Awardees	Country
1	Rachael Heyhoe-Flint Award	Ellyse Perry	Australia.
2	ODI cricketer of the year	Ellyse Perry	Australia.
3	T20 Cricketer of the Year	Alyssa Healy	Australia.
4	Emerging Cricketer of the Year	Chanida Sutthiruang	Thailand.
5	ODI skipper of the year	Meg Lanning	Australia.
6	T20 Skipper of the year	Meg Lanning	Australia.
7	Women's ODI Team of the Year	Indians: Smrithi Mandana, Shikha Pandey, Jhulan Goswami and Poonam Yadav.	–
8	Womens' T20 Team of the year	Indians: Smrithi Mandana, Deepti Sharma and Radha Yadav.	–

42) Which firm surpasses Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) & ranked number 1 in the Fortune India 500 list 2019?

- 1) Hindustan Unilever
- 2) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation(ONGC)
- 3) State Bank of India
- 4) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 the Fortune magazine has released its annual Fortune India 500 list for the year 2019. Indian multinational conglomerate, Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) led by Mukesh Dhirubhai Ambani topped the list surpassing Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), which ranked as India's largest company to top Fortune India 500 list for 10 years. RIL is also the 1st privately held company to largest corporation in India in 10 years.

43) Who was awarded with the 'India Cyber Cop of the Year 2019' by NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies)-DSCI (Data Security Council of India)?

- 1) B.P Raju
- 2) R.K. Raghavan
- 3) PC Sharma
- 4) Rishi Kumar Shukla
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) B.P Raju

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, B.P Raju, CBI (Central Bureau of Investigation) officer won 'India Cyber Cop of the Year 2019' award given by NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services

Companies)-DSCI (Data Security Council of India) in the Annual Information Security Summit held at Gurugram. He received the award for cracking a fraud case in an online entrance exam conducted by an engineering college in Rajasthan.

44) Name the first Indian wrestler, who won the 2019 'Junior Freestyle Wrestler of the Year' at the age of 18 years by United World Wrestling (UWW)?

- 1) Sushil Kumar
- 2) Rahul Aware
- 3) Mausam Khatri
- 4) Deepak Punia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Deepak Punia**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019, The World Championships silver medallist Deepak Punia was named as the 2019 'Junior Freestyle Wrestler of the Year' by United World Wrestling (UWW). Punia is the first Indian wrestler in 18 years to win a junior world title at the Junior World Championships held in Talinn, Estonia in August 2019. Other winners

Sl.No	Award Name	Awardee	Country
1	Junior Freestyle Wrestler of the Year	Deepak Punia	India
2	Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year	Nihat Mammadli	Azerbaijan.
3	Freestyle Wrestler of the Year	Rahman Mousa Amouzadkhalili	Iran.
4	Junior Greco-Roman Wrestler of the Year	Kerem KAMAL	Turkey.
5	San Marino Athlete of the Year	Myles Nazem Amine (America)	San Marino.
6	Junior Women's Wrestler of the Year	Yui SUSAKI	Japan.

45) Name the Indian Politician, who won Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for his book "An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India"?

- 1) Nandigam Suresh
- 2) Shashi Tharoor
- 3) Talari Rangaiah
- 4) P. V. Midhun Reddy
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Shashi Tharoor**

Explanation:

Indian politician, writer and Congress party member Shashi Tharoor won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for English Language. The Member of Parliament(MP) of Lok Sabha from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, tharoor won the award for his book "An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India". The book was 1st published in 2016.

46) Which tamil novel by author Cho. Dharman received Sahitya Akademi Award for the year 2019 recently?

- 1) Koogai: The Owl
- 2) Eeram
- 3) Sokavanam
- 4) Sool

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Sool**

Explanation:

Cho. Dharman from Thoothukudi, TamilNadu has won the Sahitya Akademi award for his tamil Novel Sool. The novel was published by “Adayalam publications”. It is also to be noted that his previous novel “Koogai” has been translated by the Oxford University, England.

47) Who is the author of the poem collection “Peelte Apne Ko”, that received Sahitya Akademi award for the year 2019?

1) Nandkishore Acharya

2) Vijaya

3) V. Madhusoodanan Nair

4) Ratilal Borisagar

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Nandkishore Acharya**

Explanation:

Renowned poet Nandkishore Acharya of Hindi has been announced the Sahitya Akademi award for his collection of poems ‘Peelte Apne Ko’.

48) Mujtaba Hussain has returned his Padma Shri award, in protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA). He is a legendary _____?

1) Konkani author

2) Urdu author

3) Bengali author

4) Gujarati author

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Urdu author**

Explanation:

The 86-year-old urdu author Mujtaba Hussain from hyderabad, had said he will return his Padma Shri award to protest against the Citizenship Amendment Act(CAA). He stated due to the current situation in the country, he did not want to keep the award anymore. The Government of India awarded him the fourth highest civilian honour of Padma Shri 2007, for his contributions to Urdu literature. He is best known for his books America Ghaans Kaat Raha Hai, Cihrah dar cihrah, a take on US foreign policy, Japan Chalo and many other books.

49) Who tops in the 2019 Forbes India celebrity 100?

1) Salman Khan

2) Mahendra Singh Dhoni

3) Akshay Kumar

4) Virat Kohli

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

The Forbes India magazine has published its list of celebrity 100 for the year 2019. This rankings were based on the estimation of their annual earnings through professions and endorsement of celebrities and their frame from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. According to the list of celebrity 2019, Indian Cricket team captain Virat kohli has become the first sportsman to gain the top spot for the first time with the annual earnings of Rs. 252.72 crore. Kohli replaced Bollywood superstar Salman Khan, who had been at the top for the previous three years. Actor Akshay Kumar is at the second position followed by Salman Khan.

50) Which organization has presented the award, “Rashtriya Swayamsiddh Samman 2019” on 19th December 2019?

- 1) JSPL Foundation
- 2) NASSCOM Foundation
- 3) Bhaskar Foundation
- 4) Smile Foundation
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) JSPL Foundation

Explanation:

On 19th December 2019, the JSPL Foundation, the CSR (Corporate social responsibility) arm of Jindal Steel & Power Ltd. has conferred Rashtriya Swayamsiddh Samman 2019 to recognize and honour social innovators and Change Agents in India. The awards were presented by Ravi Shankar Prasad, Minister of Law & Justice and Electronics and Information Technology upon 17 individuals and 10 organisations at a function held in New Delhi.

51) Name the first Australian, who was named as the ‘ITF Women’s World Champion for the year 2019’ under Women’s Singles Category?

- 1) Astra Sharma
- 2) Samantha Stosur
- 3) Ashleigh Barty
- 4) Margaret Court
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Ashleigh Barty

Explanation:

The 23-year-old Ashleigh Barty is the first Australian to be named ITF Women’s World Champion in Women’s Singles Category. Having become the first Australian woman to reach No.1 in the world rankings since Evonne Goolagong Cawley in 1976. Barty also lifted the season-ending WTA Finals trophy and led Australia to their first Fed Cup final since 1993.

52) Who was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art in Dhaka, Bangladesh?

- 1) Virendra Nath Misra
- 2) R. Nagaswamy
- 3) Paramananda Acharya
- 4) Achala Moulik
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) R. Nagaswamy

Explanation:

Archaeologist R. Nagaswamy was honoured at the Silver Jubilee International Conference of Art in Dhaka by Bangladesh culture minister K.M. Khalid for his contribution to art, archaeology, history and culture.

53) Name the 1st child from Kerala, who will receive the ‘Bharat Award for bravery’ for the year 2019 for saving 20 people from a burning bus on the move?

- 1) Aditya K.
- 2) F. Lalchandama
- 3) N. Shangpon Konyak
- 4) Laxmi Yadav
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Aditya K.

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 the Bharat award for bravery was announced. Aditya K. of Ramanattukara, Kozhikode, Kerala became the first child from the State to receive the highest honour award for bravery, the Bharat award. He was awarded for saving 20 people from a burning bus on the move. The awards will be presented by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi at the Republic Day event in New Delhi on January 26, 2020.

54) Rafael Nadal was named as the “International Tennis Federation (ITF) World Champions for the year 2019 in Men’s Singles Category. He belongs to which country?

- 1) France
- 2) Spain
- 3) Argentina
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Spain**

Explanation:

International Tennis Federation (ITF) honoured eleven players in annual awards including Singles, Doubles, Wheelchair and Juniors. The ITF has announced that Rafael Nadal of Spain has been named 2019 ITF World Champions in Men’s Singles. Nadal claimed the season-ending ITF world title for the fourth time after sealing an historic 12th French Open and a fourth U.S. Open, as well as helping Spain to their sixth Davis Cup title.

CATEGORY	WINNER
Men Singles	Spain Rafael Nadal
Women Singles	Australia’s Ashleigh Barty
Women Doubles	Timea Babos of Hungary and Kristina Mladenovic of France
Men Doubles	Colombia’s Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah
Men’s Wheelchair	Argentina’s Gustavo Fernandez
Women’s Wheelchair	Netherland’s Diede de Groot
Quad	Australia’s Dylan Alcott

55) Name the district that was awarded by United Nations International Children’s and Education Fund (UNICEF) for effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission in water sanitation and hygiene sectors for the year 2019?

- 1) Kamareddy district, Telangana
- 2) Mancheria district, Telangana
- 3) Karimnagar district, Telangana
- 4) Nizamabad district, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Kamareddy district, Telangana**

Explanation:

United Nations International Children’s and Education Fund (UNICEF) has awarded Kamareddy district of Telangana for effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission in water sanitation and hygiene sectors for the year 2019. This award was given under the categories like construction of individual sanitary lavatories, swachh darpan wall paintings, swachh survekshan, swachh sundar shouchalay and other activities.

56) Who has conferred the 66th National Film Awards for the year 2018 in 31 categories in New Delhi?

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

Answer – 4) Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, The Vice President of India, Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu has conferred the 66th National Film Awards for the year 2018 in 31 categories in New Delhi.

57) Name the Indian actor, who won the prestigious 50th Dadasaheb Phalke Award (Indian cinema's biggest honour in his 50th year in the Indian film industry)?

- 1) Kamal Haasan
- 2) Amitabh Bachchan
- 3) Rajinikanth
- 4) Sanjay Dutt
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Amitabh Bachchan

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, The Vice President of India, Shri Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu has conferred the 66th National Film Awards for the year 2018 in 31 categories in New Delhi. Actor, Shri Amitabh Bachchan, who skipped the Awards ceremony due to ill-health will be presented with the prestigious 50th Dadasaheb Phalke Award (Indian cinema's biggest honour in his 50th year in the Indian film industry) on December 29, 2019. This award consists of Swarna Kamal (Golden Lotus) medallion, a shawl, and a cash prize of Rs 10,00,000. In 2017, It was conferred upon late actor Vinod Khanna.

58) Which bank has received "Best Performing Bank award" for Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) (2nd rank) for 2018-19 from Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Narendra Singh Tomar?

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

Answer – 4) Andhra Bank

Explanation:

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Narendra Singh Tomar, presented the Best Performing Award for Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETI) (2nd rank) to Andhra Bank for the financial year 2018-19. The Award was received by Executive Director of Andhra Bank, Kul Bhushan Jain. A RSETIs sponsored by Andhra Bank which is situated at Rajam in Srikakulam District, Andhra Pradesh also received Best performing RSETI award.

59) Who received the United Nations (UN)'s "most famous teenager in the world" in its 'Decade in Review' report?

- 1) Malala Yousafzai (Malala)
- 2) Bana Alabed
- 3) Sonita Alizadeh
- 4) Mari Copeny
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Malala Yousafzai (Malala)

Explanation:

Malala Yousafzai (also known as Malala), a Pakistani activist for female education and the youngest Nobel Peace Prize (2014) laureate, was named as “the most famous teenager in the world” by the United Nations (UN) in its ‘Decade in Review’ report released on December 23, 2019. The report covers a decade of major events happened between 2010 and the end of 2013, celebrities and agreements that have become most famous. The report includes big news such as the devastating earthquake in 2010 in Haiti (a Caribbean country), the conflict that began in Syria in 2011 & Malala’s work in favour of girls’ education for the year 2012.

60) Name the former Indian Men’s & Women’s Cricket team captain, who were honoured with the prestigious Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)’s CK Nayudu Lifetime Award for the year 2019?

- 1) Krishnamachari Srikkanth & Anjum Chopra
- 2) Ravi Shastri & Nilima Jogalekar
- 3) Dilip Vengsarkar & Sandhya Agarwal
- 4) Kapil Dev & Harmanpreet Kaur
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Krishnamachari Srikkanth & Anjum Chopra**

Explanation:

Krishnamachari Srikkanth (60), Former Indian cricket team captain and member of the 1983 World Cup-winning team & former Indian women’s Cricket team captain Anjum Chopra (42) will be the recipient of prestigious Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)’s CK Nayudu Lifetime Award for the year 2019. The award will be presented on January 12 during the BCCI Annual Award function in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Former Indian captain, Krishnamachari Srikkanth (60) hails from Tamil Nadu. He played for India from the year 1981–1992. He retired from international cricket in 1993. He was the first Indian player to score a half-century and pick up 5 wickets in an ODI.

61) Who received the “Army Design Bureau Excellence Award” for indigenously developing the bullet-proof jacket named ‘Sarvatra Kawach’?

- 1) Major Ashok Ambre
- 2) Major Kunhiraman Palat Candeth
- 3) Major S K Upadhya
- 4) Major Anoop Mishra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Major Anoop Mishra**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, Major Anoop Mishra received the “Army Design Bureau Excellence Award” by Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat for indigenously developing the bullet-proof jacket named ‘Sarvatra Kawach’. The award was presented during the Army Technology Seminar (ARTECH) that held in New Delhi with the theme ‘Technologies for Non – Contact Warfare’ History behind ‘Sarvatra Kawach’ development: Major Anoop Mishra was hit by a bullet on his jacket during deployment in Jammu and Kashmir but he was saved luckily. After this incident, he decided to develop a full-body bulletproof jacket that can save the lives of soldiers. The Jacket can withstand a sniper bullet even from 10 metres. It was developed in the College of Military Engineering in Pune.

62) Name the first Indian Ophthalmologist, who won the Life Achievement Honor Award 2019, the highest award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)?

- 1) Dr. Satish Mehta
- 2) Dr. Navin Sakhuja
- 3) Dr. Santosh Gajanan Honavar
- 4) Dr. Lalit Varma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) **Dr Santosh Gajanan Honavar**

Explanation:

Indian ophthalmologist from Pune (Maharashtra) & director of the Department of Ocular Oncology and Oculoplasty at Centre for Sight, Hyderabad, Telangana, has become the 1st Indian Ophthalmologist (doctor who specializes in eye and vision care) to win the Life Achievement Honor Award 2019, the highest award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) conferred to its members.

63) Name the Indian musician and composer, who has been selected for 2019 Harivarasanam award?

- 1) S. P. Balasubrahmanyam
- 2) Ilaiyaraja
- 3) A. R. Rahman
- 4) K. J. Yesudas
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) **Ilaiyaraja**

Explanation:

Noted musician and composer Ilaiyaraja (born as Gnanathesikan) has been selected for 2019 Harivarasanam award. The award has been instituted by the Travancore Devaswom Board (TDB) of the govt. since 2012 and comprises of a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a citation and a plaque. It is given to persons who have contributed to secularism and universal brotherhood through music. Ilayaraja will be conferred with the award on January 9 2020 at a function at Sabarimala sannidhanam (main temple) in Kerala.

64) Who were honoured with the Akashdeep Sanman awards for the year 2019, instituted by media house Amar Ujala recently?

- 1) Dharamvir Bharati & Suryakant Tripathi
- 2) Gynanranjan & Jaishankar Prasad
- 3) Bhalchandra Vanaji Nemade & Dharamvir Bharati
- 4) Bhalchandra Vanaji Nemade & Gynanranjan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **Bhalchandra Vanaji Nemade & Gynanranjan**

Explanation:

On December 28 2019, Noted Marathi writer Bhalchandra Vanaji Nemade, and Hindi writer Gynanranjan were conferred with Akashdeep Sanman awards, the highest literary award for their lifetime contribution, by noted lyricist-filmmaker Gulzar (Sampooran Singh Kalra) during an event in YB Chavan Centre, Mumbai, Maharashtra.

65) Name the women astronaut, who surpassed Peggy Whitson record & created a new record by becoming the single longest space mission held by a woman?

- 1) Christina Hammock Koch
- 2) Sally Ride
- 3) Jessica Meir
- 4) Svetlana Savitskaya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) **Christina Hammock Koch**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019, Christina Hammock Koch (40), an American engineer and the United States (US) Space agency-NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) astronaut has created history by becoming the longest-lived woman in space. She overtook the record of NASA's astronaut Peggy Whitson for 288 days in the International Space Station (ISS). Koch, who arrived at the space station March 14, 2019, will return from ISS on February 6, 2020 after spending 328 days / nearly 11

months in space. The record for the longest (340 days) stay in the ISS was held by Scott Kelly, who was in space during 2015-16.

66) Who received the 50th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2018 from President Ram Nath Kovind in Delhi, for the outstanding contribution in the film industry?

- 1) Sanjay Dutt
- 2) Lata Mangeshkar
- 3) Amitabh Bachchan
- 4) Dharmendra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Amitabh Bachchan

Explanation:

On December 29th 2019, Amitabh Bachchan received 50th Dadasaheb Phalke Award for the year 2018 from President Ram Nath Kovind in Delhi, for his outstanding contribution to the film industry. He failed to receive the award at the 66th National Awards ceremony held on 23rd December due to serious ill. He was honoured by The Government with the Padma Shri in 1984, Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2015 for his contributions to the arts.

67) Who was honored with “Lokmanya Tilak National Journalism Award” for his great contribution in the field of Journalism?

- 1) Rajdeep Sardesai
- 2) Arnab Goswami
- 3) Sanjay Gupta
- 4) Ravish Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Sanjay Gupta

Explanation:

Sanjay Gupta, the editor-in-chief of ‘Jagran’ will be honored with “Lokmanya Tilak National Journalism Award” for his great contribution in the field of Journalism. The award was instituted by the Kesari-Maratha Trust and it will be conferred to Gupta on 4th January 2020 during the 139th foundation ceremony of ‘kesari’ newspaper started by Lokmanya Tilak.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1) Who was appointed as the 24th Controller General of Accounts (CGA) on 1st December, 2019?

- 1) Soma Roy Burman
- 2) Rajiv Gauba
- 3) Archana Nigam
- 4) Sushil Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Soma Roy Burman

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, Soma Roy Burman was appointed as the 24th Controller General of Accounts (CGA), Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Soma Burman is also the 7th woman to be in that post. Before taking charge as the CGA, Soma Burman worked as Additional Controller General of Accounts in the office of CGA (Accounting and Finance). She has also played a major role in strengthening Public Financial Management in the Union Government.

2) Which armed industry company has appointed Hari Mohan as chairman on December 1, 2019?

- 1) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- 2) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- 3) Indian Ordnance Factories Service (IOFS)
- 4) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, Shri Hari Mohan, a 1982-batch Indian Ordnance Factories' Service (I.O.F.S.) officer has taken over as the new chairman of Ordnance Factory Board (OFB). He succeeds Shri Saurabh Kumar who has superannuated from the services. Prior to this appointment, Mohan was served as a Member of the OFB and was in charge of the Weapons, Vehicles and Equipment (WV&E) division of the OFB.

3) Who was appointed as the 10th President of Asian Development Bank (ADB) on 2nd December 2019?

- 1) Taroichi Yoshida
- 2) Masatsugu Asakawa
- 3) Haruhiko Kuroda
- 4) Tadao Chino
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Masatsugu Asakawa

Explanation:

On 2nd December 2019, Masatsugu Asakawa was elected as the 10th President of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) by the Board of Governors of the ADB. Asakawa will be assuming office on January 17, 2020, after the resignation of Takehiko Nakao, the current President of ADB. Asakawa will finish the term of Nakao on November 23, 2021. Asakawa is the current Special Advisor to Shinzo Abe, Prime Minister (PM) of Japan and Taro Aso, the Minister of Finance, Japan.

4) Which country's Prime Minister Abdul Mahdi resigned recently?

- 1) Armenia
- 2) Sudan
- 3) Iraq
- 4) Iran
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Iraq

Explanation:

Iraq's Prime Minister (PM) Abdul Mahdi has resigned from his post after heavy protests. He has taken this decision after more than 40 people were killed by security forces in Baghdad and Iraq's mainly Shia southern cities of Nasiriya and Najaf in anti-government protests. Iraq's supreme Shiite religious leader Ali al-Sistani has condemned the use of excessive force against the protesters and called for the formation of a new government. The protesters are demanding jobs, elimination of corruption and civic amenities.

5) Who was elected as the President of Mauritius on December 2, 2019?

- 1) Barlen Vyapoory
- 2) Ameenah Gurib
- 3) Prithiviraj Singh Roopun
- 4) Monique Ohsan Bellepeau
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Prithiviraj Singh Roopun**

Explanation:

On 2nd December 2019, Prithiviraj Singh Roopun (61) was elected as the President of Mauritius by the Lawmakers of Mauritius. Prithiviraj Roopun was the former Minister of Arts and Culture of Mauritius. He preceded Ammenah Gurib-Fakim who resigned in March 2018. Also, Mr. Marie Cyril Eddy Boissezon appointed as the new Vice-President of the Republic of Mauritius.

6) Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Alphabet on 4th December 2019?

- 1) Steve Ballmer
- 2) Satya Nadella
- 3) Sergey Brin
- 4) Sundar Pichai
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Sundar Pichai**

Explanation:

On 4th December 2019, Sundar Pichai, current CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of Google has been made the CEO of Alphabet, the parent organization of Google, followed by the resignation of Larry Page and Sergey Brin, CEO and President of Alphabet and the founders of Google. Sundar Pichai will now act as the CEO of Google and Alphabet while Larry Page and Sergey Brin will act as the Board members, shareholders and co-founders of Alphabet.

7) Name the Prime Minister (PM) of Finland, who resigned after losing support from the coalition partner on 3rd December 2019?

- 1) Kaarlo Castrén
- 2) Antti Rinne
- 3) Juho Vennola
- 4) Rafael Erich
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Antti Rinne**

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Antti Rinne, Prime Minister (PM) of Finland resigned after losing support from the coalition partner. Rinne has been heading the Government since June 2019. He handed his resignation to Sauli Niinistö, President of Finland.

8) To which country, Upender Singh Rawat was appointed as the Indian Ambassador on December 3, 2019?

- 1) Republic of Costa Rica
- 2) Republic of Cuba
- 3) Bahamas
- 4) Barbados

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Republic of Costa Rica**

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Upender Singh Rawat, IFS (Indian Foreign Service) officer and the current Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Panama has been appointed as the Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica with a residence in Panama City.

9) Who was elected as the President of Namibia for the second term on 1st December 2019?

1) Hage Gottfried Geingob

2) Hifikepunye Pohamba

3) Ben Ulenga

4) Sam Nujoma

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Hage Gottfried Geingob**

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, Hage Gottfried Geingob (78), Namibia's third leader since the country freed itself from South Africa in 1990 has been named as President of Namibia for the second term with 56.3% votes. Hage Geingob was preceded by Hifikepunye Pohamba in the year 2015.

10) Which bank has appointed Rajendran Chinna Veerappan as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) on 4th December 2019?

1) Kotak Mahindra Bank

2) Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB) bank

3) Dhanlaxmi Bank

4) Bandhan Bank

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB) bank**

Explanation:

On 4th December 2019, Rajendran Chinna Veerappan was appointed as the Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Catholic Syrian Bank (CSB) bank, Thrissur, Kerala by the Board of Directors of CSB bank in the Board meeting held on 2nd December 2019 for a three year term effective from 9th December 2019 to 8th December 2022.

11) Who was appointed as Plogging Ambassador of India on the 50th Fit India Plogging Run in Delhi?

1) K. M. Beenamol

2) Milkha Singh

3) Jayanti Ravi

4) Ripu Daman Bevli

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ripu Daman Bevli**

Explanation:

On 2nd October 2019, Ripu Daman Bevli was appointed as Plogging Ambassador of India by Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) on the 50th Fit India Plogging Run held in Delhi's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium. The minister also launched the Plogging Ambassador Mission to

nominate Indians who have been running and cleaning their cities, towns or districts as Plogging Ambassadors of their region.

12) Who was appointed as the chairman of National Stock Exchange(NSE) on December 6, 2019?

- 1) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi
- 2) Vikram Limaye
- 3) Dinesh Kanabar
- 4) Naved Masood
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Girish Chandra Chaturvedi**

Explanation:

On December 6, 2019 India's leading stock exchange the National Stock Exchange(NSE) has appointed public interest Director Girish Chandra Chaturvedi as its new chairman. The appointment was done after market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India's (SEBI) approval. Chaturvedi replaced Ashok Chawla, who resigned as a chairman in January 2019. Shri Chaturvedi who is a retired IAS (Indian Administrative Service) officer has previously served as Secretary of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG).

13) Who was elected as the 46th Prime Minister of Finland, who became the world's youngest serving Prime Minister at the age of 34?

- 1) Li Andersson
- 2) Sanna Mirella Marin
- 3) Krista Kiuru
- 4) Katri Kulmuni
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Sanna Mirella Marin**

Explanation:

On December 8, 2019 Sanna Mirella Marin, transport & communications minister of Finland became the world's youngest serving Prime Minister(PM) at the age of 34. She belongs to the Social Democratic Party (SDP), which is the largest 5-member coalition party of Finland. Sanna is also the 3rd female govt. leader of Finland. She replaced Antti Juhani Rinne, who resigned from the post.

14) Who was elected as the president of News Broadcasters Federation (NBF) on December 8, 2019?

- 1) Rajdeep Sardesai
- 2) Sudhir Chaudhary
- 3) Arnab Goswami
- 4) Ravish Kumar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Arnab Goswami**

Explanation:

On December 8, 2019 the editor-in-chief and Managing Director(MD) of Republic TV, Arnab Goswami was elected as the president of governing board News Broadcasters Federation (NBF). The new self-regulatory organization in order to bring in transparent self-regulation on content will be announced by the end of January 2020.

15) To which country C. Sugandh Rajaram, was appointed as the High Commissioner of India on 6th December 2019?

- 1) Republic of Ghana
- 2) Republic of Côte d'Ivoire
- 3) Republic of Mali
- 4) Republic of Guyana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Republic of Ghana

Explanation:

On 6th December 2019, C. Sugandh Rajaram, IFS:2001 (Indian Foreign Service) was appointed as the High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana, he is the current Consul General, Consulate General of India, Munich, Germany. Birender Singh Yadav, IFS: 1997 was the previous High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Ghana.

16) Who was appointed as additional director of Dhanlaxmi Bank on December 9, 2019?

- 1) Lakshmy Devi K.R
- 2) V Viswanathan
- 3) Chella K Srinivasan
- 4) Srikanth Reddy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) V Viswanathan

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, The Board of Directors of Dhanlaxmi Bank, an old private sector bank headquartered in Thrissur City of Kerala, has appointed V Viswanathan as an additional Director of the bank with effect from December 09, 2019. He will hold the post upto the date of the next Annual General Meeting.

17) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for athletic and casual footwear firm 'PUMA' for 3 years on December 10, 2019?

- 1) Bhaichung Bhutia
- 2) Sunil Chhetri
- 3) Virat Kohli
- 4) Sandesh Jhingan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sunil Chhetri

Explanation:

On December 10, 2019, PUMA, a German multinational company that designs and manufactures athletic and casual footwear has appointed Indian men's football team captain Sunil Chhetri as its brand ambassador for 3 years. Chhetri now joins the list of France's Antoine Griezmann, Belgium's Romelu Lukaku, Uruguay's Luis Suarez and Argentina's Sergio Aguero with whom Puma has tied up.

18) Which organization has appointed Suniel Shetty as its Brand Ambassador on 10th December 2019?

- 1) International Paralympic Association (IPA)
- 2) International Olympic Association (IOA)
- 3) World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA)

4) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)

5) None of these

Answer – **4) National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)**

Explanation:

On 10th December 2019, Suniel Shetty, Bollywood actor has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). The appointment took place in the presence of Kiren Rijiju, Minister of State (MoS) for Youth Affairs and Sports.

19) Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for Food and beverage company, PepsiCo on December 11, 2019?

1) Hrithik Roshan

2) Aamir Khan

3) Salman Khan

4) Shahrukh Khan

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Salman Khan**

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, Food and beverage company PepsiCo has appointed Bollywood actor Salman Khan (born as Abdul Rashid Salim Salman Khan) as brand ambassador for its flagship Pepsi brand of carbonated beverage in India. The commercial will be launched in 2020 and will take up the “SWAG” themed campaign which was launched in the summer of 2019.

20) Name the first ever brand ambassador of La Liga from India, who is also the first ever non-footballer appointed in that position on December 12, 2019?

1) Shikhar Dhawan

2) Rohit Gurunath Sharma

3) Virat Kohli

4) MS Dhoni

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rohit Gurunath Sharma**

Explanation:

On 12th December 2019, Rohit Gurunath Sharma (32), Indian International Cricketer, was named the first ever brand ambassador from India of La Liga, professional football division of the Spanish football league system for men. He is also the first ever non-footballer to be in that position. The announcement was made by Jose Antonio Cachaza, Managing Director of La Liga.

21) Who is set to be appointed as the Chairman of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)?

1) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya

2) SSV Ramakumar

3) G K Satish

4) Sanjiv Singh

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Shrikant Madhav Vaidya**

Explanation:

On 12th December 2019, Shrikant Madhav Vaidya, Director of Refineries, Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) was shortlisted to become the Chairman of IOC. He was selected for the post by government

headhunter Public Enterprise Selection Board (PESB). He joined the IOC board in October 2019, and will replace Sanjiv Singh who is the current chairman of IOC. The term of office for the post is three years.

22) Who will head the Group of Ministers (GoM) on the Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST) replacing Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman?

- 1) Tejashwi Yadav
- 2) Nitish Kumar
- 3) Lalu Prasad Yadav
- 4) Sushil Kumar Modi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sushil Kumar Modi

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, Sushil Kumar Modi, Deputy Chief Minister of Bihar replaced Nirmala Sitharaman, Minister of Finance (MoF) as the head of the Group of Ministers (GoM) on the Integrated Goods and Service Tax (IGST), stated by the GST (Goods and Services Tax) council. She was previously mentioned as the chairperson of the GST council to discuss issues related to IGST with Finance Ministers of Punjab, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan and deputy chief ministers of Delhi and Puducherry. As she could not head the GoM panel being the Finance Minister and the chairperson of the GST council, Sushil Modi was made its convener. The panel was set up to look into the issue of splitting of the IGST between the centre and states.

23) Who was elected as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on 13th December 2019?

- 1) Gordon Brown
- 2) David Cameron
- 3) Theresa May
- 4) Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, Alexander Boris de Pfeffel Johnson won the United Kingdom (UK) general election after his Conservative Party crossed the required majority of 326 votes of the 650 seats in the House of Commons. The Labour party headed by Jeremy Bernard Corbyn and the Scottish National Party headed by Nicola Ferguson Sturgeon gained 203 and 43 votes respectively. 15 Indian-origin politicians entered the UK's House of Commons and the UK will be removed from the European Union (EU) in January marking Johnson's win in the general election.

24) Which country has elected Abdelmadjid Tebboune as its President on 13th December 2019?

- 1) Libya
- 2) Algeria
- 3) Morocco
- 4) Tunisia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Algeria

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, Abdelmadjid Tebboune, (74) former Prime Minister (PM) of Algeria was elected as the President of Algeria succeeding Abdelkader Bensalah. Tebboune served as the PM from May 2017 to August 2017, under the governance of President Abdelaziz Bouteflika.

25) Who was appointed as the 28th Chief of Army Staff on 16th December 2019?

- 1) Satinder Kumar Saini
- 2) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- 3) Devraj Anbu
- 4) Ranbir Singh
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Manoj Mukund Naravane**

Explanation:

On 16th December 2019, Lieutenant General Manoj Mukund Naravane will be appointed as the 28th Chief of Army Staff (COAS). He is currently the Vice Chief of the Army Staff and will replace Army Chief General Bipin Rawat who is set to retire on 31st December 2019 after a three-year term.

26) Which firm has appointed Sridhar Patra as the Chairman-cum-Managing Director (CMD)?

- 1) National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO)
- 2) NTPC Limited
- 3) Bharat Aluminium Company (BALCO)
- 4) National Mineral Development Corporation
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO)**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 Sridhar Patra was appointed as the Chief Managing Director(CMD) of the National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO). Currently he serves as Director of Finance in NALCO. He will serve the company until his superannuation on October 31, 2024.

27) To which state, Governor of Nagaland, Ravindra Narayana Ravi was given additional charge as governor on 16th December 2019?

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

Answer – **3) Meghalaya**

Explanation:

On 16th December 2019, Ravindra Narayana Ravi, Governor of Nagaland was given additional charge as Governor of Meghalaya by the President of India. Ravi will act as the governor in the absence of leave of Tathagata Roy who was the previous Governor of Meghalaya.

28) Who was appointed as one of the board members of the United States (US)- India Business Council (USIBC) on 17th December 2019?

- 1) Chitra Ramkrishna
- 2) Naina Lal Kidwai
- 3) Mallika Srinivasan
- 4) Sulajja Firodia Motwani
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Mallika Srinivasan**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, Mallika Srinivasan, Chairman of Tractors and Farm Equipment Limited (TAFE) was appointed as one of the board members of the United States (US)- India Business Council (USIBC), a global board of the US Chamber of Commerce. The appointment is to take immediate effect as she joins a prestigious list of Chief Executive Officers (CEO) and executives on USIBC 35-member board.

29) To which organization, National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has restored Cyrus Mistry as executive chairman on December 18, 2019?

- 1) ITC Limited
- 2) Tata Group
- 3) Reliance Industries Limited (RIL)
- 4) Larsen & Toubro Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tata Group**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) has restored former Tata group Chairman Cyrus Mistry as executive chairman of Tata Group who was ousted from his position citing nonperformance in work. He was then replaced by Natarajan Chandrasekaran. NCLAT has now held Natarajan Chandrasekaran appointment as illegal after Mistry's restoration.

30) Who was elevated as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of General Insurance Corporation India (GIC Re) on 18th December 2019?

- 1) Shashikant More
- 2) Reena Bhatnagar
- 3) Deepak Prasad
- 4) Devesh Srivastava
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Devesh Srivastava**

Explanation:

On 18th December 2019, Devesh Srivastava has been raised to the position of Chairman and Managing Director (MD) at the General Insurance Corporation India (GIC Re). Previously he was managing the departments of human resource and training, ReInsurance Worldwide (RIWW), corporate communications, CMD's Secretariat and innovation centre, he was transferred to GIC in 1999.

31) Name the Indian-American computer scientist, who was appointed as the director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) of United States of America (USA)?

- 1) Raj Reddy
- 2) Madhu Sudan
- 3) Sankar Kumar Pal
- 4) Sethuraman Panchanathan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Sethuraman Panchanathan**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, The United States (US) President Donald Trump has chosen Indian-American computer scientist, Sethuraman Panchanathan (58) as director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) of America. He will succeed France Anne-Dominic Cordova, who retires in 2020 after completing her 6-year term as director of the institution. Dr. Sethuraman has taken on new responsibilities with research, innovation, academic administration and policy experience.

32) Who was named as the first Prime Minister (PM) of Cuba since 1976?

- 1) Manuel Marrero Cruz
- 2) Hubert Minnis
- 3) Charles Michel
- 4) Mia Mottley
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Manuel Marrero Cruz**

Explanation:

Manuel Marrero Cruz, 56 has become the first PM of Cuba since 1976. He has been the Tourism Minister of Cuba for the last 16 years. He was appointed by the Cuba's President Miguel Diaz-Canel. Fidel Castro was the Prime Minister from 1959 to 1976, when a new constitution changed his title to President, the post of the PM was eliminated.

33) Which organization has appointed Dr Sangita Reddy as its President for the year 2019-20?

- 1) National Association of Software and Services Companies (NASSCOM)
- 2) The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
- 3) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- 4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)**

Explanation:

On 23rd December 2019, Dr Sangita Reddy, Joint Managing Director of Apollo Hospitals Group was appointed as the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for the year 2019-20, during FICCI's 92nd Annual Convention in New Delhi. She succeeds Mr Sandip Somany, Vice Chairman and Managing Director, HSIL Limited. Mr Uday Shankar has been elevated as Senior Vice President of FICCI. Mr Sanjiv Mehta was appointed as the Vice President of FICCI.

34) Who was appointed as the first woman Chief Technology Officer (CTO) at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission (FCC)?

- 1) Angela Ahrendts
- 2) Dr Monisha Ghosh
- 3) Sheryl Sandberg
- 4) Ursula Burns
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Dr Monisha Ghosh**

Explanation:

Indian-American Dr Monisha Ghosh has been appointed as the first woman Chief Technology Officer at the US government's powerful Federal Communications Commission (FCC). She will take charge on January 13, 2020. She replaces Dr Eric Burger. Dr Ghosh will advise Indian-American Chairman of the FCC Ajit Pai and the agency on technology and engineering issues. She will also work with the Office of Engineering and Technology. Ghosh received her PhD in Electrical Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1991 and B.tech from IIT Kharagpur in 1986.

35) Name the Chairman of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), whose tenure was extended by six months on 20th December, 2019?

- 1) T. Venkatakrisna
- 2) Arindom Datta
- 3) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala
- 4) Deepak Singhal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Harsh Kumar Bhanwala**

Explanation:

On 20th December, 2019, Government of India had extended the tenure of Harsh Kumar Bhanwala, chairman of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) by six months. In December 2013, he was appointed as the chairman of NABARD by succeeding Prakash Bakshi who retired on September 2013.

36) Who was appointed as the new President of ASSOCHAM (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) on December 23, 2019?

- 1) Balkrishan Goenka
- 2) Vineet Agarwal
- 3) Niranjana Hiranandani
- 4) Chandru Raheja
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Niranjana Hiranandani**

Explanation:

Niranjana Hiranandani, Managing Director of Hiranandani Groups has taken the charge of Assocham's (Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India) new President on December 23, 2019. He replaces Welspun Group Chairman Balkrishan Goenka. Assocham has celebrated its centenary meet in New Delhi recently. PM Modi was the chief guest for the event and spoke about the economic challenges and the preparations to achieve the target of \$5 trillion economy.

37) Which Small Finance Bank has appointed P R Ravi Mohan as the Chairman on December 24, 2019?

- 1) ESAF Small Finance Bank
- 2) Fincare Small Finance Bank
- 3) AU Small Finance Bank
- 4) Equitas Small Finance Bank
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) ESAF Small Finance Bank**

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019 P R Ravi Mohan was appointed as the new chairman of ESAF Small Finance Bank (SFB). Ravi has replaced R Prabha, whose tenure as chairman has ended. Ravi previously worked as chief general manager Department of Banking Operations and Development (DBoD) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). He also previously headed the Banking Supervision Department of RBI.

38) Who was appointed as the 33rd Foreign Secretary of India?

- 1) Nirupama Rao
- 2) Riva Ganguly Das
- 3) Navtej Sarna
- 4) Harsh Vardhan Shringla
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Harsh Vardhan Shringla**

Explanation:

The Government of India has appointed the Senior Diplomat and Indian ambassador to the United States, Mr. Harsh Vardhan Shringla as the next Foreign Secretary. He is the 33rd foreign secretary of the country. He replaces Vijay Gokhale. Shringla will take charge after the completion of Vijay Gokhale's two-year term on January 29, 2020.

39) Raghubar Das has resigned as the Chief Minister of which state?

- 1) Himachal Pradesh
- 2) Jharkhand
- 3) Meghalaya

- 4) Mizoram
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Jharkhand**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, Jharkhand chief minister (CM) Raghubar Das has submitted his resignation to governor Draupadi Murmu at Raj Bhavan in Ranchi after being ousted from power due to the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) election defeat.

40) Which Organization's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Dennis Muilenburg resigned recently?

- 1) Bombardier
- 2) Airbus
- 3) Boeing
- 4) Lockheed Martin
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Boeing**

Explanation:

On 23rd December, 2019, Dennis Muilenburg, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of American Aerospace firm, Boeing has stepped down after MAX 737 crashes. He will be succeeded by its Chairman David L. Calhoun. But, he will not take charge as CEO until January 13, 2020. Until he joins, Boeing's Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Greg Smith will serve as interim CEO.

41) Who chairs the Kargil Review Committee, that recommends to create Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) post recently?

- 1) K. Subrahmanyam
- 2) S.N. Verma
- 3) Shivraman
- 4) S P Talwar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) K. Subrahmanyam**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019 outgoing Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has been appointed as India's 1st Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) till 2022. The CDS is a 4-star single-point military adviser to the government's defence ministry as suggested by the Kargil Review Committee in 1999 headed by K. Subrahmanyam.

42) Who was appointed as India's 1st Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) on December 30, 2019?

- 1) Ranbir Singh
- 2) Manoj Mukund Naravane
- 3) Bipin Rawat
- 4) Sam Manekshaw
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Bipin Rawat**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019 outgoing Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has been appointed as India's 1st Chief of Defence Staff (CDS). The CDS is a 4-star single-point military adviser to the government's defence ministry as suggested by the Kargil Review Committee in 1999 headed by K. Subrahmanyam. The CDS will serve upto a maximum age of 65 years and will head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), which will be created within the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and function as its Secretary. Earlier the tenure was 3 years or upto the retirement age of 62 years, whichever is earlier but the changes have been made in the Army Rules, 1954 to set age limit at 65.

43) What is the maximum age limit of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), that was changed from 62 years after amending the Army Rules, 1954?

- 1) 68 years
- 2) 65 years
- 3) 60 years
- 4) 70 years
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) 65 years**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019 outgoing Indian Army Chief General Bipin Rawat has been appointed as India's 1st Chief of Defence Staff(CDS). The CDS is a 4-star single-point military adviser to the government's defence ministry as suggested by the Kargil Review Committee in 1999 headed by K.

Subrahmanyam. The CDS will serve upto a maximum age of 65 years and will head the Department of Military Affairs (DMA), which will be created within the Ministry of Defence(MoD) and function as its Secretary.

44) Who sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Jharkhand on 29th December 2019?

- 1) Madhu Koda
- 2) Shibu Soren
- 3) Arjun Munda
- 4) Hemant Soren
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Hemant Soren**

Explanation:

On 29th December 2019, Hemant Soren sworn in as the 11th Chief Minister of Jharkhand at the oath taking ceremony took place at Morabadi Ground in Ranchi for the second term. He is succeeding Mr. Raghubar Das who served for the period of 28th December 2014 – 29th December 2019. He is the president of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), a political party in Jharkhand.

45) Abdelaziz Djerad was appointed as the Prime Minister of which of the following country on December 28, 2019?

- 1) Algeria
- 2) Turkey
- 3) Tunisia
- 4) Morocco
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Algeria**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019 Algeria's President Abdelmadjid Tebboune has announced Abdelaziz Djerad (65 years) as the Prime Minister (PM) of the country. He is a university professor and former diplomat, served under former President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, who was ousted in April 2019. Djerad succeeds Nouredine Bedoui as the new PM.

46) Who sworn in as the Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra?

- 1) Chhagan Bhujbal
- 2) Balasaheb Thorat
- 3) Ajit Anantrao Pawar
- 4) Aaditya Thackeray
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ajit Anantrao Pawar**

Explanation:

On 30th December 2019, Ajit Anantrao Pawar was sworn in as Maharashtra's deputy chief minister in Mumbai, for the second time in two months. Earlier he had sworn-in as deputy CM on November 23 along with BJP's Devendra Fadnavis but had resigned in less than 80 hours. This time as part of the Shiv Sena-NCP-Congress coalition government in the state.

47) Name the Director of Special Protection Group (SPG), whose tenure was extended to one more year till 30 July 2021?

- 1) Arun Kumar Sinha
- 2) Trinath Mishra
- 3) Devendra Singh
- 4) Shyamal Datta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Arun Kumar Sinha**

Explanation:

On December 30, 2019, The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Government of India (GoI), has approved the extension in the deputation tenure of Special Protection Group (SPG) director, Arun Kumar Sinha. His term of deputation ended on 19 March 2020, which has been increased to 30 July 2021. Arun Kumar is a 1987 batch IPS (Indian Police Service) officer of Kerala cadre. He has been serving as the chief of the SPG since March 2016. His deputation was extended for 2- years previously in the year 2018. The Union government has recently amended the SPG Act, 1988.

48) Who was appointed as India's Representative and Governor on the board of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for a period of 3 years on December 31, 2019?

- 1) Vivek Srivastava
- 2) T. K. Mitra
- 3) B. V. Wanchoo
- 4) Rohan Shah
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rohan Shah**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019, Rohan Shah, a practicing counsel at the Supreme Court(SC) and various High Courts(HC), has appointed as India's Representative and Governor on the board of Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) for a period of 3 years. The ERIA board meets once every 6 months in Jakarta(Indonesia) & in Japan.

49) Which organization has appointed, Surjeet Singh Deswal as its head on December 31, 2019?

- 1) Railway Protection Force (RPF)
- 2) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)
- 3) Central Industrial Security Force (CISF)
- 4) Border Security Force (BSF)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**

Explanation:

On December 31, 2019 ITBP (Indo-Tibetan Border Police) Director General (DG) Surjeet Singh Deswal has been given "additional" charge to head India's as well as the World's largest paramilitary force, the CRPF (Central Reserve Police Force) as notified by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA). The additional charge has been given immediately after CRPF's DG, Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar's retirement.

50) Name the 1st ever women, who was appointed as the 13th Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) on December 21, 2019?

- 1) Kiran Mazumdar Shaw
- 2) Vandana Luthra
- 3) Harjeet Kaur Joshi
- 4) Priya Paul
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Harjeet Kaur Joshi

Explanation:

On December 21, 2019, Harjeet Kaur Joshi has been appointed as the full-time Chairperson and Managing Director (CMD) of privatization-bound Shipping Corporation of India (SCI). With this appointment, she became the 13th CMD and also the 1st ever woman CMD of SCI and will serve till her superannuation on May 31, 2022, or until further orders. Joshi has replaced Capt. Anoop Kumar Sharma who served as the CMD for the past three years. Meanwhile, the government has also decided to sell its 63.75% stake in SCI, to a private strategic buyer and the stake sale is in process.

ACQUISITIONS & MERGERS

1) Which firm has acquired a 51.78 % stake in Asteria Aerospace for Rs 23.12 crore?

- 1) Axis Risk Consulting Services Pvt Ltd
- 2) Boston Consulting Group
- 3) Tata Strategic Management Group
- 4) Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd (RSBVL)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd (RSBVL)

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, Reliance Strategic Business Ventures Ltd (RSBVL), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), has acquired a 51.78 % stake in Asteria Aerospace for Rs 23,12,49,584. This is 51.78 % of Asteria's equity share capital will further strengthen the RSBVL's initiatives in the emerging technology sector.

2) Which insurance company's 16.01% paid-up share capital was acquired by Napean Opportunities and 9.99 % by Warburg Pincus Group-owned Honey Wheat Investment Ltd.?

- 1) Bajaj Allianz General Insurance
- 2) ICICI Lombard
- 3) SBI (State Bank of India) General Insurance
- 4) HDFC ERGO General Insurance Company
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) SBI (State Bank of India) General Insurance

Explanation:

On December 13, 2019, Competition Commission of India (CCI), a statutory body of the Government of India (GoI) has gave its nod for the acquisition of 16.01% paid-up share capital of SBI (State Bank of India) General Insurance by Napean Opportunities and 9.99 % by Warburg Pincus Group-owned Honey Wheat Investment Ltd.

3) Name the Organization that completes acquisition of Ruchi Soya for Rs.4,350 crore through an insolvency process?

- 1) Baidyanath Group
- 2) Britannia Industries
- 3) Patanjali Ayurved
- 4) Himalaya Drug Company

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Patanjali Ayurved**

Explanation:

Patanjali Ayurved made its first big acquisition to take over soya food brand Nutrela maker Ruchi Soya for Rs.4,350 crore through an insolvency process. The acquisition will help Patanjali acquire edible oil plants as also soyabean oil brands such as Mahakosh and Ruchi Gold. Acharya Balkrishna is appointed as the Chairman And Managing Director of the Ruchi Soya Industries Ltd Swami Ramdev as non-executive director on its new board.

4) Name the firm that received Competition Commission of India (CCI)'s approval for acquisition of 100% equity shares in both IDBI Asset Management Ltd. (IAML) and IDBI MF Trustee Company Ltd. (IMTL) under CCI Green Channel?

1) HDFC Bank

2) State Bank of India (SBI)

3) Muthoot Finance Limited (MFL)

4) Shriram Transport Finance Co. Ltd.

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Muthoot Finance Limited (MFL)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 The Competition Commission of India (CCI), obtained 3 Green Channel Combinations under automatic approval. The approval was done under the sub-section (2) of Section 6 of the Competition Act, 2002 (Act) read with regulation 5A of the Competition Commission of India, Regulations, 2011. 100% acquisition of both IDBI (Industrial Development Bank of India) Asset Management Ltd (IAML) and IDBI MF Trustee Company Ltd (IMTL) by Muthoot Finance Ltd (MFL).

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

1) Where was the 1st night trial of surface-to-surface ballistic missile, Agni-III was launched?

1) Odisha

2) Kerala

3) Andhra Pradesh

4) Tamil Nadu

5) None of these

Answer – **1) Odisha**

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019 the first night trial of the nuclear capable Agni-III surface-to-surface ballistic missile was carried out from a mobile launcher at the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. The night trial was conducted by the Strategic Forces Command of the Indian Army (IA) with logistic support from the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The maiden night trial however, was a failure, due to some manufacturing defect.

2) Where was the indigenously developed nuclear capable surface-to-surface missile, "Prithvi-2" test fired?

1) Kochi, Kerala

2) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

3) Chandipur, Odisha

4) Balasore, Odisha

5) None of these

Answer – 3) Chandipur, Odisha

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 India has successfully conducted night trial of the indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-2 surface-to-surface missile as part of a user trial for the armed forces from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in the coast of Odisha.

3) What is the strike range of the newly test fired surface-to-surface missile, “Prithvi-2”?

- 1) 300 Km
- 2) 200 Km
- 3) 250 Km
- 4) 350 Km
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 350 Km

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 India has successfully conducted night trial of the indigenously developed nuclear capable Prithvi-2 surface-to-surface missile as part of a user trial for the armed forces from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in the coast of Odisha. The missile has a strike range of 350 kilometres with warheads carrying capacity of 500-1,000 kilograms.

4) Which state government has launched the “MadhuApp” for e-learning for students by providing video lectures and exercise?

- 1) Uttar pradesh
- 2) Odisha
- 3) Gujarat
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Odisha

Explanation:

On December 3, 2019 the Chief Minister of Odisha Shri Naveen Patnaik launched an e-learning mobile phone app named “MadhuApp” for students by providing video lectures and exercise in Odia language prepared by highly qualified educationists and teachers. This is named after freedom fighter social reformer Madhusudan Das.

5) Name the firm, which developed the World’s lowest dose-volume Rotavirus vaccine called “ROTAVAC 5D” that prevents rotavirus diarrhoea in young children?

- 1) Bharat Biotech
- 2) Indian Immunologicals Limited
- 3) Serum Institute of India
- 4) Biocon
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Bharat Biotech

Explanation:

On December 4, 2019, the Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu launched world’s lowest dose volume vaccine for Rotavirus at a function in New Delhi. The oral rotavirus vaccine called “ROTAVAC 5D” is developed by Indian manufacturer Bharat Biotech. The vaccine prevents rotavirus diarrhoea in

young children and can be stored at 2-8 °C (degree celsius). It can be administered in just 5 drops. It is also cost effective due to its efficacy and low cold chain footprint.

6) Name the institute, that has collaborated with 4 Japanese institutions for research purpose in areas which includes earthquake engineering, and doctoral programs?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT-B)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology Delhi (IIT-D)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur (IIT-K)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H)

Explanation:

On December 5, 2019 the Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IIT-H) will collaborate with 4 Japanese institutions for research purpose in areas which includes earthquake engineering, and doctoral programs. The Memorandum of Understanding(MoU) in this regard was signed by IIT-H director B.S. Murty with the 4 institutions during his visit to Japan. The MoU will boost the Indo-Japanese research ties.

7) Which spacecraft of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) has found India's Chandrayaan-2 Vikram lander that crashed on the lunar surface in September 2019?

- 1) Lunar Atmosphere and Dust Environment Explorer (LADEE)
- 2) SELENE
- 3) Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite (LCROSS)
- 4) Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO)

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the independent American space agency NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) found India's Chandrayaan-2 Vikram lander that crashed on the lunar surface in September 2019. NASA released the image of the site of spacecraft's impact that was taken by the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO) of NASA.

8) Name the Indian engineer, who found the debris of the Indian lunar lander Vikram which was crashed on September 7?

- 1) Avinash Kak
- 2) Keki Hormusji Ghada
- 3) Shanmuga Subramanian
- 4) Man Mohan Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Shanmuga Subramanian

Explanation:

In September 26, 2019 NASA released a mosaic image and invited the public to find signs of the lander in the image. Shanmuga Subramanian from Chennai, Tamil Nadu located the crashed site of Vikram Lander and the first piece of the debris found about 750 metres northwest of the main crash site. NASA credited Subramanian for his findings. The debris parts are scattered over almost 2 dozen locations spanning several kilometers.

9) Name the World's first fully electric commercial aircraft that was test flighted recently in Vancouver, Canada?

- 1) DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver
- 2) Douglas DC-3
- 3) de Havilland Canada DHC-3 Otter
- 4) de Havilland Canada DHC-6 Twin Otter
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, the World's first fully electric commercial aircraft namely DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver takes test flight in Vancouver, Canada. Manufactured by Harbour Air and Magnix, the six-passenger e-plane's first flight involved 750-horsepower (560 kW) magni500 propulsion system, and was piloted by Greg McDougall, founder and Chief Executive of Harbour Air.

10) Which technology is used by Dell technologies in association with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) MGIEP (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace) to improve educational quality in classrooms in India?

- 1) TC (Technology and Communication) tools
- 2) TIT (Teaching and Information Technology) tools
- 3) TCT (Teaching and Communication Technology) tools
- 4) ICT (Information and Communication Technology) tools
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) ICT (Information and Communication Technology) tools

Explanation:

On 10th December, 2019, Dell technologies announced a partnership with UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) MGIEP (Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace) to improve educational quality in classrooms by using ICT (Information and Communication Technology) tools and enabling teachers to adopt new technologies in classrooms as mentioned under Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SGD 4-Education) by the member-states of the United Nations (UN).

11) Name the Union Minister of State (MOS) for Culture and Tourism IC (Independent Charge), who launched the Indian Culture Web Portal in New Delhi?

- 1) Prakash Javadekar
- 2) Prahlad Singh Patel
- 3) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 4) Hardeep Singh Puri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Prahlad Singh Patel

Explanation:

On 10th December 2019, Prahlad Singh Patel, Union Minister of State (MOS) for Culture and Tourism IC (Independent Charge) launched the Indian Culture Web Portal in New Delhi. The web portal was proposed by the Ministry of Culture and was developed by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay and the data was organized by Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

12) Name the India's radar imaging earth observation satellite that was launched by PSLV-C48 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-48) which is 50th mission of PSLV?

- 1) RISAT-2BR2
- 2) RISAT-4BR2
- 3) RISAT-3BR1
- 4) RISAT-2BR1
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) RISAT-2BR1

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, The Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO) successfully launched India's radar imaging earth observation satellite RISAT-2BR1 on board PSLV-C48 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-48). This is the 50th mission of PSLV and also the 75th vehicle mission from Sriharikota. The satellite was lifted from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre(SDSC) at Sriharikota. RISAT-2BR1 was followed by the successful launch of RISAT-2B in May 22, 2019.

13) Where was the India's radar imaging earth observation satellite 'RISAT-2BR1' was launched?

- 1) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 2) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- 3) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 4) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, The Indian Space Research Organisation(ISRO) successfully launched India's radar imaging earth observation satellite RISAT-2BR1 on board PSLV-C48 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-48) from its spaceport of Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. This is the 50th mission of PSLV and also the 75th vehicle mission from Sriharikota. The satellite was lifted from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre(SDSC) at Sriharikota. RISAT-2BR1 was followed by the successful launch of RISAT-2B in May 22, 2019.

14) Which country's remote sensing satellite "Duchifat 3" was launched by India's PSLV-C48 (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-48) recently?

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

Answer – 3) Israel

Explanation:

3 Israeli students, Alon Abramovich, Meitav Assulin and Shmuel Aviv Levi launched the remote sensing satellite "Duchifat 3" designed and built by them aboard PSLV C48 at Sriharikota. Duchifat 3 is the 3rd series Israeli student-made satellites. The size of the satellite is 10x10x30 cm (3U) and weighs 2.3 kg.

15) Which organization has signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) with NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) to develop mobile application named 'Food Donation in India' to prevent Food wastage?

- 1) Facebook
- 2) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- 3) Tata Consultancy Services (TCS)
- 4) Infosys
- 5) None of these

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

Explanation:

On 12th December 2019, FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) and NASSCOM (National Association of Software and Services Companies) have signed an MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) to develop an application to prevent the wastage of food. The plan includes a mobile application named 'Food Donation in India' that will be available all day, and a help-line number to connect donors who are ready to donate food to the needy.

16) Name the firm that has delivered 103rd Landing Craft Utility amphibious ship (LCU) L-57 to Indian Navy?

- 1) Cochin Shipyard
- 2) Goa Shipyard
- 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- 4) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) delivers 103rd Landing Craft Utility amphibious ship LCU L-57 to Indian Navy. It was the 7th in the series of 8th such vessels being made by GRSE for the Navy. The delivery & acceptance Protocol was signed by Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director of GRSE & Commanding Officer of the vessel, Lt. Commander V Harshvardhan. These amphibious Ships are based at the Andaman and Nicobar Command, measuring 62.8 metres long, 11 metres wide and has a displacement of 830 tonnes, with a low draught of 1.7 metres. It can also be used to transport & deploy main battle tanks, armoured vehicles, troops and equipment from ship to the shore.

17) Scientists from which space agency, have mapped global wind circulation patterns "ripple effects" in the upper atmosphere of Mars (first planet to undergo this effect)?

- 1) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- 2) European Space Agency (ESA)
- 3) SpaceX
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Explanation:

The scientists of NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) have mapped global wind circulation patterns in the upper atmosphere of Mars (red planet), which is the 4th closest planet to the sun. The circulation patterns were mapped 120 to 300 kilometers above the red planet's surface

showing “ripple effects”. The study in this regard was published in the journal Science with the data collected by Natural Gas and Ion Mass Spectrometer (NGIMS) on the Mars Atmosphere and Volatile Evolution (MAVEN) orbiter for two days per month from 2016 to 2018.

18) Which space agency is set to launch its rover ‘MARS 2020’ in Mars in the year 2020?

- 1) SpaceX
- 2) European Space Agency (ESA)
- 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- 4) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) announced to launched its rover ‘MARS 2020’ in the year 2020. The rover will land on Mars, the 4th closest planet to the sun. it is also known as the red planet. The rover is built and managed by NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory(JPL) in Pasadena, California, United States(US).

19) Which country has launched the world’s 1st ocean-going liquid hydrogen carrier ship, ‘Suiso Frontier’ that can carry liquid hydrogen at minus 253 ° C?

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

Answer – 2) Japan

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019, Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd, a Japanese public multinational corporation has launched the world’s 1st ocean-going liquid hydrogen carrier ship designed to carry liquid hydrogen at minus 253 ° C produced in south coast of Australia to unload in Kobe, Japan. The liquid hydrogen carrier tank has been named as ‘Suiso Frontier’ at a ceremony held at Kobe Works yard, Japan. Measuring a total length of 116 m, width 19 m, depth 4.5 m at full load, gross tonnage 8,000 t. propulsion by Diesel engine electric power generation, and voyage speed of 13 knots, it is scheduled to be completed in late 2020.

20) Where was the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos test fired?

- 1) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- 2) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 3) Hyderabad, Telangana
- 4) Chandipur, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Chandipur, Odisha

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019 land-attack version of the surface-to-surface supersonic cruise missile BrahMos was successfully test fired from Chandipur district of Odisha. It was test fired from a mobile autonomous launcher at Launch Complex-3 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur. Recently a shorter range land-attack version of the BrahMos was successfully test-fired from the ITR at Chandipur on September 30, 2019. The 1st extended version of the missile with a strike range of 450 km was successfully tested on March 11, 2017.

21) Which country has launched its 2nd aircraft carrier, 'Shandong' recently?

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

Answer – **2) China**

Explanation:

On December 17, 2019, In order to further strengthen the military ambitions, China has launched its 2nd aircraft carrier, named after the Shandong province, from Sanya, an important establishment in the South China Sea. It is China's 1st indigenously built aircraft carrier. Shandong is much larger than the china's current aircraft carrier 'Liaoning', which can carry 36 combat aircraft. The 'Liaoning' vessel, has a capacity of 24 fighter jets, used for training & to test the fighter jet J-15, which has been specifically developed to operate from the decks of the aircraft carriers.

22) Name the Indian Scientist, whose name was named for the Star HD 86081 as 'Bibha' by International Astronomical Union (IAU)?

- 1) Bibha Choudhury
- 2) Bibha Agarwal
- 3) Bibha Acharya
- 4) Bibha Laghari
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Bibha Choudhury**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, The International Astronomical Union (IAU) named a star and a planet with Indian names. The star would be called 'Bibha' and the planet would be called 'Santamasa'. The yellow star in the Sextans constellation and its exoplanet, were earlier named HD 86081 and 86081b.

23) Where did Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test fired, Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) & Pinaka rocket Mark-II on December 20, 2019?

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

Answer – **2) Odisha**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the premier Research and development (R&D) organization of the country, has successfully tested the upgraded version of the Pinaka rocket Mark-II from DRDO's Proof and Experimental Establishment firing test range at Chandipur testing center in Odisha. DRDO also test-fired its all weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) from the launch pad-3 at the Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha at 4.20 pm.

24) What is the strike range of newly test fired Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM)?

- 1) 70 – 80 Km
- 2) 50 – 60 Km
- 3) 35 – 40 Km
- 4) 25 – 30 Km
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) 25 – 30 Km**

Explanation:

DRDO also test-fired its all weather tracked-chassis Quick Reaction Surface-to-Air Missile (QR-SAM) from the launch pad-3 at the Interim Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur in Odisha. Developed by DRDO, It also hit multiple targets within a range of about 25 – 30 km with two vehicle configurations for area air defence. The special thing of QR-SAM missile is that it aims to defend Army formations operating in plains & semi-desert areas, including those enemy missiles that suddenly appear at close range.

25) Star 'HIP 7943' was named after which city by International Astronomical Union (IAU) recently?

- 1) Sharjah
- 2) Jumeirah
- 3) Fujairah
- 4) Ajman
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sharjah**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 the International Astronomical Union (IAU) has announced new names of its newly discovered star and its planet. The star 'HIP 7943' was named as "Sharjah" and one of its planet (exoplanet) was named as "Barjeel". The announcement was made during a press conference of IAU in Paris, France during the centenary celebration of the union (IAU). The star 'HIP 7943' was named as "Sharjah". Appreciating the achievements of Sharjah city, which is the Capital of Arab Culture, Capital of Islamic Culture and also has the name of World Book Capital, the star was named as "Sharjah". A barjeel is a wind tower that directs the flow of wind, where the air can be recirculated as a form of air conditioning. Barjeel is an exoplanet to Sharjah. Planets orbiting their stars are called exoplanets.

26) Name the malware application regarding which Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MoHA) has sent an alert to all States recently?

- 1) Gooligan
- 2) HummingBad
- 3) StrandHogg
- 4) CopyCat
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) StrandHogg**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 the Union Ministry of Home Affairs(MoHA) sent an alert to all States warning about a bug in Android operating system(OS) called 'StrandHogg'. It is a real-time malware application which would pose as genuine applications and access all the users' data. All android device versions including latest android version 10, are vulnerable to this bug. Promon, a Norwegian firm specialising in In-App protection, found proof of this android vulnerability which they call it as 'StrandHogg'. The information about this bug was shared by Threat Analytical Unit(TAU), Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) of MoHA.

27) Which organization has launched 3 blockchain-powered distributed applications for domains of government services, insurance and supply chain distributed management?

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

Answer – **2) Infosys**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 Indian multinational corporation Infosys launched 3 blockchain-powered distributed applications for domains of government services, insurance, and supply chain distributed management. The applications were designed as ready-to-subscribe business networks. Core business processes across multiple value chain partners having disparate IT (Information Technology) systems can be strengthened using blockchain-powered distributed applications.

28) Which country has launched its first Satellite, “ETRSS-1” by Chinese Long March 4B carrier rocket from china recently?

- 1) Equatorial Guinea
- 2) Ecuador
- 3) Ethiopia
- 4) Egypt
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Ethiopia**

Explanation:

The Ethiopian Remote Sensing Satellite-1 or ETRSS-1, was sent into space by a Chinese Long March 4B carrier rocket from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in North China. ETRSS-1 is Africa’s 41st satellite in space and the third East African satellite. Ethiopia is now the 11th African nation to launch a satellite into space by joining the ranks of Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa and Sudan.

29) Name the “biosimilar” medicine of Trastuzumab, which was announced by World Health Organization (WHO) for 1st time to make breast cancer treatment cheaper?

- 1) Ontruzant
- 2) Taxotere
- 3) Anastrozole
- 4) Adriamycin
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ontruzant**

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019 the World Health Organization (WHO) announced that for the 1st time it had approved a “biosimilar” medicine of Trastuzumab named “Ontruzant” to make cheaper breast cancer treatment at an affordable rate to women globally. The medicine is derived from living sources rather than chemicals. The biosimilar medicine of the Trastuzumab drug was supplied by Samsung Bioepis co Ltd.

30) Which of the following countries have launched the satellite, “CBERS-4A” to monitor Amazon rainforest and changes in country’s environment?

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

Answer – **2) China and Brazil**

Explanation:

On December 21, 2019 China and Brazil’s jointly developed earth observation satellite named China-Brazil Earth Resources Satellite- 4A (CBERS-4A) to monitor Amazon rainforest and changes in country’s environment. The satellite along with 8 other satellites, was launched under a bilateral programme that would enhance cooperation among the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) nations. It was launched from Long March-4B rocket in the northern Chinese province of Shanxi.

31) Where did Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test-fired its Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) recently?

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

Answer – 3) Chandipur, Odisha

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019 Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has test-fired its Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) from Chandipur district of Odisha. This missile was tested with full configuration in deployment mode intercepting the target in mid-air and meeting mission objectives.

32) What was the strike range of the newly test fired Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM)?

- 1) 30 kms
- 2) 20 kms
- 3) 50 kms
- 4) 40 kms
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) 30 kms

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019 Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has test-fired its Quick Reaction Surface to Air Missile (QRSAM) from Chandipur district of Odisha. This missile is developed by DRDO in association with Bharat Electronics Limited and Bharat Dynamics Limited for Indian Army. ii. Range of this missile is 30 kms. This missile is an all-weather, all-terrain surface-to-air missile.

33) Researchers from which organization has partnered with National Physical Laboratory (NPL) to develop the counterfeiting, unclonable security ink?

- 1) National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL)
- 2) National Research Development Corporation (NRDC)
- 3) Centre for DNA Fingerprinting & Diagnostics (CDFD)
- 4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

Explanation:

On 23rd December, 2019, An ink for combating the problem of counterfeiting of currency notes, fake printing of passports and pharmaceuticals was developed by the Researchers from Council of Scientific and Industrial Research- National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL). It was published in the Journal of Materials Chemistry C. (India Science Wire)

34) What colour will be emitted when UV (UltraViolet) rays were exposed on the newly developed ink?

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

Answer – 2) Red

Explanation:

Ink is a single excitable dual emissive luminescent pigment developed based on the unexplored combinatory concept of the fluorescence and phosphorescence phenomenon, which emits two colours on the excitation of a single wavelength for the formulation of unclonable security ink. It will emit Red colour when exposed to UV (UltraViolet) rays and when UV rays are switched off it will turn Green.

35) Which firm has signed an agreement with Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) for improvement in health services & development of new and improved drugs?

- 1) Cadila Healthcare Ltd
- 2) Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
- 3) Cipla Ltd
- 4) Lupin Limited
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Cipla Ltd

Explanation:

On December 24, 2019, Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI), a premier Research & Development (R&D) Institute under the aegis of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), has signed an agreement with private multinational pharma company Cipla Ltd for improvement in health services & development of new and improved drugs.

36) Where did Indian Air Force (IAF) decommissioned its last MiG-27 (Mikoyan MiG-27) fighter jet aircraft also known as 'Bahadur', that served India during the 1999 Kargil War?

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

Answer – 3) Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019 the last of the iconic MiG-27 (Mikoyan MiG-27) fighter jet aircraft was decommissioned from the Indian Air Force(IAF) at Jodhpur base in Rajasthan. The aircraft served the IAF for over 3decades (30 years). The Jodhpur airbase previously had the squadron of 7 MiG-27. Currently No. 29 Squadron (Scorpion 29) is the only unit in the IAF which has been operating MiG 27 Upgrades. The aircraft served during the 1999 Kargil War. It is known by the name 'Bahadur' in India.MiG-27 was procured in the 1980s from the then Soviet Union(SU). The aircraft has the single most powerful engine in the world.

37) Where was the Saptamatrika cult, the earliest Sanskrit inscription discovered?

- 1) Kerala
- 2) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 3) Karnataka
- 4) Tamil Nadu (TN)
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) Andhra Pradesh (AP)

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019 the Epigraphy Branch of the Archaeological Survey of India(ASI) has recently discovered earliest epigraphic evidence of the Saptamatrika cult. It is the earliest Sanskrit inscription discovered in South India as on date and was discovered in Chebrolu village in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh(AP). This discovery predates the evolution of the language by almost 200 years. Prior to this discovery Nagarjunakonda inscription of Ikshavaku king Ehavala Chantamula was considered as the earliest Sanskrit inscription in South India. It was issued in his 11th regnal year corresponding to the 4th century A.D

38) Which country's heaviest and most advanced communications satellite, Shijian-20 was launched recently?

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

Answer – **4) China**

Explanation:

On 27th December 2019, China launched its heaviest and most advanced communications satellite, Shijian-20 (means "Practice") by its largest new carrier rocket Long March-5 (also known as CZ-5) from Wenchang Space Launch Center (WSLC) in south China's Hainan Province. A new technology test and verification satellite, Shijian-20 weighs more than eight tonnes was developed by China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation (CASC).

39) Name the rocket launched to study changes in the earth's upper atmosphere during the eclipse by Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) from Thumba in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala?

- 1) Roshini (RH) 200 sounding rocket
- 2) Rohini (RH) 200 sounding rocket
- 3) Roshini (RH) 300 sounding rocket
- 4) Rohini (RH) 300 sounding rocket
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Rohini (RH) 200 sounding rocket**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), a major space research centre of the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), has successfully launched Rohini (RH) 200 sounding rocket at 9.30 a.m from Thumba in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala under the mission to study changes in the earth's upper atmosphere during the eclipse. VSSC has also launched a 2nd RH 200 flight at exactly the same time on the very next day. The kerala district administration had warned that during the launch, near-shore waters spread over 9 kilometres off the Thiruvananthapuram coast from Valiyathura – Pallithura as a potential danger zone.

40) Researchers from which institute have developed the material to generate power from water in households using a phenomenon called "Electrokinetic streaming potential"?

- 1) Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G)
- 2) Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi (IIT-D)
- 3) Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT-M)
- 4) Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur (IIT-K)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G)**

Explanation:

On 30th December 2019, Researchers from the Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G) have developed materials that can produce energy from water to decentralizing energy generation for every household. The findings were recently published in ACS Applied Nanomaterials. A nanoscale phenomenon which is called "Electrokinetic streaming potential" is being used by the researchers of IIT-G, to harvest energy from flowing water. Various types of semiconducting materials are also used to produce power from stagnant water.

ENVIRONMENT

1) Where was the new fish species named “Schistura syngkai” discovered?

- 1) Odisha
- 2) Assam
- 3) West Bengal
- 4) Meghalaya
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Meghalaya

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019, a team of scientists led by Prof Khlur Mukhim of Lady Keane College, Shillong, Meghalaya have discovered a new fish species in West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya. The fish which has the scientific name “Schistura syngkai” was found at the Twahdidoh stream, a tributary of Wah Blei river. Journal: the details of the discovery has been published in the journal “zootaxa”. The specimens of the fish has been sent to the Zoological Survey of India(ZSI) in Kolkata, West Bengal and Gauhati University Museum of Fishes in Guwahati, Assam.

2) What is the reason behind launching the operation “Clean Art”?

- 1) To crack down the illegal trade for bear bile
- 2) To crack down the illegal trade for mongoose hair
- 3) To crack down the illegal trade for elephant ivory
- 4) To crack down the illegal trade for rhinos horns
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) To crack down the illegal trade for mongoose hair

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 operation “Clean Art” which is the 1st pan India operation to crack down the illegal trade for mongoose hair was launched by the govt. Operation Clean Art was conceived by the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB). Its aim is to ensure the shutting down of mongoose hair brush trade across the country.

3) Which country was hit by Typhoon Tisoy (Kammuri)?

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

Answer – 1) Philippines

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Typhoon Kammuri hits Philippines disrupting people’s daily routine. Over three lakh people were moved out from their homes and the Ninoy Aquino International Airport was shut down and about 500 flights were cancelled. The storm also affected the South part of Manila where thousands of athletes were gathered for the regional South Asian Games (SEA).

4) Where was the World's Deepest land canyon discovered?

- 1) East Australia
- 2) East Africa
- 3) East Asia
- 4) East Antarctica
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) East Antarctica**

Explanation:

On 14th December 2019, The deepest canyon on land on earth is found in the Denman glacier in East Antarctica. The discovery was done by Glaciologists at the University of California Irvine (UCI), California and was presented at the American Geophysical Union's Fall Meeting held in San Francisco. The project is led by Mathieu Morlighem, an associate professor in the Department of Earth System Science at the UCI.

5) Where did scientist from Cardiff University, Binghamton University & the New York State Museum discovered the 386-million-year old world's oldest fossil forest?

- 1) Fairbanks, Alaska, United States(US)
- 2) Sacramento, California, United States (US)
- 3) Anchorage, Alaska, United States(US)
- 4) Cairo, New York, United States(US)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Cairo, New York, United States(US)**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 Scientists from Cardiff University in the United Kingdom(UK), Binghamton University in the (United States) US and the New York State Museum have recently discovered remnants of a 386-million-year old world's oldest fossil forest in a sandstone quarry in Cairo, New York, United States(US). This forest is around 2 or 3 million years older than the current world's oldest forest at Gilboa, also in New York State and around 40 kilometres away from the Cairo site. Journal: The findings of the discovery is published in the journal 'Current Biology'.

6) Which country was affected by the Typhoon Phanfone (Typhoon Ursula) recently?

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

Answer – **1) Philippines**

Explanation:

On 25th December, 2019, Central Philippines was battered with the "Typhoon Phanfone" also known as "Typhoon Ursula" in Philippines. Typhoon Phanfone traversed west province of Palawan with the wind speed of 155 kilometres, with maximum winds of up to 130 kilometres per hour and gustiness of up to 160 kilometres per hour.

SPORTS

1) Where was the 3rd edition of the Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) inaugurated?

- 1) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- 2) New Delhi, Delhi
- 3) Guwahati, Assam
- 4) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Guwahati, Assam**

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019 The union sports minister Shri Kiren Rijiju launched the logo, players jersey, mascots and theme song of the 3rd edition of the Khelo India Youth Games(KIYG) at Karmabir Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium in Guwahati, Assam. The games are scheduled to be held from January 10-22, 2020. Over 10,000 students will be participating in a total of 451 medal events.

2) Where was the 13th South Asian Games (SAG) 2019 held?

- 1) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 2) Kathmandu, Nepal
- 3) Washington D.C., United States
- 4) Bangkok, Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Kathmandu, Nepal**

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, The South Asian Games (SAG) began in Kathmandu, Nepal. The event takes place for ten days between 1-10 December 2019 and in Kathmandu, Pokara and Janakpur cities in Nepal. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of Nepal declared the games in SAG in the opening ceremony held in the Dasharath Stadium.

3) Who won his record 6th Men's Ballon d'Or award for the year 2019?

- 1) Kylian Mbappé
- 2) Antoine Griezmann
- 3) Cristiano Ronaldo
- 4) Lionel Messi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Lionel Messi**

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019 the Ballon d'Or awards for the year were announced in Paris, France. Argentina's professional football player Lionel Andrés Messi Cuccittini won his record 6th Ballon d'Or award. The award was given after Messi scored 54 times for his Barcelona club and country in 2018-19, in which Barcelona won La Liga title. It is also to be noted that Messi has most no. of Ballon d'Or awards under his name.

4) Which country's footballer Megan Anna Rapinoe, won the women's Ballon d'Or award for the year 2019?

- 1) France
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) America
- 4) Russia
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) America

Explanation:

The Women's Ballon d'Or award was given to Megan Anna Rapinoe, American football player who led the United States women's national soccer team to win the 2019 World cup.

5) Alisson won inaugural Yashin Trophy, Yashin Trophy is given to _____?

- 1) Holder / Long Snapper
- 2) Goalkeeper
- 3) Punter
- 4) Gunner / Jammer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Goalkeeper

Explanation:

Alisson won inaugural Yashin Trophy for best goalkeeper: Liverpool club and Brazilian goalkeeper Alisson Ramses Becker won the inaugural edition of the Yashin Trophy 2019. The award was given for best goalkeeping for 2019.

S.No	Award	Awardee
1	Men's Ballon d'Or award	Lionel Messi.
2	Women's Ballon d'Or award	Megan Rapinoe.
3	Yashin Trophy	Alisson Becker
4	Kopa Trophy 2019	Matthijs de Ligt.

6) Name the cricketer, who became the fastest man to score 7000 runs in test matches in 126 innings by breaking a 73-year old record held by Wally Hammond in the year 1946?

- 1) Steven Peter Devereux Smith
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) David Warner
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Steven Peter Devereux Smith

Explanation:

On 30th November 2019, Steven Peter Devereux Smith (30), Australian cricketer became the fastest man to score 7000 runs in test matches by breaking a 73-year old record which was held by English cricketer Wally Hammond in the year 1946. Steve also became Australia's highest scorer by beating Donald George Bradman, an Australian cricketer.

7) Where was the 21st Asian Archery Championship for the year 2019 held?

- 1) Washington D.C., United States
- 2) Moscow, Russia
- 3) Beijing, China
- 4) Bangkok, Thailand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bangkok, Thailand

Explanation:

The 21st Asian Archery Championship for the year 2019 was held at the Rajamangala National Stadium in Bangkok, Thailand from November 21-28, 2019. India secured second position in the overall medal tally while South Korea topped the list. The third position was obtained by China.

8) Deepika Kumari was in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Archery
- 4) Shooting
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Archery

Explanation:

Deepika Kumari is associated with Archery. She was in news recently because she won 2nd Olympic Quota for India. It is also to be noted that the Indian men's recurve team had already secured the Olympic quota during the 2019 World Archery Championships that was held in the Netherlands.

9) Who won the India's only gold in the compound mixed pair event in the 21st Asian Archery Championship for the year 2019 that held in Bangkok, Thailand?

- 1) Tarundeep Rai and Bombayla Devi Laishram
- 2) Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam
- 3) Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari
- 4) Rajat Chauhan and Ankita Bhakat
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam

Explanation:

Indian archers Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam won India's only gold in the compound mixed pair event by defeating Chinese pairs Yi-Hsuan Chen and Chieh-Luh Chen. Medal by Indians:

Category	Medal	Name
Compound Mixed team	Gold	Abhishek Verma and Jyothi Surekha Vennam
Compound Men's team	Silver	Mohan Bhardwaj, Rajat Chauhan and Abhishek Verma
Compound Women's team	Silver	Priya Gurjar, Muskan Kirar and Jyothi Surekha Vennam
Recurve Men's individual	Bronze	Atanu Das
Recurve Men's team	Bronze	Atanu Das, Tarundeep Rai and

		Jayanta Talukdar
Recurve Women's team	Bronze	Ankita Bhakat, Deepika Kumari and Bombayla Devi Laishram
Recurve Mixed team	Bronze	Atanu Das and Deepika Kumari

10) Which country was awarded with 2019 Marylebone Cricket Club's(MCCs) Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award for the sportsmanship?

- 1) India
- 2) Australia
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) England
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) New Zealand

Explanation:

On December 2, 2019, the New Zealand cricket team was awarded with 2019 Marylebone Cricket Club's(MCCs) Christopher Martin-Jenkins Spirit of Cricket award for the sportsmanship it showed during the finals of the ICC (International Cricket Council) World Cup at Lord's Cricket Ground, London, England, that was held in July 2019.

11) Name the Indian badminton player, who enters the top 30 list of the BWF (Badminton World Federation) 2019 ranking & ranked 29th on December 3, 2019?

- 1) B. Sai Praneeth
- 2) Lakshya Sen
- 3) Parupalli Kashyap
- 4) Sourabh Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Sourabh Verma

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, Sourabh Verma enters the top 30 list of the BWF (Badminton World Federation) 2019 and takes the 29th place, he is also the 6th Indian to be in the list, making India the first country to have six players in the top 30 list, China is the second country to have five players on the list. Sourabh Verma is from Madhya Pradesh (MP) and resides in Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh.

12) Who topped in the ICC (International Cricket Council) Test batting ranking on December 4, 2019?

- 1) Cheteshwar Pujara
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Kane Williamson
- 4) Steve Smith
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Virat Kohli

Explanation:

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) Test Rankings released on December 4, 2019, Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli (31) has once again reached the top of the batsmen rankings with 928

rating points beating Australia's Steve Smith, who is now in second place (923 points) because he ran out of form in the ongoing series against Pakistan at home.

Rank	Batting	Bowling	All rounder
1	Virat Kohli (India)	Pat Cummins (Australia)	Jason Holder (West Indies)
2	Steve Smith (Australia)	Kagiso Rabada (South Africa)	Ravindra Jadeja (India)
3	Kane Williamson (New Zealand)	Jason Holder (Barbados)	Ben Stokes (England)
Rank of Indian players	Cheteshwar Pujara- 4 th Ajinkya Rahane- 6 th	Jasprit Bumrah- 5 th Ravichandran Ashwin -9 th Mohammad Shami -10 th	Ravichandran Ashw

13) Where was the 63rd edition of the National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) in shotgun events held?

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

Answer – 1) New Delhi

Explanation:

The 63rd edition of the National Shooting Championship Competitions (NSCC) in shotgun events organised by the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) was held at Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Ranges in New Delhi from November 16-30, 2019.

14) Angad Vir Singh Bajwa is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Shooting
- 3) Archery
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Shooting

Explanation:

Angad Vir Singh Bajwa is associated with shooting. Indian shooter Angad Vir Singh Bajwa unofficially hit a world record score in the men's skeet final at the 63rd National Shooting Championships. Ankit made clean score of 60, winning gold medal. Mairaj Ahmad Khan also created an unofficial world record making a perfect score of 125. However, both Angad and Mairaj were credited with National records.

15) Which country's former World No.1 Tennis Player, Caroline Wozniacki announced her retirement on 6th December, 2019?

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

Answer – 2) Denmark

Explanation:

On 6th December 2019, Caroline Wozniacki (29) from Denmark, former World No.1 tennis player announced her retirement from tennis after next month's Australian Open, the first Grand Slam tournament of the year 2019 and WTA (Women's Tennis Association) event in Auckland. Caroline Wozniacki was born in Odense, Denmark. She is the first woman from a Scandinavian country to hold the top-ranking position. "Scandinavia" refers to Denmark, Norway, and Sweden.

16) Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Football
- 4) Chess
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Chess

Explanation:

Indian chess grandmaster, Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa (14) was crowned the winner of the London chess classic 2019 with 7.5 points from 9 rounds & shared the title with Anton Smirnov of Australia, who also scored 7.5 points. The tournament, organized by the World Chess Federation (FIDE), was held at Olympia London in London, United Kingdom (UK) from 29 November 2019 – 8 December 2019.

17) Who won the U-21 men's singles title in International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) Challenge Plus Benemax-Virgo North American Open Series for the year 2019 which is India's 1st win after 2017?

- 1) Sathiyar Gnanasekaran
- 2) Manav Thakkar
- 3) Harmeet Desai
- 4) Anthony Amalraj
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Manav Thakkar

Explanation:

On December 8, 2019 19-year old Indian table tennis player Manav Thakkar won U-21 men's singles title, in ITTF (International Table Tennis Federation) Challenge Plus Benemax-Virgo North American Open Series held in Canada. He defeated Argentina's Martin Bentancor. It was India's 1st win in the U-21 men's singles title after 2017.

18) Which country was banned to participate in the Olympics and World Championships for 4 years by WADA's (World Anti-Doping Agency) Executive Committee?

- 1) Russia
- 2) Thailand
- 3) China
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Russia

Explanation:

On 9th December 2019, WADA's (World Anti-Doping Agency) Executive Committee has banned Russia from the Olympics and World Championships for 4 years. Russia has been banned, after it's capital Moscow trying to manipulate laboratory data by deleting and planting fake evidence to help them in their drug test. The WADA has first commissioned a report after finding evidence on mass doping in Russian athletics in the year 2015 and banned the Russian anti-doping agency (RUSADA) which was reinstated in the year 2018.

19) Name the first Indian Cricketer, who played 150 Ranji Matches?

- 1) Akshay Wakhare
- 2) Wasim Jaffer
- 3) Rajneesh Gurbani
- 4) Amol Muzumdar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Wasim Jaffer

Explanation:

On 9th December 2019, Wasim Jaffer, (41) from Mumbai, Maharashtra and former Indian Cricketer becomes the first Indian to play 150 Ranji Matches. Jaffer is only 853 runs away from completing 20,000 runs in 150 matches, followed by Devendra Bundela, Madhya Pradesh and Amol Muzumdar, Maharashtra who have played in 145 and 136 matches respectively. Jaffer played his 150th Ranji Game for Vidarbha against Andhra Pradesh (AP) the match was held in Devineni Venkata Ramana Praneetha Ground, Northern side of ACA-KDCA (Andhra Cricket Association–Krishna District Cricket Association) Ground in AP.

20) Name the first woman referee in the Men's ODI (One Day International) match, who overlooked the opening match of the third series of the World Cup League 2 held in Sharjah Cricket Stadium, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)?

- 1) Uvena Fernandes
- 2) Rubadevi Gurusamy
- 3) Gandikota Sarva Lakshmi
- 4) Ranjita Devi Tekcham
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Gandikota Sarva Lakshmi

Explanation:

On 8th December 2019, Gandikota Sarva Lakshmi, 51, former Indian Cricketer became the first woman referee in the Men's ODI (One Day International) match after overseeing the opening match of the third series of the World Cup League 2 held in Sharjah Cricket Stadium, in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The match is between the UAE and the United States of America (USA). Lakshmi was

born in Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh. As of now, she has overseen three women's ODI matches, 16 men's T20 Internationals and seven women's T20 Internationals.

21) Where was the 13th edition of the South Asian Games, officially known as XIII South Asian Games held?

- 1) Kathmandu and Pokhara in Nepal
- 2) Delhi and Odisha in India
- 3) Dhaka and Chittagong in Bangladesh
- 4) Kabul and Kandahar in Afghanistan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Kathmandu and Pokhara in Nepal

Explanation:

The 13th edition of the South Asian Games, officially known as XIII South Asian Games held in Kathmandu and Pokhara in Nepal.

22) Which country topped the overall medal tally in 13th edition of the South Asian Games, officially known as XIII South Asian Games?

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

Answer – 4) India

Explanation:

The 13th edition of the South Asian Games, officially known as XIII South Asian Games held in Kathmandu and Pokhara in Nepal. India topped the medal tally winning a total of 311 medals comprising 173 gold, 93 silver, and 45 bronze medals. India was followed by Nepal and Sri Lanka in the second and third rank respectively. A total of 7 nations namely India, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka participated in the 27 games.

23) What is the mascot of the 13th edition of the South Asian Games, officially known as XIII South Asian Games?

- 1) Neve and Gliz
- 2) Blackbuck (Krishnashar)
- 3) Schneeman (Snowman)
- 4) Haakon and Kristin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Blackbuck (Krishnashar)

Explanation:

Blackbuck (Krishnashar), is the official mascot for the 13th South Asian Games.

24) Name the former Chairman of the Federal Reserve of the United States (US), who passed away in New York?

- 1) Janet Yellen
- 2) Ben Bernanke
- 3) Paul Adolph Volcker

- 4) Toyoo Gyohten
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Paul Adolph Volcker**

Explanation:

On 8th December 2019, Paul Adolph Volcker, former Chairman of the Federal Reserve of the United States (US) dies at 92 in New York. Volcker was diagnosed with prostate cancer in the year 2018, he was born in Cape May, New Jersey and was educated at Princeton, Harvard and the London School of Economics.

25) Name the World Cup medal-winning rifle shooter, who has been banned for 2 years by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

- 1) Ravi Kumar
- 2) Ankur Mittal
- 3) Sanjeev Rajput
- 4) Heena Sidhu
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Ravi Kumar**

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, World Cup medal-winning rifle shooter Ravi Kumar (29) who failed the dope test conducted on July 19, 2019, has been banned for 2 years by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA). He was found positive in the banned substance Propranolol test.

26) Sumit Sangwan was banned recently by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), he belongs to which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Shooting
- 3) Archery
- 4) Boxing
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Boxing**

Explanation:

Indian boxer Sumit Sangwan (26) was also found positive in the dope test on consumption of banned substance, Acetazolamide. This substance is included in Diuretics and masking agents under S5 of World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) 2019 Prohibited List.

27) Name the Indian Cricketer who becomes leading run scorer in the T20I series and also becomes 1st Indian batsman to score 1,000 T20I runs in home ground?

- 1) Shikhar Dhawan
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) K L Rahul
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

Indian cricketer Virat Kohli surpassed India's Rohit Sharma to become leading run scorer in the T20I. Kohli has made 2,563 runs in 69 innings while Rohit has scored 2,562 runs in 95 innings. He achieved

the feat during second T20I of the three-match series. Virat also became the 1st Indian batsman to score 1000 T20I runs in home ground (match played in the native country). He achieved the feat during the final T20I of the three match series. Apart from Virat, New Zealand's Martin Guptill and Colin Munro are the other two cricketers who have scored more than 1,000 runs on their home soil in T20I.

28) Who became the first Indian batsman to smash 400 sixes in international cricket during India vs West Indies T20I series?

- 1) Shikhar Dhawan
- 2) Virat Kohli
- 3) Rohit Sharma
- 4) K L Rahul
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Rohit Sharma**

Explanation:

Indian cricketer Rohit Sharma became the first Indian batsman to smash 400 sixes in international cricket. He achieved during final T20I of the three-match series in Mumbai. Rohit also holds the record for the most number of sixes in international cricket in 2019. Only Shahid Afridi (Pakistan) and Chris Gayle (West Indies) have hit more sixes than Rohit in international cricket. Indian opener KL Rahul on Friday completed his 1,000 runs in the T20I and became the joint third-fastest cricketer as well as 7th Indian to achieve this feat. He reached this milestone in just 29 innings. Rahul stands third in the list along with Australian cricketer Aaron Finch.

29) Kieron Pollard belong to which country?

- 1) West Indies
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Australia
- 4) England
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) West Indies**

Explanation:

Kieron Pollard from West Indies became the 4th Windies (West Indies) batsman to complete 1000 runs in the T20I. He attained this feat during India vs West Indies T20I series.

30) Abid Ali became the first to score hundreds on both test and ODI debut format, he belong to which country?

- 1) New Zealand
- 2) Pakistan
- 3) Australia
- 4) England
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Pakistan**

Explanation:

On 15th December 2019, Abid Ali (32), Pakistani cricket player became the first batsman to score hundreds on both Test and One-Day International (ODI) on his debut. His match was against Sri Lanka which was held in Rawalpindi stadium in Pakistan. Abid was born in Lahore, Pakistan. Abid is the only

male player in cricket history to score a hundred on both his ODI and test debuts in the final day of Rawalpindi Test played against Sri Lanka.

31) Where was the 2nd edition of BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour Finals 2019 (officially known as the HSBC – Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation BWF World Tour Finals 2019) held?

- 1) Guangzhou, China
- 2) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- 3) Copenhagen, Denmark
- 4) Jakarta, Indonesia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Guangzhou, China**

Explanation:

The BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour Finals 2019 (officially known as the HSBC – Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation BWF World Tour Finals 2019) was the 2nd edition of final tournament of the 2019 BWF World Tour. It took place at Tianhe Gymnasium in Guangzhou, China from December 11 – 15 2019 and with a total prize of \$1,500,000.

32) Who won the Men's Singles title in the BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour Finals 2019?

- 1) Anthony Sinisuka Ginting
- 2) Hiroyuki Endo
- 3) Kento Momota
- 4) Mohammad Ahsan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kento Momota**

Explanation:

Kento Momota(Japan) won the Men's Singles title in the BWF (Badminton World Federation) World Tour Finals 2019.

S.No	Category	Winner	Runner
1	Men's Singles	Kento Momota(Japan)	Anthony Sinisuka Ginting (Indonesia)
2	Women's Singles	Chen Yufei (China)	Tai tzu ying (Chinese Taipei)
3	Men's Doubles	Mohammad Ahsan(Indonesia) Hendra Setiawan (Indonesia)	Hiroyuki Endo (Japan) Yuta Watanabe (Japan)
4	Women's Doubles	Chen Qingchen (China) Jia Yifan (China)	Mayu Matsumoto (Japan) Wakana Nagahara (Japan)
5	Mixed Doubles	Zheng Siwei (China) Huang Yaqiong (China)	Huang Dong Ping (China) Wang Yilü Chin (China)

33) Koneru Humpy is associated with which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Chess
- 3) Cricket
- 4) Football

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Chess**

Explanation:

On December 15, 2019 Indian chess grandmaster(GM), Koneru Humpy (32) from Andhra Pradesh, has finished 2nd in the FIDE (Fédération Internationale des Échecs) women's Grand Prix (WGP) 2019 which concluded at the Yacht Club de Monaco. She also retained the World No. 3 (Elo 2580) position. Alexandra Kosteniuk (Russia) won the title at the event.

34) Who topped in ICC test batting rankings 2019 released on December 16, 2019?

1) Kane Williamson

2) Steve Smith

3) Virat Kohli

4) Neil Wagner

5) None of these

Answer – **3) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

As per the ICC (International Cricket Council) test ranking 2019 released on December 16, 2019, Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli has retained his top position with 928 points in the list of batsmen, while injured bowler Jasprit Bumrah has dropped one place to 6th place in the bowlers' rankings

Rank	Batting	Bowling	All rounder
1	Virat Kohli (India)	Pat Cummins (Australia)	Jason Holder (West Indies)
2	Steve Smith (Australia)	Kagiso Rabada (South Africa)	Ravindrasinh Anirudhsinh Jadeja(India)
3	Kane Williamson (New Zealand)	Neil Wagner (New Zealand)	Ben Stokes (England)
Rank of Indian players	Cheteshwar Arvind Pujara-4 th Ajinkya Madhukar Rahane-6 th	Jasprit Jasbirsingh Bumrah-6 th	Ravichandran Ashwin-6 th

35) Cricketer, Laura Marsh (33) announces her retirement, she belongs to which country?

1) England

2) West Indies

3) Australia

4) New Zealand

5) None of these

Answer – **1) England**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, Laura Alexandra Marsh (33), England cricketer announced her retirement. Laura has won three World Cups in her 13-year career, she made her debut in 2006 as a seamer later on she switched to spin. Laura was born in Pembury, United Kingdom (UK).

36) Name the Canadian, who became the oldest person to complete the Antarctic Ice marathon 2019 at the age of 84?

1) Roy Jorgen Svenningsen

2) Lou Marsh

- 3) Clara Hughes
- 4) Donovan Bailey
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Roy Jorgen Svenningsen**

Explanation:

On 16th December 2019, Roy Jorgen Svenningsen became the oldest person to complete the Antarctic Ice marathon 2019. Roy Jorgen is from Edmonton, Canada. He completed the marathon in 11 hours and 41 minutes. Roy has been running since 1964 and has spent a year training for the 42km Antarctic marathon. The winner of the Antarctic ice marathon 2019 is William Hafferty from the United States (US), he completed the marathon in a record time of 3 hours, 34 minutes and 12 seconds.

37) Which country topped in the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) rankings for the year 2019 on December 19, 2019?

- 1) Belgium
- 2) Netherlands
- 3) Norway
- 4) Iceland
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Belgium**

Explanation:

According to the FIFA's (Federation Internationale de Football Association) year-ending released on December 19, 2019, Belgium, the runners-up of the World Cup 2018, topped their second consecutive year with 1765 points. World champions France remain in 2nd (1733 points) and Brazil in 3rd (1712 points) place. England have moved up a notch to 4th and Uruguay to 5th.

38) Name the organization, that has partnered with the International cricket council (ICC) for ICC Women's T20 World cup 2020 for empowering women and girls in cricket?

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

Answer – **2) United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)**

Explanation:

The International cricket council (ICC) announced its partnership with UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) for ICC Women's T20 World cup 2020. The main focus of this partnership is empowering women and girls in cricket. The money raised will go towards an innovative programme to promote girls' participation in cricket in Sri Lanka and build peace in communities.

39) What is the rank of India in the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) rankings for the year 2019 on December 19, 2019?

- 1) 101
- 2) 102
- 3) 108
- 4) 110
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) 108**

Explanation:

According to the FIFA's (Federation Internationale de Football Association) year-ending released on December 19, 2019, Indian men's football team remains at number 108 with 1187 points. The Indian team, however, slipped 11 places throughout the year (In December 2018, India was ranked 97 in the

FIFA rankings). Among Asian countries, India has ranked 19th, while Japan tops the list but is ranked 28th in overall ranking.

40) Name the Indian women spinner, who was ranked 2nd in the International Cricket Council (ICC) women's T20I (Twenty-twenty International) Bowler ranking released on December 21, 2019?

- 1) Jemimah Rodrigues
- 2) Anuja Patil
- 3) Poonam Yadav
- 4) Radha Yadav
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Radha Yadav**

Explanation:

On December 21, 2019, the International Cricket Council (ICC) T20I (Twenty-twenty International) rankings for Women players were released. Spinner Radha Yadav remained in the second position in the Bowler rankings which is the highest of all category rankings by an Indian Women's cricketer in the recently released T20I women's rankings.

41) Which city is set to host the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) U-17 (Under-17) women's world cup 2020 for the first time?

- 1) Montevideo, Uruguay
- 2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
- 3) Zarqa, Jordan
- 4) San José, Costa Rica
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019, As per the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the FIFA (Federation Internationale de Football Association) U-17 (Under-17) women's world cup 2020, Ahmedabad, a city in Gujarat, has received the provisional clearance for hosting the tournament at its TransStadia arena. The tournament will be held from November 2 – 21, 2020. It will mark the first time that India has hosted a FIFA women's football tournament.

42) Name the 1st Indian bowler, who took two One Day Internationals (ODI) hat-tricks (1 against West Indies in 2019 and the other against Australia in 2017)?

- 1) Jasprit Bumrah
- 2) Kedar Jadhav
- 3) Kuldeep Yadav
- 4) Yuzvendra Chahal
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Kuldeep Yadav**

Explanation:

India's Kuldeep Yadav (25 years) became the first Indian bowler to take two hat-tricks in ODIs. He achieved the feat in the 2nd ODI match which was held in Visakhapatnam, AP. His 1st hat-trick was against Australia in 2017 at the Eden Gardens stadium in Kolkata, West Bengal. Kuldeep joins the list of bowlers with two hat-tricks which include Wasim Akram(Pakistan) and Saqlain Mushtaq (Pakistan), Chaminda Vaas(Srilanka) and Trent Boult (New Zealand).

43) Who became the leading run-scorer in the 50 over One Day Internationals (ODI) format in the year 2019?

- 1) Rohit Sharma
- 2) Shikhar Dhawan

- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Rohit Sharma**

Explanation:

Indian opener Rohit Sharma (32 years) became the leading run-scorer in the 50 over ODI format in 2019. He scored 1382 runs in the ODI format. He became 1st batsman to score five 100+ scores in a single edition of the tournament i.e., ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2019. He was followed by Virat Kohli who was the second top run-scorer in ODI 2019.

44) Name the Indian Cricketer, who has scored most International runs & also breaks his own world record for most international 6s in the year 2019?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) Shikhar Dhawan
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Rohit Sharma**

Explanation:

Rohit has scored with 2388 international runs in 2019. He surpassed Sri Lankan cricketer Sanath Jayasuriya's 1997 record of most international runs as an opener in a calendar year. Rohit is followed by Virat Kohli who has scored 2370 international runs 2019. Rohit Sharma broke his own world record of most sixes across all formats in international cricket in a calendar year. He totally hit 77 sixes in 2019 as against his 74 sixes in 2018.

45) Cricketer, Shai Hope was seen in news recently, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Australia
- 2) West Indies
- 3) South Africa
- 4) New Zealand
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) West Indies**

Explanation:

Windies cricketer Shai Hope became the Second-Fastest Batsman To Score 3,000 ODI Runs. He achieved the feat during the third and final ODI match held in Odisha in the 67th innings. South African cricketer Hashim Amla holds the record of being the fastest man to score 3000 ODI runs in just 57 innings.

46) Cricketer Vernon Philander announced international retirement from all forms of cricket, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) Bangladesh
- 3) West Indies
- 4) South Africa
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) South Africa**

Explanation:

34-years-old South African Cricketer Vernon Philander announced international retirement from all forms of cricket after the upcoming test series against England. He has played 97 matches across all three formats, taking a combined 261 wickets with 1784 runs in his international career. He also took 51 Wickets in his first seven Test matches which earned him the 2012 SA Cricketer of the Year award.

47) Which football club has won the 16th edition of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) Club World Cup (WC) title 2019?

- 1) Manchester United
- 2) Liverpool
- 3) FC Barcelona
- 4) Real Madrid
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Liverpool

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019, England's football club (FC) Liverpool has won the 16th edition of Club World Cup (WC) title 2019 for the 1st time after beating Flamengo (Brazilian sports club) with 1-0 scores in Khalifa International stadium, Doha, Qatar. The only goal was scored by Roberto Firmino in the 99th minute.

48) Name the country, which has retained the FIFA's (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) Team of the Year for the year 2019?

- 1) England
- 2) Brazil
- 3) Belgium
- 4) France
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Belgium

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019 for the second year in a row, Belgium was announced as the FIFA's (Fédération Internationale de Football Association) Team of the Year as it reached the top of the world rankings for the year 2019. Belgium was followed by France, Brazil, England and Uruguay in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th spot respectively.

49) Padma Bhushan awardee, Leander Paes is set to retire in the year 2020, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Tennis

Explanation:

On December 26, 2019, the 46-year old, professional tennis player, Leander Adrian Paes has announced his retirement in the year 2020. He is a winner of 18 Grand Slam titles consisting of eight in men's doubles and 10 in mixed doubles. He has won a total of 66 professional titles and a bronze in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics in men's singles. He is also the first Indian and the only tennis player to have participated in seven Olympic Games.

50) Who won the gold medal in the women's 49 kg category in 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha?

- 1) Kavita Devi
- 2) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu
- 3) Punam Yadav
- 4) Karnam Malleswari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Saikhom Mirabai Chanu

Explanation:

Indian weightlifter Saikhom Mirabai Chanu (25) from Manipur has won gold in the women's 49 kg category in 6th Qatar International Cup in Doha. Chanu lifted a total weight of 194 kg. Chanu, who won gold in the 2018, secured 83 kg in snatch and 111 kg in clean and jerk event. However, her best performance is 201 kg, which she lifted during this year's World Championships in Thailand.

51) Name the Indian weightlifter, who broke 27 records in 6th Qatar International Cup and won silver medal in the men's 67 kg weight category?

- 1) Ragala Venkat Rahul
- 2) Vikas Thakur
- 3) Jeremy Lalrinnunga
- 4) Sathish Sivalingam
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Jeremy Lalrinnunga**

Explanation:

Indian weightlifter, Jeremy Lalrinnunga (17) from Aizawl, Mizoram, has won the silver medal in men's 67 kg weight category at the event. Jeremy lifted a total of 306 kg (140 kg in snatch and 166 kg in clean and jerk). A Youth Olympics gold medalist weightlifter, Jeremy Lalrinnunga broke 27 records that were under his name, including at the international and the national level. He broke 12 international (including three Youth World, three Youth Asian, six Commonwealth records) and 5 national youth records along with 5 junior national and 5 senior national records. He is also included in the TOPS (Target Olympic Podium) scheme of the Ministry of Sports.

52) Rakhi Halder was seen in news recently, she is associated with which sport?

- 1) Tennis
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Weightlifting
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Weightlifting**

Explanation:

Indian women's weightlifter Rakhi Halder has clinched bronze medal in women's 64kg category along with two new national records at the Qatar International Cup. The Commonwealth Championships gold medalist set a national record by doing her best in snatch and overall weight. She lifted a total of 218 kg with 95 kg in snatch and 123 kg in clean and jerk. In the Commonwealth Championships, she won the gold medal with a weight of 214 kg (94 kg + 120 kg).

53) Who topped the International Cricket Council (ICC)'s Test Batting Ranking released on 24th December, 2019?

- 1) Jason Holder
- 2) Kane Williamson
- 3) Steve Smith
- 4) Virat Kohli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

Indian skipper Virat Kohli with 928 points, has topped the batting ranking in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Test ranking format that was released on 24th December, 2019. He is 17 points ahead of Australia's Steve Smith.

Team Ranking	Batting Ranking	Bowling Ranking	All Rounder Ranking
India	Virat Kohli (India)	Pat Cummins (Australia)	Jason Holder (Barbados)
New Zealand	Steve Smith (Australia)	Kagiso Rabada (South Africa)	Ravindra Jadeja (India)
South Africa	Kane Williamson (New Zealand)	Neil Wagner (New Zealand)	Ben Stokes (England)
Indian Ranking			
-	Cheteshwar Pujara ranked 4 th	Jasprit Bumrah ranked 6 th	Ravichandran Ashwin ranked 6 th
-	Ajinkya Rahane ranked 7 th	Ravichandran Ashwin ranked 11 th	Mohammad Shami ranked 29 th

54) Name the only Indian, who was named in the Wisden Cricketers' Almanack (Wisden) 2019's "Five cricketers of the decade list"?

- 1) Virat Kohli
- 2) Rohit Sharma
- 3) MS Dhoni
- 4) Mohammed Shami
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

On 24th December 2019, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack (Wisden) 2019 colloquially the "Bible of Cricket", has named the "Wisden's Five cricketers of the decade list". Indian skipper & Present Captain, Virat Kohli was the only Indian to be named in the Wisden's Five Cricketers of the decade. Four Other Cricketers: Four other cricketers who made into the list were as follows: Steve Smith (Australia) Ellyse Perry (Australia) Dale Steyn (South Africa) AB de Villiers (South Africa)

55) Shadab Bashir Jakati announced his retirement recently, he is associated with which sport?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Badminton
- 3) Tennis
- 4) Football
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Cricket**

Explanation:

On 28th December, 2019, Indian Cricketer, Shadab Bashir Jakati(39) announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket. He hails from Vasco da Gama, Goa. He represents Chennai Super Kings in the year 2009, Royal Challengers Bangalore in the year 2014 & Gujarat Lions in the year 2017 in Indian Premier League (IPL). He represents Goa in first class cricket. So far, he has played 92 matches in First Class Cricket & scored 2734 runs, 82 matches in List A Cricket & scored 1104 runs & 91 matches in T20 & scored 185 runs.

56) Seema, who is banned by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) for 4 years for doping is associated with which sport?

- 1) Football
- 2) Tennis

- 3) Wrestling
- 4) Weightlifting
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Weightlifting**

Explanation:

On December 28, 2019, Indian Weightlifter Seema, who won a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games 2017, has been banned for 4-years by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), the national organisation responsible for monitoring the doping control program in sports, for a doping violation.

57) Who won the Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE) Women's World Rapid Championship for the year 2019 that held in Moscow, Russia & became the 2nd Indian to win this championship in the current format?

- 1) Koneru Humpy
- 2) Tania Sachdev
- 3) Subbaraman Vijayalakshmi
- 4) Harika Dronavalli
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Koneru Humpy**

Explanation:

Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy (32 years) from Andhra Pradesh, became FIDE Women's World Rapid Champion for the year 2019 by defeating China's Lei Tingjie in Armageddon (chess penalty shoot-out) in the finals held at Luzhniki football stadium in Moscow, Russia which was held from December 26-28, 2019. Tingjie finished with a silver, while Turkey's Ekaterina Atalik won the bronze medal. The men's World Rapid Championship 2019 title was won by Norway's Magnus Carlsen. Iran's Firouza Alireza won the silver medal while America's Hikaru Nakamura won bronze. It is also to be noted that after india's grandmaster Vishwanathan Anand, who won this title in the open section in 2017, Humpy is only the second Indian to win gold in the current format.

58) Peter Siddle has announced his retirement from International Cricket, he belongs to which country?

- 1) Sri Lanka
- 2) New Zealand
- 3) Bangladesh
- 4) Australia
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Australia**

Explanation:

Australian pacer Peter Siddle has announced his retirement from international cricket on December 29, 2019, after 11 years in the game. He is 34-years-old. Siddle broke the news to his teammates at the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). He will continue to play domestic cricket for Victoria State and Twenty20 side Adelaide Strikers in the Big Bash League, along with English country cricket for Essex. Siddle ends his career at the 13th spot on the list of highest wicket-takers for Australia. He finishes with 221 wickets from 67 Test matches. He also played 22 ODIs and two T20s for Australia. He had made his debut in 2008 against India at Mohali.

59) Name the Indian Cricket Players, who were placed in Wisden's Twenty20 International (T20I) team of the decade?

- 1) MS Dhoni and Jasprit Bumrah
- 2) Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah
- 3) Virat Kohli and MS Dhoni
- 4) Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah

Explanation:

Indian cricket team captain Virat Kohli and star bowler Jasprit Bumrah were only two Indians in Wisden's T20I team of the decade. Players in Wisden's T20I team of the decade are, Aaron Finch of Australia (Captain), Colin Munro (New Zealand), Virat Kohli (India), Shane Robert Watson (Australia), Glenn James Maxwell (Australia), Joseph Charles Buttler (England), Mohammad Nabi (Afghanistan), David Jonathan Willey (England), Rashid Khan Arman (Afghanistan), Jasprit Jasbirsingh Bumrah (India), Separamadu Lasith Malinga (Sri Lanka).

OBITUARY

1) Name the freedom fighter and former Member of Parliament(MP) who passed away at the age of 101 on November 30, 2019?

- 1) Laxminarayan Nayak
- 2) Kittur chennamma
- 3) Maruthu Pandiyar
- 4) Pazhassi Raja
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Laxminarayan Nayak

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019 freedom fighter and former Member of Parliament(MP) Laxminarayan Nayak passed away at the age of 101 at Niwari town in Madhya Pradesh due to old age ailments. Born in 1918 at Nimchauni in Tikamgarh of Madhya Pradesh, Nayak represented Khajuraho (Madhya Pradesh) Lok Sabha seat as Member of Parliament(MP) from 1977 -1980.

2) Which state's renowned theatre artist Paramananda Sahu passed away recently?

- 1) West Bengal
- 2) Gujarat
- 3) Assam
- 4) Odisha
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Odisha

Explanation:

On 30th November 2019, renowned Theatre artist Paramananda Sahu died at 72 in Balasore, Odisha. He died due to old-age related illness and was confined to bed for a long time. Paramananda Sahu has acted in more than hundred dramas and was an artist in the All India Radio (AIR) also known as Akashvani, and Doordarshan, a television network.

3) Name the deceased american musician & songwriter, who was best known for popularise Caribbean music with hit songs like Day-O?

- 1) Alan Arkin
- 2) Erik Darling
- 3) Irving Louis Burgie
- 4) William Attaway
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Irving Louis Burgie

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, Irving Louis Burgie (also known as Lord Burgess), an American musician & songwriter, was best known for popularise Caribbean music with hit songs like Day-O (The Banana Boat Song-1952), has passed away due to heart failure, at his home in Queens, US. He was 95.

4) Baskar Menon passed away recently, he was a _____?

- 1) Journalist
- 2) Politician
- 3) Actor
- 4) Director
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Journalist

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, Baskar Menon, Veteran Journalist in the Press Trust of India (PTI) died at 87 in Chennai following a cardiac arrest. Baskar Menon's native is Kerala but he lived in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Baskar Menon was the Regional Manager in the south division of the PTI. He joined PTI as a sub-editor and acquired his position as the head of the Regional Bureau by his dedication towards work. He was well known for his use of the English language and his editing skills. He has also handled many crucial news like the assassination of former Prime Minister (PM) of India, Rajiv Gandhi in the year 1991.

5) Which country's former cricket captain, Robert George Dylan Willis passed away on 4th December, 2019?

- 1) Bangladesh
- 2) Australia
- 3) New Zealand
- 4) England
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) England

Explanation:

On 4th December 2019, Robert George Dylan Willis, former cricket captain of England dies at the age of 70 after prolonged illness. Robert Willis was born in Sunderland, England and was the captain of the England cricket team from 1982 to 1984. Bob Willis was well known for his memorable performance in the third Ashes test in 1981 against Australia, it was also known as 'Botham's Ashes' for the remarkable performance of England in the test match.

6) Which sport National Coach Dronacharya Awardee, Bhawani Mukherji and Tapan Bose passed away recently?

- 1) Cricket
- 2) Chess
- 3) Table Tennis (TT)
- 4) Badminton
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Table Tennis (TT)

Explanation:

On 6th December 2019, Bhawani Mukherji, former Table Tennis (TT) head coach dies at 68 in Zirakpur, Chandigarh after suffering from a stomach ailment. While Tapan Bose, 78, suffered a heart attack at his residence in Chandigarh. Bhawani Mukherji was the first person to receive the Dronacharya Award in TT in the year 2012. It is to be noted that Mukherji served as an assistant to Bose before taking over the reign as head coach at the National Institute of Sports (NIS), Patiala after the latter's retirement in 1974. Tapan Bose, who led the Uttar Pradesh team in nationals, the state champion in the seventies. Bose belonged to Lucknow Bengali Club. He was also the national coach.

7) Which country's Tony & Emmy award-winning actor Ron Leibman passes away recently?

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

Answer – **4) United States**

Explanation:

On December 7, 2019, American actor Ron Leibman, who won a Tony Award in 1993 for his performance in the Broadway's Angels in America & an Emmy Award (1979) on the short-lived CBS show Kaz, passed away due to complications of pneumonia. He was 82. Born on October 11, 1937 in New York City of U.S. (United States), Leibman was best known for playing Dr. Leonard Green, the father of Jennifer Aniston's Rachel Green, on TV's Friends.

8) Which state's former Higher Education Minister, Bhagabat Prasad Mohanty passed away recently?

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

Answer – **3) Odisha**

Explanation:

On 8th December 2019, Bhagabat Prasad Mohanty, former Higher Education Minister of Odisha dies at 90 in his residence in Bhubaneswar. He died due to old age related ailments. He was born in Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He was also the author of several books including 'Ardha Satabdi Ra Odisha Congress Ra Itihas' and his autobiography 'Sangramara Swaralipi'.

9) Name the chairman of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), who passed away recently?

- 1) Braj Bihari Kumar
- 2) Tarun Das
- 3) Ajit Mishra
- 4) Sunil Mani
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Braj Bihari Kumar**

Explanation:

On 8th December 2019, Braj Bihari Kumar, Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) dies at 78 in New Delhi. He was appointed as the chairman of the ICSSR in May 2017.

10) Name the deceased American puppeteer & cartoonist, who was best known for playing Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch on children's TV show Sesame Street?

- 1) Jim Henson
- 2) Jerry Nelson
- 3) Kevin Clash
- 4) Carroll Edwin Spinney
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Carroll Edwin Spinney**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019, American puppeteer & cartoonist, Carroll Edwin Spinney, who was best known for playing Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch on children's TV show Sesame Street, has passed away at his home in Connecticut, US after battling with dystonia (a movement disorder in which a person's muscles contract uncontrollably). He was 85. He also worked in the US (United States) Air Force & performed as a professional puppeteer in Las Vegas and Boston in the 1950s and 1960s. Spinney was honored with 4 Daytime Emmy Awards and two Grammy Awards for his work on the children's programme. He also got both a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in 1994 and named a "Living Legend" in 2000 by the Library of Congress.

11) Name the inventor of Universal Product Code (UPC) or Barcode, who passed away in the US (United States)?

- 1) Philo Farnsworth
- 2) Steve Wozniak
- 3) Tim Berners-Lee
- 4) George Joseph Laurer
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) George Joseph Laurer**

Explanation:

On December 9, 2019 the inventor of Universal Product Code (UPC) or Barcode, George Joseph Laurer, passed away at the age of 94 due to old age ailments in Wendell, North Carolina in the US (United States). His barcode invention at IBM (International Business Machines) corporation, transformed the retail industries as well as other industries across the world.

12) Actor & Writer, Gollapudi Maruti Rao passed away recently he belonged to which state?

- 1) Bihar
- 2) Telangana
- 3) Maharashtra
- 4) Andhra Pradesh (AP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Andhra Pradesh (AP)**

Explanation:

On 12th December 2019, Gollapudi Maruti Rao, Telugu actor and writer dies at 80 while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Gollapudi was born in Vijayanagaram, Andhra Pradesh

(AP), he was named as the best writer for his film 'Doctor Chakravarthy' in the Nandi Award in 1989. He was a member of the Script Scrutiny Committee of the National Film Development Corporation of India (NFDC). He also established the Gollapudi Srinivas Memorial Foundation in the year 1997, which presents the Gollapudi National Award for the best first film of a director in Indian cinema.

13) Name the deceased first Indian woman who established a national advertising agency in 1985?

- 1) Shila Dawre
- 2) Tara Sinha
- 3) Roshini Sharma
- 4) Anandibai Gopalrao Joshi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Tara Sinha**

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, Tara Sinha, the first Indian woman to establish a national advertising agency, Tara Sinha Associates (TSA), in 1985 in the country, passed away at the age of 87 due to old age ailments. She was also the founder of ad agency Clarion. She worked for companies such as Coca Cola and others. She had over 50 years of work experience in England, India and the USA.

14) Which country's Olympic & Commonwealth Games medalist, Sir Peter George Snell passed away recently?

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

Answer – **1) New Zealand**

Explanation:

On December 14, 2019, New Zealand middle-distance runner, Sir Peter George Snell, who had won the 3 Olympic gold medals & and made the world mile record-holder has passed away in Dallas, U.S(United States). He was 80. Snell won the 800-meter race at the 1960 Rome Olympics at the age of 21. He was successful in winning the double title of 800 meters and 1500 meters at the Tokyo 1964 Games. Since 1920, he is the first male player to win the 800 m and 1500 m titles at the same Olympics. After him, no male runner has repeated this feat. He also won 2 gold medals at the Commonwealth Games in 1962 in the 880 yard and one mile run in Perth.

15) Name the deceased former Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, who served Atal Bihari Vajpayee government in the year 1999?

- 1) Chiranji Lal Sharma
- 2) Arvind Kumar Sharma
- 3) Virendra Verma
- 4) Ishwar Dayal(ID) Swami
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Ishwar Dayal(ID) Swami**

Explanation:

On 15th December 2019) Ishwar Dayal(ID) Swami, Former Union Minister of State for Home Affairs died at 90 in Faridabad, Haryana. He died due to heart disease and was admitted to the Metro hospital in Faridabad. Swami was born in Babyal, Ambala district. Swami was the Union Minister of State for Home Affairs in 1999 in the Government of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He was the leader of the BJP (Bharatiya Janata Party) and was a member of Lok sabha from Karnal, Haryana. He is the only person from Karnal to get a place in the Union territory.

16) Gita siddharth passed away on December 14, 2019, she was an _____?

- 1) Actress
- 2) Singer
- 3) Politician
- 4) Social Activist
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Actress

Explanation:

On December 14, 2019, Actress Gita Siddharth Kak, who made her Bollywood debut with Gulzar's 1972 film, Parichay, passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra. Gita has been a well-known actress of the 70-80s. She starred in the 1975 superhit movie Sholay. Apart from Sholay, She has worked in the National Award winning film Garam Hava (1973), including Trishul, Disco Dancer, Ram Teri Ganga Maili, Noorie, Desh Premee, Dance Dance, etc. Apart from acting, She was best known for her social work. Antara, the daughter of Gita and Siddharth Kak, is a documentary filmmaker.

17) Name the deceased Mexican actor, who was best known for working with Chelsea Handler on her show "Chelsea Lately" from 2007 to 2014?

- 1) Gore Verbinski
- 2) Johnny Depp
- 3) Chuy Bravo
- 4) Chris Franjola
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Chuy Bravo

Explanation:

On 15th December 2019, Chuy Bravo, Mexican actor and entertainer died at 63 in Mexico. Chuy was best known for working with Chelsea Handler on her show "Chelsea Lately" from 2007 to 2014. He has also appeared in films like 'Tiptoes' along with Matthew McConaughey in 2003, the 'Honeymooners' and 'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End'. He was also the founder of a restaurant named Chuy's restaurant.

18) For which of the following show, the deceased Elmore Rual "Rip" Torn Jr. received Emmy award in 1966?

- 1) Sports Night
- 2) The Larry Sanders Show
- 3) It's Elmore Rual's Show
- 4) 30 Rock
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) The Larry Sanders Show

Explanation:

Elmore Rual "Rip" Torn Jr., an American actor best known for starring in Men in Black franchise, died in July 2019 at the age of 88. As per the copy of his death certificate, obtained by TMZ(a tabloid news website), Torn died "due to" Alzheimer's dementia. Born on 6 February 1931, in Texas, United States (US), his career spanned almost 7 decades, including on stage and on screen, which raised him to the

status of a great and distinguished comedian. Torn is best known for HBO's (Home Box Office) show "The Larry Sanders Show", which scored him an Emmy award in 1966.

19) Deceased actor Daniel Louis Aiello Jr. who is well known for "The Godfather", "Moonstruck" and "Do The Right Thing" belong to which country?

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

Answer – **4) United States(US)**

Explanation:

On December 12, 2019 American actor Daniel Louis Aiello Jr. passed away at the age of 86 due to old age ailments in New Jersey, United States(US). He was best known for featuring in films such as "The Godfather", "Moonstruck" and "Do The Right Thing". Born on June 20, 1933 in New York, US, Daniel broke into Hollywood in the 1970s. His first prominent role came in Robert De Niro-starrer "Bang the Drum Slowly". His other famous films include "The Front", "Once Upon a Time in America", and "Fort Apache: The Bronx".

20) Anna Karina, who passed away recently, was the legendary _____?

- 1) Politician
- 2) Actress
- 3) Producer
- 4) Director
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Actress**

Explanation:

On 14th December 2019, Anna Karina died at 79 in a hospital in Paris, France. She was diagnosed with cancer and was undergoing treatment. Anna was born in Denmark as Hanne Karin Bayer. Her famous movies include The Little Soldier, A Woman Is a Woman, My Life to Live, Band of Outsiders, Pierrot le Fou, and Alphaville. She won the Silver Bear for Best Actress award in the Berlin film festival for her movie "A woman is a woman".

21) Name the deceased Indian film and theatre actor, who played a significant role in the development of theatre movement in Maharashtra in the post-independence era?

- 1) Ramesh Deo
- 2) Nilu Phule
- 3) Kashinath Ghanekar
- 4) Shriram Lagoo
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Shriram Lagoo**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, Sreeram Lagoo, Indian film and theatre actor, died at 92 in Pune. Sreeram died due to cardiac arrest, he was born in Satara, Maharashtra. He played a significant role in the development of theatre movement in Maharashtra in the post-independence era. He was well known for his roles in plays like 'Natsamrat', 'Himalayachi Saoli' and films like 'Pinjra', 'Ek Din Achanak', 'Gharonda', and 'Lawaris'. In 1978 he won the Filmfare best supporting actor award for the film Gharonda. His autobiography is named Lamaan which means 'the carrier of goods'.

22) Gitanath Ganguly, who passed away recently, was the president of which club?

- 1) Chennai City Football Club
- 2) Mohammedan Sporting Club

- 3) Mohun Bagan Athletic Club
- 4) Quess East Bengal Football Club
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Mohun Bagan Athletic Club**

Explanation:

On 17th December 2019, Gitanath Ganguly, President of Mohun Bagan Athletic Club and retired Justice died at 83 following a cardiac arrest. Ganguly suffered from a leg injury after an accident in December. He was appointed as the President of the club in November 2018, after the Swapan Sadhan Bose- led panel moved the election and was the legal consultant of the club when Anjan Mitra was the General Secretary.

23) Basil Fitzherber Butcher of West Indies passed away recently, he was associated with which of the following sports?

- 1) Football
- 2) Cricket
- 3) Badminton
- 4) Tennis
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Cricket**

Explanation:

On December 16, 2019 Former Guyana and West Indies(Windies) batsman Basil Fitzherber Butcher passed away at the age of 86 in Florida, United States(US) due to old age ailments. He was the first person of Amerindian (indigenous American) descent to represent the West Indies.

24) Name the deceased Kannada writer and critic, who was best known for his book “Hosagannada Sahitya Charitre”?

- 1) Basavaraj Kattimani
- 2) Betageri Krishnasharma
- 3) Aravind Adiga
- 4) L.S. Sheshagiri Rao
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) L.S. Sheshagiri Rao**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 noted Kannada writer and critic L.S. Sheshagiri Rao passed away at the age of 94 due to old age ailments in Bengaluru, Karnataka. Sheshagiri is famous for his critical works and also for and an English-Kannada dictionary he compiled. His first work Idu Jeevana, an anthology of short stories was released in 1948. He is best known for his book “Hosagannada Sahitya Charitre”. He was honoured with Kendra Sahitya Akademy award his work English Sahitya Charitre. It is about English literature history in Kannada. His other awards include Rajyotsava Award and Karnataka Sahitya Academy award. He was the first writer to win Sahitya Parishat prize in 1947.

25) Chandrakanth Karadalli, deceased children’s book writer, who received several accolades like Rajyotsava award in 2019, Bala Sahitya Akademi award & ‘Good Teacher’ award belongs to which state?

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

Answer – **1) Karnataka**

Explanation:

Chandrakanth Karadalli a renowned children's book writer died due to cardiac arrest in Bangalore at the age of 70. He won Karnataka Rajyotsava award in 2019 and Bala Sahitya Akademi award from the union government. He also received 'Good Teacher' award from both State and Nation Government.

26) Name the deceased Indian classical vocalist, who was well known for her thumirs?

- 1) Savita Devi
- 2) Siddheshwari Devi
- 3) Shobha Gurtu
- 4) Girija Devi
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Savita Devi**

Explanation:

Renowned Indian classical vocalist Savita Devi of 80 years died at the Fortis Memorial Research Institute in Gurugram. She was known for her thumirs. She was the daughter and disciple of late Siddheshwari Devi who was the recipient of the Padma Shri award. Savita also received training in sitar from Pandit Ravi Shankar. She was the author of the book 'Maa...Siddheshwari' which was the biography of her mother Siddheshwari Devi. She was also the head of the music department at Daulat Ram College under Delhi University for many years.

27) Martin Peter of England passed away recently, he belonged to which sport?

- 1) Badminton
- 2) Tennis
- 3) Football
- 4) Cricket
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Football**

Explanation:

76 years old England's football and the World Cup winner Martin Peters died after suffering from Alzheimer's disease for three years. The midfielder scored against West Germany in the 1966 World Cup final and won 67 caps. He was the legend of West Ham United Football Club. He joined West Ham in 1959 at the age of 15. He also won the UEFA Cup and two League Cups with Tottenham.

28) Name the founder of BRAC (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee), who passed away recently?

- 1) Sir Fazle Hasan Abed
- 2) Fazlur Rahman Khan
- 3) Muhammad Yunus
- 4) Madhav Chavan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Sir Fazle Hasan Abed**

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019, Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, founder & Chair Emeritus of BRAC (Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee), one of the world's largest non-governmental organizations (NGO), has passed away in Dhaka, Bangladesh due to brain tumor. He was 83. Abed was awarded several national & international awards. World Food Prize, honoured Abed as its Laureate in 2015. He was also awarded a knighthood from Britain in 2010 for his work. Recently, on September 29, 2019, Abed has won the prestigious Yidan Prize, the largest international prize in education, for his path breaking work on education development.

29) Ramachandra Babu passed away recently, he was a legendary _____?

- 1) Director
- 2) Cinematographer
- 3) Actor
- 4) Producer
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Cinematographer

Explanation:

On December 22, 2019 Noted cinematographer, K. Ramachandra Babu passed away at the age of 72 due to cardiac arrest in Kozhikode, Kerala. He worked as a cinematographer in 1970s and 80s for landmark films in Malayalam and in other Indian cinema. He passed away before the release of his maiden film as a director, for the Malayalam film Professor Dinkan.

30) Name the deceased Translator and professor, who won Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award in the year 2012 for his book “Akkaa”?

- 1) Akilan
- 2) Mu. Varadarajan
- 3) G. Nanjundan
- 4) C. Rajagopalachari
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) G. Nanjundan

Explanation:

Sahitya Akademi Awardee, Translator and professor, Dr. G. Nanjundan passed away at the age of 58 in Nagadevanahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka. He was well known for translating Kannada literature into tamil and received many accolades for his work. He received the Kendra Sahitya Akademi Award 2012 for translation for his work “Akkaa”. He also translated, Jnanpith awardee U R Ananthamurthy’s ‘Bhava’ and ‘Avasthe’.

31) Name the Hindi author, poet, story writer, novelist and translator, who was nominated for Sahitya Academy Award in 2019 for his book ‘Main Bhi Jaoonga’?

- 1) Ganga Prasad Vimal
- 2) Premchand
- 3) Ramdhari Singh Dinkar
- 4) Harivansh Rai Bachchan
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Ganga Prasad Vimal

Explanation:

On 23rd December, 2019 Ganga Prasad Vimal, an eminent Hindi author, poet, story writer, novelist and translator passed away at the age of 80 due to a road accident in Sri Lanka. He has received various awards in India as well as in many other countries. Some of the awards he won are, Poetry People Prize (1978), Dinkar Award from government of Bihar (1987), Indian Language Award (Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad) (1992) and Mahatma Gandhi samman, U.P. (2016). He was nominated for Sahitya Academy Award in 2019 for ‘Main Bhi Jaoonga’, a story collection published in 2016.

32) Name the Chinese author, who was best known for his books “Colors of the Mountain” & “Brothers”?

- 1) Ba Jin
- 2) Da Chen
- 3) Wu Cheng'en
- 4) Cao Xueqin
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Da Chen

Explanation:

Noted Chinese author, Da Chen, who is best known for his works of bestselling “Colors of the Mountain” & Brothers, has passed away at his home in Temecula, California, US (United States) due to lung cancer. He was 57. His book – ‘Brothers’ was awarded the best book of 2006 by The Washington Post, San Francisco Chronicle, Miami Herald and Publishers Weekly. He also published several books including Sounds of the River: A Memoir, China’s Son: Growing Up in the Cultural Revolution (2001) & Wandering Warrior, his 1st book of fiction for children.

33) Veerashaiva community leader B.V. Katti passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

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

Answer – **2) Karnataka**

Explanation:

On December 25, 2019 B.V. Katti, who was a former president of district unit of All-India Veerashaiva Mahasabha community, passed away in Belagavi, Karnataka at the age of 86 due to old age ailments. Born in Kadrolli village of Karnataka, BV Katti served as an Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer and retired as Divisional Commissioner in Belagavi. He joined revenue service dept. as an Assistant Commissioner. He held the post as president of Veerashaiva for around 20 years and was also part of the group that built the Lingayat Bhavan in Belagavi.

34) Name the deceased former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court, who also served as the judge of supreme court and Chief Justice of Madras High Court?

- 1) P. N. Bhagwati
- 2) H. J. Kania
- 3) Dr S Mohan
- 4) J. S. Verma
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Dr S Mohan**

Explanation:

On 27th December 2019, Dr S Mohan (89), former Chief Justice of Karnataka High Court passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. He was born on 11th February, 1930 in Tamil Nadu. He served as the Judge of Supreme Court between the years 1991 and 1995 & also served as the acting Governor of Karnataka between February 5, 1990 and May 8, 1990. He also served as the Chief Justice of Madras High court & chairman of National Cyber Safety and Security Standards.

35) Vikas Sabnis passed away recently, he was a legendary _____?

- 1) Social Activist
- 2) Political cartoonist
- 3) Actor
- 4) Producer
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Political cartoonist**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, Legendary Political cartoonist Vikas Sabnis passed away in Mumbai, Maharashtra due to cardiac arrest. He was 69. Born on 12 July 1950, Sabnis studied at the Jamsetjee Jeejeebhoy (JJ) School of Arts in Mumbai. He considered the famous cartoonist Description Rasipuram Krishnaswami Iyer Laxman & Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray as his role models. After working in

Thackeray 's weekly magazine 'Marmik', for 12 years, Sabnis joined the Marathi daily newspaper 'Loksatta'.

36) Name the deceased former Director-General of Doordarshan, who was associated with the news coverage of Asian games in 1982?

- 1) Santosh Kumar
- 2) Sanjay Kumar
- 3) Shiv Sharma
- 4) Rajesh Kumar Gupta
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Shiv Sharma**

Explanation:

On December 28th 2019, Former Director-General of Doordarshan Shiv Sharma passed away in Gurugram in Haryana at the age of 85. He was Born in Gurugram in Haryana and served as Director-General of Doordarshan. He was associated with the news coverage of Asian games in 1982 in Delhi, India. He had also supervised reportage of various national and international events. He also served in All India Radio.

37) Indian Hindu guru, Vishwesha Tirtha Swami passed away recently, he belonged to which state?

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

Answer – **2) Karnataka**

Explanation:

On December 29, 2019, The head of the Pejawar Mutt located in Udupi (Karnataka), Vishwesha Tirtha Swami passed away in Udupi due to multiple organ failure. He was 88. Born on 27 April 1931 in Ramakunja village of Karnataka, Vishwesha Swami was ordained into Sanyasa at the young age of 7 in 1938. As a 32nd Mahant of Pejawar Math, he had created history by becoming the only seer among the seers of the Ashta Mutts (eight mutts) of Udupi, which propagate the Dwaita philosophy. He also constructed Akhila Bharat Madhwa Maha Mandal [ABMM] center to help many of the poor students.

38) Vikho-o Yhoshu Passed away recently, he served as the Assembly speaker of which state?

- 1) Gujarat
- 2) West Bengal
- 3) Nagaland
- 4) Maharashtra
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Nagaland**

Explanation:

On 30th December 2019, The Assembly speaker of Nagaland Mr. Vikho-o Yhoshu (Age 67) passed away, at a hospital in Mumbai after battling with lung cancer for several months. He was the leader of The Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party (NDPP) and he was elected to the state Assembly thrice from Southern Angami-1 constituency in Kohima district. Before Joining NDPP he served as an advisor and parliamentary secretary of various departments and he had also won a seat as a candidate of the Naga People's Front (NPF) in 2008 and 2013.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

1) Who is the author of the book titled “The Legacy of Militancy in Punjab: Long Road to Normalcy”?

- 1) Aravind Adiga and Inderjit Singh Jaijee
- 2) Inderjit Singh Jaijee and Dona Suri
- 3) Anita Desai and Dona Suri
- 4) Jhumpa Lahiri and Dona Suri
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Inderjit Singh Jaijee and Dona Suri

Explanation:

On November 30, 2019 a new book titled titled “The Legacy of Militancy in Punjab: Long Road to Normalcy” by civil rights activist Inderjit Singh Jaijee and journalist Dona Suri was released. The book is about how Punjab’s militancy affected judiciary by delaying trials, how the popular culture has been influenced and how the youth today are still responding to conditions in the northern state. The book also aims to portray the developments in post-militancy Punjab regarding politics, govt policies, and functioning of police and courts among other things. Publisher: The book is published by ‘SAGE’.

2) Who is the author of the ‘The Vault of Vishnu’ which is the sixth of ‘Bharat Series’ & a combination of History, Mythology, Culture, Philosophy, Geology and Science and one half of the story is about China?

- 1) Anand Neelakantan
- 2) Devdutt Pattanaik
- 3) Amish Tripathi
- 4) Ashwin Sanghi
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Ashwin Sanghi

Explanation:

The next book of Ashwin Sanghi, an Indian writer, named ‘The Vault of Vishnu’ will be released in the Jaipur Literature Festival (JLF) by Westland publications. The Jaipur Literature Festival is the World’s largest free literature festival and takes place between 23rd to 27th January 2020 in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The book will be the sixth series of ‘Bharat Series’, it will be a combination of History, Mythology, Culture, Philosophy, Geology and Science and one half of the story is about China.

3) Who released the yearly magazine of BSF called ‘Borderman’ on the occasion of 55th raising day of BSF (Border Security Force) on December 1, 2019?

- 1) Giriraj Singh
- 2) Nityanand Rai
- 3) G. Kishan Reddy
- 4) Sanjay Jaiswal
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Nityanand Rai

Explanation:

The yearly magazine called ‘Borderman’ was released by Nityanand Rai, Minister of State for Home Affairs on the occasion of 55th raising day of BSF (Border Security Force) organized by the Ministry of

Home Affairs. The 55th raising day of BSF (Border Security Force) was celebrated on the 1st of December 2019.

4) Which institute has partnered with National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) to create “Gandhipedia”, an online repository holding the Books, Letters and Speeches written by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to celebrate his 150th birth anniversary?

- 1) Indian Institutes of Technology – Madras and Delhi
- 2) Indian Institutes of Technology - Kharagpur and Kanpur
- 3) Indian Institutes of Technology – Madras and Gandhinagar
- 4) Indian Institutes of Technology - Gandhinagar and Kharagpur
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Indian Institutes of Technology - Gandhinagar and Kharagpur

Explanation:

The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM) and IIT (Indian Institutes of Technology) Gandhinagar and Kharagpur, join hands to create “Gandhipedia”, an online repository holding the Books, Letters and Speeches written by Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi to celebrate his 150th birth anniversary. The project will be executed under the Ministry of Culture headed by Animesh Mukherjee, professor in the IIT kharagpur, Department of Computer Science and Engineering.

5) Who translated the Abanindranath Tagore’s Book ‘Nalak’ featuring the journey of life of Gautama Buddha?

- 1) Amish Tripathi
- 2) Kiran Desai
- 3) Urbi Bhaduri
- 4) Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Urbi Bhaduri

Explanation:

On 8th December 2019, Abanindranath Tagore’s Book ‘Nalak’ featuring the journey of life of Gautama Buddha, was translated to English by Urbi Bhaduri, and was published by Niyogi Books. The English translation of the book has no chapters and has been featured in pen and ink style including a theme inspired by Buddhist tankha paintings.

6) Who translated Saadat Hasan Manto’s book “Shikari Auratein” and titled it as ‘Women of Prey (Shikari Auratein): Stories’?

- 1) Vikram Seth
- 2) Ruskin Bond
- 3) Khushwant Singh
- 4) Saba Mahmood Bashir
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Saba Mahmood Bashir

Explanation:

Urdu author, Saadat Hasan Manto’s book Shikari Auratein was translated to English by Indian author Saba Mahmood Bashir as ‘Women of Prey (Shikari Auratein): Stories’ published by Speaking Tiger. The book was originally published in the year 1955. Manto was born in Punjab, India.

7) 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life' is a autobiography of ____?

- 1) Garry Kasparov
- 2) Magnus Carlsen
- 3) Sergey Karjakin
- 4) Viswanathan Anand
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Viswanathan Anand

Explanation:

On 13th December 2019, Indian chess Grandmaster Viswanathan Anand's autobiography 'Mind Master: Winning Lessons from a Champion's Life' was released in Chennai. The book was authored by Viswanathan Anand and Susan Ninan and published by Hachette India. It is an inspirational book that shares Anand's experience on how to navigate life. In this book he revisits the ups and downs he faced in the games played against the best minds, and the methods he used to win the games.

8) Who launched the Braille Edition of the book "Exam Warriors" authored by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi?

- 1) Ravi Shankar Prasad
- 2) Harsimrat Kaur Badal
- 3) Thaawarchand Gehlot
- 4) Narendra Singh Tomar
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Thaawarchand Gehlot

Explanation:

On 18th December 2019, Thaawarchand Gehlot, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Braille Edition of the book "Exam Warriors" authored by Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi. The book was prepared by Braille Press of Rajasthan Netraheen Kalyan Sangh, Jaipur, India. All the pictures of the book have been well described for the benefit of blind readers. The book aims to provide motivation and mental strength to millions of blind students across the country.

9) Who were the authors of the book titled "Turbulence and Triumph: The Modi Years", that describes about the life journey of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi & was released by Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu recently?

- 1) Ruskin Bond and Bharathi S Pradhan
- 2) Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan
- 3) Salman Rushdie and Ruskin Bond
- 4) Rahul Agarwal and Ruskin Bond
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan

Explanation:

On December 20, 2019 the Vice President of India Shri Venkaiah Naidu released a book titled 'Turbulence and Triumph: The Modi Years' in New Delhi. The book is jointly authored by Rahul Agarwal and Bharathi S Pradhan and is published by Om Books International. The book is about life journey of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi from his days as a young boy in Gujarat till becoming the Prime Minister of India. Various successive initiatives launched by the PM like Make in India, Skill India, Swachh Bharat etc was discussed.

10) Who released the booklet titled 'Crossing the Barriers – I Got Inked' during the National Workshop on Accessible Elections 2019 in New Delhi?

- 1) Achal Kumar Jyoti
- 2) Om Prakash Rawat

- 3) Ashok Lavasa
- 4) Sunil Arora
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) **Sunil Arora**

Explanation:

On December 19, 2019, Election Commission of India (ECI), an autonomous constitutional authority responsible for administering election process, has organized National Workshop on Accessible Elections 2019 in New Delhi to review the steps taken by ECI to make Elections Public Works Department (PwD) and Senior Citizens friendly. Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Shri Sunil Arora has released a booklet, 'Crossing the Barriers – I Got Inked' during the workshop.

11) Who were the authors of the book titled “Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games” that describes about the chronicle India’s journey in the global sports arena of Olympics?

- 1) Fuzail Ahmad Nasiri & Debashis Sarkar
- 2) Boria Majumdar & Nalin Mehta
- 3) Esther David & Hazari Prasad Dwivedi
- 4) Amit Shankar & Charu Nivedita
- 5) None of these

Answer - 2) **Boria Majumdar & Nalin Mehta**

Explanation:

Boria Majumdar with Nalin Mehta, authored a book titled “Dreams of a Billion: India and the Olympic Games” that describes about the chronicle India’s journey in the global sports arena of Olympics. The book will be published by HarperCollins India in January 2020. The book comprises of all the wins, the misses, the star sportspersons, their stories, and the challenges and possibilities that lie ahead of India to make its mark in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

12) Who is the author of the book titled “Diamond In My Palm” that describes about the 12 diamonds that was lost from India?

- 1) Sanjay Dharwadker
- 2) Salman Rushdie
- 3) Ruskin Bond
- 4) Vikram Seth
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) **Sanjay Dharwadker**

Explanation:

Sanjay Dharwadker authored the book titled “Diamond In My Palm” that describes, how the world’s 12 greatest diamonds originated from Golconda and Kollur mines in Andhra Pradesh & later took away by Mughals, Persians, Brits, French, Turks and Russians after centuries of bloody wars, conspiracies and million-dollar deals, and now ensconced in their national treasures. The novel also describes about India, its journey in time and its unparalleled spiritual past. The book has been published by Stellar Publishers. The important diamonds listed in the book were Koh-i-Noor (In London), pink Darya-i-Noor (now in Tehran), the pale, flat-shaped Shah Diamond and the half egg eye shaped, blue-green Orlov Diamond (nestling in Kremlin); and the fabled Blue Diamond (now the Hope Diamond in the Smithsonian).

13) Name the book authored by R P N (Ratanjit Pratap Narain) Singh that describes about the relation between the centre and states & the growth of regional parties in India?

- 1) Ek Tha Doctor Ek Tha Sant
- 2) Savarkar: Echoes from a Forgotten Past, 1883–1924
- 3) An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India
- 4) Politics of Opportunism

5) None of these

Answer – **4) Politics of Opportunism**

Explanation:

On December 27, 2019, Noted Economist, Columnist & Political analyst. Swaminathan Gurumurthy has released a book titled “Politics of Opportunism” written by R P N (Ratanjit Pratap Narain) Singh, at a function held in New Delhi. The book, published by Vitasta Publishing Pvt. Ltd, talks about the relation between the centre and states & the growth of regional parties in India. RNP Singh is a former Intelligence Bureau (IB) officer. He received prestigious Presidents Police Medal, Indian Police Medal, the Sukriti & Kautilya awards for his commendable services.

14) Who compiled the book titled, “The Renaissance Man-The Many Facets of Arun Jaitley” released by Vice President Mr. Venkaiah Naidu?

- 1) Aravind Adiga and Vikram Seth
- 2) Vikram Seth and Deepa Venkat
- 3) Salman Rushdie and Muppavarapu Harshavardhan
- 4) Deepa Venkat and Muppavarapu Harshavardhan
- 5) None of these

Answer – **4) Deepa Venkat and Muppavarapu Harshavardhan**

Explanation:

On 28th December 2019, Vice President Mr. Venkaiah Naidu has unveiled a book entitled “The Renaissance Man-The Many Facets of Arun Jaitley” with the Lok Sabha speaker Om Birla on the 67th birth anniversary of the former finance minister Arun Jaitley at a ceremony held in New Delhi. This book which describes about Arun Jaitley was compiled by Deepa Venkat and Muppavarapu Harshavardhan who are the daughter and son of Vice-President Venkaiah Naidu. Arun Jaitley’s various actions as union finance minister, such as Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, were also discussed during the ceremony.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) Pension week is celebrated from _____?

- 1) November 30 to December 6
- 2) November 29 to December 5
- 3) November 28 to December 4
- 4) November 27 to December 3
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) November 30 to December 6**

Explanation:

Pension week is being celebrated from November 30 to December 6, the central function of the event was inaugurated by Minister of State (I/C) for Labour and Employment, Santhosh Gangwar. The Pension week aims at enrolling 1 crore recipients under the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maan-dhan (PM-SYM) and 50 lakh recipients under National Pension Scheme for traders and self-employees (NPS-Traders) by March 2020.

2) On which date, Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is observed?

- 1) November 29
- 2) December 2
- 3) December 1
- 4) November 30

5) None of these

Answer – **4) November 30**

Explanation:

The Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare is observed annually on November 30 under the resolution (OPCW C-20/DEC.10). The day was officially recognised by the United Nations(UN) at the 20th session of the Conference of the States Parties to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CSPCWC) and has been celebrated since 2005. The day is observed as a tribute to the victims of chemical warfare and also aims to reaffirm its commitment of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) to eliminate the threat of chemical weapons.

3) _____ edition of Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) is observed on November 30, 2019?

1) 7th

2) 8th

3) 10th

4) 9th

5) None of these

Answer – **3) 10th**

Explanation:

The 10th Indian Organ Donation Day (IODD) was observed on November 30, 2019, to create awareness on organ donation and to motivate people in donating organs after their death. The day was first observed in the year 2010 and has been organised by the National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).

4) What was the theme of the World AIDS (Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) day that is celebrated on December 1 annually?

1) Theme – “Hands up for #HIVprevention”

2) Theme – “Communities make Difference”

3) Theme – “Know Your Status”

4) Theme – “Right to health”

5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Communities make Difference”**

Explanation:

On 1st December 2019, World AIDS (Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) day was observed and the Government of India has organized an event in New Delhi to create awareness of the day. The theme of the event was ‘Communities make Difference’. The event was organized by National AIDS Control Organization (NACO).

5) On which date, International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed annually?

1) December 2

2) December 1

3) November 30

4) November 29

5) None of these

Answer – **1) December 2**

Explanation:

The International Day for the Abolition of Slavery is observed annually by the United Nations(UN) on December 2nd under the resolution (A/RES/317(IV)). The day was adopted by the UN General Assembly(UNGA) in the year 1949 based on the convention of suppression of the trafficking in persons and of the exploitation of the prostitution of others. The day aims to eradicate slavery like human trafficking, sexual exploitation, child labour, forced marriage etc.

6) Which incident is remembered & observed as National Pollution Control Day on December 2?

- 1) AZF Explosion
- 2) Halifax Explosion
- 3) Piper Alpha tragedy
- 4) Bhopal gas tragedy
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Bhopal gas tragedy

Explanation:

The National Pollution Control Day is observed annually on December 2 to create awareness on controlling and managing pollution produced by industrial processes or human negligence. The day is observed in remembrance of the innocent lives that were lost in the Bhopal gas tragedy in 1984. The year 2019 marks the 35th anniversary of the Bhopal gas tragedy.

7) On which date, World Computer Literacy Day is observed annually?

- 1) December 2
- 2) December 1
- 3) November 30
- 4) November 29
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) December 2

Explanation:

World Computer Literacy Day is being Observed on 2nd December every year. The day is observed to mark the significance of computers and to promote awareness about computers and other electronic devices. World Computer Literacy Day was first observed in the year 2001 by the National Institute of Information Technology (NIIT). NIIT first launched World Computer Literacy Day to mark its 20th anniversary and the results of majority computer users being male and also to encourage the development of computers and technological skills among women and children in India.

8) What was the theme of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) observed on 3rd December, 2019?

- 1) Theme – ‘Transformation towards sustainable and resilient society for all’
- 2) Theme – ‘Empowering persons with disabilities and ensuring inclusiveness and equality’
- 3) Theme – ‘Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda’
- 4) Theme – ‘Achieving 17 Goals for the Future We Want’
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme - ‘Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda’

Explanation:

On 3rd December 2019, The International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) was observed. The theme of the day was 'Promoting the participation of persons with disabilities and their leadership: taking action on the 2030 Development Agenda'. The day is observed to empower people with disabilities and to make them a part of society.

9) Indian Navy Day is observed annually on_____?

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

Answer – **1) December 4**

Explanation:

The Indian Navy Day is observed annually on December 4 to celebrate the achievements and role of the naval force to the country. The day is celebrated in memory of the Operation Trident that was launched by the Indian Navy(IN) in Pakistan's Karachi harbour during the 1971 Indo-Pakistan war. An anti-ship missile was used for the first time in the operation. The operation was launched on december 4-5 causing heavy damage to the Pakistani vessels.

10) What was the theme of the International Volunteer Day (IVD) for Economic and Social Development that observed on 5th December 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Volunteer for an inclusive future"
- 2) Theme – "Volunteers build Resilient Communities"
- 3) Theme – "VolunteersActFirst. Here. Everywhere"
- 4) Theme – "Global Applause – give volunteers a hand"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – "Volunteer for an inclusive future"**

Explanation:

On 5th December, the International Day (IVD) for Economic and Social Development is observed every year by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly. The theme of IVD 2019 is "Volunteer for an inclusive future". The day acts as an opportunity for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts and values and to promote their work and efforts among their communities and other organizations.

11) What was the theme of the World Soil Day that observed on 5th December 2019?

- 1) Theme – "Healthy soils for a healthy life"
- 2) Theme – "Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future"
- 3) Theme – "Caring for the Planet starts from the Ground"
- 4) Theme – "Soils and pulses, a symbiosis for life"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – "Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future"**

Explanation:

On December 5,2019, World Soil Day is celebrated by Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of United Nations (UN) with the aim to raise awareness and call people to Stop Soil Pollution. The theme

for the year 2019 is "Stop Soil Erosion, Save our Future". The first World Soil Day was celebrated on 5 December, 2014.

12) What was the theme of the International Civil Aviation Day (ICAD) for the year 2019 that observed on 7th December?

- 1) Theme – "75 years of connecting the world"
- 2) Theme – "Working Together to Ensure No Country is Left Behind"
- 3) Theme – "Investment in Aviation & Science for Inclusive Green Growth"
- 4) Theme – "Education and Climate Change"
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – "75 years of connecting the world"**

Explanation:

On 7th December 2019, the International Civil Aviation Day (ICAD) is observed by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The theme of ICAD for 2019-2023 is "75 years of connecting the world". The theme of ICAD is valid for a 5-year term coinciding with the anniversary of ICAO (2014/2019/2024/2029/etc.). After the completion of the term, a new theme will be declared by the ICAO for the next four-year intervening period.

13) When was the Armed Forces Flag Day or Flag Day India is observed by the Ministry of Defence?

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

Answer – **2) 7th December**

Explanation:

On 7th December 2019, Armed Forces Flag Day or Flag Day India is observed by the Ministry of Defence. This national day is observed every year on 7th December in India since 1949 to remember the sacrifices of soldiers and their families to safeguard the country. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister (PM) of India extended his appreciation to the armed forces on the occasion of the Armed Forces Flag Day.

14) On which date, International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime is observed?

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

Answer – **3) 9th December**

Explanation:

On 9th December 2019, the International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime is observed by the United Nations General

Assembly (UNGA). The day is observed to raise awareness of the Genocide Convention and its role in the prevention of the crime of genocide and to honour its victims.

15) What was the theme of the International Anti-Corruption Day 2019 that is observed annually on December 9?

- 1) Theme – “United against corruption for development”
- 2) Theme – “United Against Corruption”
- 3) Theme – “United against corruption for peace”
- 4) Theme – “United against corruption for security”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “United Against Corruption”**

Explanation:

The International Anti-Corruption Day is observed annually on December 9, under the United Nations(UN) resolution (A/RES/58/4). On 31 October 2003, the UN General Assembly(UNGA) adopted the UN Convention against corruption and requested to designate the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as secretariat for the Convention’s Conference of States Parties. The day was selected to be observed, in order to create awareness on corruption and combating and preventing corruption. Theme: The theme for the year 2019 is “United Against Corruption”

16) 35th Charter Day of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is celebrated on _____?

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

Answer – **4) 8th December**

Explanation:

The South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) celebrated its 35th Charter Day on December 8, 2019. SAARC was established on 8th of December in 1985 by the members of the 7 South Asian Countries (Maldives, India, Bhutan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladeshi and Sri Lanka) with the aim to promote economic and cultural ties amongst its member states. Afghanistan was joined as a Member in the month of April, 2007. SAARC has a permanent secretariat in Kathmandu, Nepal.

17) What was the theme of the Human Rights Day for the year 2019 which is observed on 10th December?

- 1) Theme – “Youth Standing Up for Human Rights”
- 2) Theme – “Let’s stand up for equality, justice and human dignity”
- 3) Theme – “Stand up for someone's rights today!”
- 4) Theme – “Our Rights Our Freedoms”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Youth Standing Up for Human Rights”**

Explanation:

On 10th December 2019, the Human Rights Day is observed for the empowerment and recognition of Human Rights across the World, the theme of Human Rights day 2019 is “Youth Standing Up for

Human Rights". The day is observed to remember the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) in 10 December 1948.

18) Which state celebrated the Indigenous Faith Day on December 1, 2019?

- 1) Tamil Nadu
- 2) Arunachal Pradesh
- 3) Kerala
- 4) Andhra Pradesh
- 5) None of these

Answer – 2) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation:

On December 1, 2019, Donyi Polo Cultural and Charitable trust (DPCCT) of Arunachal Pradesh (AP) and IFCSAP (Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of AP) celebrated the 20th edition of Indigenous Faith Day (IFD) at Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh.

19) What was the theme of the International Mountain Day (IMD) 2019 that is observed on 11th December?

- 1) Theme – "Mountains Matter for Youth"
- 2) Theme – "Mountains Matter"
- 3) Theme – "Mountains - Key to a Sustainable Future"
- 4) Theme – "Promoting Mountain Products for Better Livelihoods"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – "Mountains Matter for Youth"

Explanation:

On 11th December 2019, the International Mountain Day (IMD) is observed by the United Nations (UN). The theme of IMD 2019 is "Mountains Matter for Youth". The day aims to conserve freshwater obtained from mountains which is also a part of Goal 15 of the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals).

20) On which date, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) day was celebrated?

- 1) December 8
- 2) December 9
- 3) December 10
- 4) December 11
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) December 11

Explanation:

On December 11, 2019, UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) day was celebrated. UNICEF was created by the United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) on December 11, 1946, as the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund to provide emergency food, nutrition, education to children, devastated due to World War II.

21) What was the theme of the International Universal Health Coverage Day(UHC) 2019 that is observed annually on December 12?

- 1) Theme – "Young Teachers: The future of the Profession"
- 2) Theme – "Keep the promise"
- 3) Theme – "Health for All - Rise for our Right"

- 4) Theme – “Open science, leaving no one behind”
5) None of these

Answer – **2) Theme – “Keep the promise”**

Explanation:

The International Universal Health Coverage Day(UHC) is observed annually on December 12 under the resolution (A/RES/72/138) by the United Nations(UN). The day was adopted on December 12, 2017 at the UN General Assembly(UNGA). The day aims to create awareness in providing strong and resilient health systems and universal health coverage with multi-stakeholder partners around the country. The day also aims to provide access to quality and affordable health care for all. Theme: The theme for the UHC Day 2019 campaign is: “Keep the promise.”

22) On which date, International Day of Neutrality is observed annually?

- 1) December 10
2) December 9
3) December 12
4) December 11
5) None of these

Answer – **3) December 12**

Explanation:

The International Day of Neutrality is observed annually on December 12 under the resolution (A/RES/71/275) by the United Nations (UN). The day was adopted on 2 February 2017, at the UN General Assembly (UNGA) and first observed on December 12 of the same year. Neutrality is a legal status of a country that arises when it abstains all participation of war between other countries and maintains an attitude of impartiality towards the belligerent countries.

23) On which date National Energy Conservation Day is observed?

- 1) December 13
2) December 14
3) December 12
4) December 11
5) None of these

Answer – **2) December 14**

Explanation:

The National Energy Conservation Day is observed annually on 14 December by Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under the Ministry of Power. The day which was first implemented in 2001, aims to showcase India’s achievements in energy efficiency and conservation. It also works on the nation’s overall effort towards climate change mitigation. Minister of State (IC) for Power, New & Renewable Energy and Minister of State (MoS) for Skill Development & Entrepreneurship Shri Raj Kumar Singh was the chief guest of National Energy Conservation Day celebrations in New Delhi.

24) National Energy Conservation Week is observed from _____?

- 1) 7th to 12th December
2) 8th to 13th December
3) 9th to 14th December
4) 10th to 15th December
5) None of these

Answer – 3) 9th to 14th December

Explanation:

National Energy Conservation Week: In order to create mass awareness on the importance of conservation and efficiency of energy, BEE observed National Energy Conservation Week from 9th to 14th December 2019.

25) Which date was designated as the International Tea Day by United Nation accepting India's recommendation?

- 1) May 21
- 2) May 30
- 3) May 25
- 4) May 15
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) May 21

Explanation:

The United Nations (UN) has designated May 21 as International Tea Day on accepting a proposal moved by India. The proposal was made at the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization) Intergovernmental Group (IGG) on Tea in October 2015. The International Tea Day is observed every year on the 15th of December. The Day is observed in major tea producing countries like Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Kenya, Malawi, Malaysia, Uganda, India and Tanzania. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has invited all the members and observers of the UN organizations to observe the day appropriately.

26) On which date, Vijay Diwas is observed annually to celebrate the victory of India in 1971 Indo-Pakistan war?

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

Answer – 1) December 16

Explanation:

Vijay Diwas is observed annually on December 16 celebrating India's victory over Pakistan in 1971 Indo-Pakistan war. The year 2019 marks the 48th anniversary of the victory against the war. The martyrs of the war were paid tributes on this day. Various leaders paid tribute at the National War Memorial in New Delhi. For the 1st time, Vijay Divas was celebrated at the National War Memorial. Special programmes were organised at the headquarters of the Eastern Command at the Fort William in Kolkata, West Bengal.

27) What was the theme of the 'International Migrants Day (IMD) 2019', that was observed on December 18?

- 1) Theme – "We Together"
- 2) Theme – "Migration with Dignity"
- 3) Theme – "Safe Migration in a World on the Move"
- 4) Theme – "Migrate Safely"
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) Theme – "We Together"

Explanation:

On December 18, 2019, The International Migrants Day (IMD) observed across the world with the aim to raise awareness about the challenges and difficulties that are faced by international migrants. The theme for the year 2019 is "We Together."

28) On which date, Minorities Right Day is observed annually in India since 2013?

- 1) 15th December
- 2) 16th December
- 3) 17th December
- 4) 18th December
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 18th December

Explanation:

On 18th December of every year the Minorities Right Day is observed in India since 2013. The day aims to enlighten people about the problems related to minorities and their safety. Minorities Right Day in India is observed by the National Commission of Minorities (NCM) in India.

29) What was the theme of the World Arabic Language Day 2019 that is observed on December 18?

- 1) Theme – “Strengthening the Scope of Arabic”
- 2) Theme – “The role of new technologies and how to harness them”
- 3) Theme – “Arabic Language and Artificial Intelligence (AI)”
- 4) Theme – “Arabic Language and Youth”
- 5) None of these

Answer – 3) Theme – “Arabic Language and Artificial Intelligence (AI)”

Explanation:

The World Arabic Language Day is observed annually on December 18, 2019 by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2012. The day was chosen to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity of arabic language. The date (december 18) coincides with the day in 1973 when the UN General Assembly (UNGA) adopted Arabic as the 6th official language of the organisation. Theme: The theme for the year 2019 is “Arabic Language and Artificial Intelligence (AI)”. The theme was chosen to promote and preserve the Arabic language with the help of AI and also deal with the issues related to the computerization of Arabic language.

30) On which date, International Human Solidarity Day 2019 is observed?

- 1) December 20
- 2) December 19
- 3) December 18
- 4) December 17
- 5) None of these

Answer – 1) December 20

Explanation:

The International Human Solidarity Day is observed annually on December 20 by the United Nations(UN) under the resolution (A/RES/60/209). On December 22, 2005, the UN General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed to observe the solidarity day on December 20, to promote culture of solidarity and the spirit of sharing to combat poverty.

31) On which date, National Mathematics Day is celebrated annually commemorating the birth anniversary of legendary Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan?

- 1) 20 December
- 2) 21 December
- 3) 23 December
- 4) 22 December
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) 22 December

Explanation:

22 December is celebrated as the National Mathematics Day every year to mark the birth anniversary of legendary Indian mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan and his contributions in the field of mathematics. The former Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh, on December 22, 2012 paid tribute to Srinivasa Ramanujan at a function organised on the occasion of the 125th birth anniversary of the great mathematician Srinivasa Iyengar Ramanujan in Chennai and declared 22nd of December as National Mathematics Day.

32) Whose birth anniversary is celebrated as the National Farmers Day / Kisan Divas on 23rd December?

- 1) Chaudhary Charan Singh
- 2) Gulzarilal Nanda
- 3) Vishwanath Pratap Singh
- 4) Lal Bahadur Shastri
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Chaudhary Charan Singh**

Explanation:

On December 23, 2019, National Farmers Day / Kisan Divas was celebrated across the Nation to mark the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, the 5th Prime Minister (PM) of India (from July 1979 to January 1980). The day celebrated every year to raise awareness among people about the importance of the farmers to the society and overall economic and social development of the country.

33) What was the theme of the National Consumer Rights Day 2019, that was observed on 24th December?

- 1) Theme – “Alternate consumer grievance/dispute redressal”
- 2) Theme – “Timely Disposal of Consumer Complaints”
- 3) Theme – “Building a Digital World Consumers can Trust”
- 4) Theme – “Antibiotics Off The Menu”
- 5) None of these

Answer – **1) Theme – “Alternate consumer grievance/dispute redressal”**

Explanation:

24th December is observed as the National Consumer Rights Day every year. The Consumer Protection Act received the President’s approval on December 24, 1986. The main objective of the Consumer Protection Act is to provide consumers with effective safeguards against different types of exploitation such as defective goods, unsatisfactory services and unfair trade practices. Theme: Alternate consumer grievance/dispute redressal

34) Whose birth anniversary on 25th December is celebrated as National Good Governance Day (GGD) annually?

- 1) Morarji Desai
- 2) Rajiv Gandhi
- 3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee
- 4) Chandra Shekhar
- 5) None of these

Answer – **3) Atal Bihari Vajpayee**

Explanation:

The National Good Governance Day (GGD) is observed annually on December 25, to create awareness and promote good governance in the country and its citizens. This year, the date december 25th marked the 95th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

35) Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University and also unveiled a 25 feet bronze statue of Vajpayee on 25th December, 2019?

- 1) New Delhi, Delhi
- 2) Gandhi Nagar, Gujarat
- 3) Kolkata, West Bengal (WB)
- 4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP)
- 5) None of these

Answer – 4) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP)

Explanation:

On GGD, Shri Narendra Modi unveiled a plaque marking the foundation stone laying ceremony of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Medical University in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh(UP). The university will be constructed in the Chak Ganjaria area of Lucknow city with a cost of Rs. 200 crores. The Prime Minister Modi also unveiled a 25 feet bronze statue of Vajpayee in the UP govt. Building (Lok Bhavan). Statue features: The statue weighs 5 tonnes and had cost Rs 89 lakhs. The statue was made by Jaipur artist named Rajkumar Pandit (Native- Bihar) under Uttar Pradesh govt's cultural department.

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1) Syed Modi International championship is associated with which sport?

Answer – Badminton

Explanation:

Syed Modi International championship is a Badminton tournament. The tournament was in news because, it held from 26th November to 1st December, 2019 in Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium, Lucknow, India. Indian shuttler Sourabh Verma bagged silver medal in Men's singles title in this tournament. Wang Tzu-wei(Taiwan) won the men's singles title.

2) Kulasekarapattinam was in news recently, it is in located in which state?

Answer – Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Kulasekarapattinam is located in Tamil Nadu. It was in news because Government is planning to set up a new rocket launch pad in Tamil Nadu. Currently, the Indian Space Research organisation (Isro) has two launch pads at Sriharikotta, Andhra Pradesh.

3) Jewar International Airport is located in which state?

Answer – Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

Explanation:

Jewar International Airport is located in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. It was in news recently because the Zurich Airports win bid to build, operate Jewar airport for 40 years.

4) Who is the director general of International Labour Organisation(ILO)?

Answer - Guy Ryder

5) What is the Capital and Currency of Saudi Arabia?

Answer - Capital– Riyadh & Currency– Saudi riyal

6) Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is associated with which sport?

Answer – **Cricket**

Explanation:

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy is associated with Cricket. Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy concluded recently in which Karnataka retains title after edging TN by one run.

7) Where is the head quarter of Asian Development Bank (ADB) located?

Answer - **Manila, Philippines**

8) What is the tagline of HDFC Bank?

Answer - **We understand your world**

9) Who is the chairman of University Grants Commission (UGC)?

Answer - **Dhirendra Pal Singh**

10) What is the Capital and Currency of China?

Answer - **Capital- Beijing & Currency- Renminbi**

11) Motera cricket stadium, which is set to become largest in world is build in which state?

Answer - **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**

Explanation:

Motera cricket stadium, which is set to become largest in world is build in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The Motera cricket stadium was built after the old Sardar Patel stadium, with a seating capacity of 53,000, was pulled down in 2015. It will become the game's largest arena in the world. Built at a cost of Rs 700 crore, the new structure has a seating capacity of 1,10,000 spectators. The Motera stadium was designed by M/s Populus, the architecture firm that designed Australia's Melbourne Cricket Ground — MCG is currently the biggest cricket stadium in the world with a seating capacity of 1,00,024.

12) Name the scheme launched to enhance the regional connectivity?

Answer - **UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik)**

Explanation:

UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme is the one launched with the objective of "letting the common citizen of the country fly". This was in news recently because Government has launched the 4th round of Regional Connectivity Scheme - UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) to further enhance the connectivity to remote and regional areas of the country. Civil Aviation Ministry yesterday said, the focus in this round will be North East Region, Hilly States, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh and Islands.

13) Mount Paektu is located in which country?

Answer – **Ryanggang, North Korea; Jilin, China**

Explanation:

Mount Paektu is located in Ryanggang, North Korea; Jilin, China. This was in news recently because the North Korean leader Kim Jong Un riding a white horse on a sacred mountain.

14) Hastinapur Wildlife Sanctuary is located in which state?

Answer – **Uttar Pradesh**

15) Who is the Chairman of Defence Research and Development organisation(DRDO)?

Answer - **Dr G. Satheesh Reddy**

16) What is the Capital and Currency of Germany?

Answer - **Capital- Berlin (also the largest city). Currency- Euro**

17) Who is the Executive Director of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)?

Answer - **Henrietta H. Fore**

18) Where is the headquarter of North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) located?

Answer - **Brussels, Belgium**

19) Who is the MD and CEO of IDFC (Infrastructure Development Finance Company) Bank?

Answer - **Mr.V. Vaidyanathan**

20) What is the tagline of the YES Bank?

Answer - **Experience our Expertise**

21) Santhali language is associated with which state?

Answer – **Odisha**

Explanation:

Santhali language is associated with Odisha. Santhali language on Friday made its debut in Rajya Sabha when a lawmaker from Odisha used it to raise a matter of urgent public importance during the Zero Hour. Sarojni Hembram of the Biju Janata Dal spoke in Santhali, an Austroasiatic-Munda language spoken mostly by tribals in Odisha.

22) Orang National Park is located in which state?

Answer – **Assam**

23) What is the Capital and Currency of Namibia?

Answer - **Capital- Windhoek & Currency- Namibian dollar**

24) What is the tagline of Bank of Baroda (BoB)?

Answer - **India's International Bank**

25) How many Deputy Governors can be there in Reserve Bank of India?

Answer - **4 (BP Kanungo, N S Vishwanathan, Mahesh Kumar Jain, 1 is yet to be appointed)**

26) Where was the Jim Corbett National Park is located?

Answer – **Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Jim Corbett National Park is located in Uttarakhand. The park was in news recently because the Swedish king and queen visited corbett tiger reserve in Uttarakhand and also visited Van Gujjar settlement in Pattharkuan area of the state. Van Gujjars are nomadic buffalo-herders inhabiting the foothills of Himalayan states like Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

27) How many member countries are there in Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC)?

Answer - 14

28) Which country is set to supply the Meteor air-to-air missiles ('No Escape') to Indian Air Force?

Answer – France

Explanation:

France is considering a request for early delivery of Meteor air-to-air missiles that will give India the firepower to take on US supplied AMRAAMs used by the Pakistan Air Force to target its fighter jets the day after the Balakot airstrikes in February. The beyond-visual-range (BVR) missiles, which will outgun all other air forces in the region, were to come by late 2020 but an Indian request for at least 10 missiles in advance with the delivery of the first set of Rafale fighter jets is under consideration, said people aware of the matter.

29) Name the India's first debt listing platform?

Answer - India International Exchange (India INX)

Explanation:

India International Exchange (India INX) is the India's first debt listing platform. It was in news recently because BSE-owned India International Exchange (India INX) said it has listed state-owned ONGC's USD 300 million medium-term note issue on its debt listing platform. The maiden issue is part of ONGC's medium term note (MTN) programme to raise up to USD 2 billion in overseas borrowings through debt-instrument.

30) What does HS code mean?

Answer - Harmonized System (HS)

Explanation:

HS mean Harmonized System (HS) code. It was in news recently because the government has allocated a separate Harmonized System (HS) code for Khadi.

31) White Island which was some times seen in news is located in which country?

Answer – New Zealand

Explanation:

White Island which was some times seen in news is located in New Zealand. It is in news recently because the island erupted recently. The island is a tourist destination and 47 people were on it when it erupted on Monday afternoon.

32) Mahua Milan Railway Station is located in which state?

Answer – Jharkhand

Explanation:

Mahua Milan Railway Station is located in Jharkhand. It was in news recently because Mahua Milan Railway station, in East Central Railway, is the 5500th Station in the country to have free public Wi-Fi. This is a unique initiative as this Wi-Fi network is one of the largest Wi-Fi networks of the world.

33) Who is the President of International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF)?

Answer - Thomas Weikert

34) What is the Capital and Currency of Finland?

Answer - Capital- Helsinki & Currency- Euro

35) Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Exim bank (Export-Import Bank of India)?

Answer - David Rasquinha

36) Who is the Director General (DG) of Border Roads Organisation (BRO)?

Answer - Lt. Gen.Harpal Singh

37) Inderkilla National Park is located in which state?

Answer - Himachal Pradesh

38) Who is the Administrator of National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)?

Answer - Jim Bridenstine (born as James Frederick Bridenstine)

39) What is the tagline of Dhanlaxmi Bank?

Answer - Tann. Mann. Dhan

40) Who is the Chairman of National Stock Exchange (NSE)?

Answer - Girish Chandra Chaturvedi

41) What is the authorized capital of MUDRA bank?

Answer - Rs. 1000 crores

42) Who is the Executive Director of UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund)?

Answer - Henrietta H. Fore

43) Who is the chairman of National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA)?

Answer - Kiren Rijiju

44) How many member countries are there in Asian Development Bank (ADB)?

Answer - 68 countries

45) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is located in which city?

Answer - Hyderabad, Telangana

Explanation:

Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is located in Hyderabad, Telangana. The Airport was in news recently because the government has started a pilot project for using FASTag for parking purpose at this airport. The pilot project has been launched in two phases, the first being a controlled pilot testing, wherein only ICICI tags would be used. The second phase of pilot project for using FASTags for parking purposes at Hyderabad airport shall cover all other issuer bank tags. After Hyderabad, the project will be launched at the Delhi airport.

46) Name the scheme, that distributes laptops to meritorious students in Odisha?

Answer - Biju Sashaktikaran Yojana

Explanation:

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik recently distributed free laptops to Plus Two (+2) meritorious students under the 'Biju Sashaktikaran Yojana' as part of their government's youth policy in Odisha.

47) What is the Capital and Currency of Papua New Guinea?

Answer - Capital- Port Moresby & Currency- Papua New Guinean kina

48) When was Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik (UDAN) scheme launched?

Answer - 27 April 2017

49) Who is the President of Brazil?

Answer - Jair Bolsonaro

50) Who is the President of FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry)?

Answer - Sandeep somay

51) What is the Capital & Currency of Niger?

Answer – Capital – Niamey & Currency- West African CFA franc

Explanation:

The Capital and Currency of Niger is Niamey & West African CFA franc. This was in news recently because there was a terrorist attack in the western region of Niger. More than 70 people were killed and many injured in the incident.

52) Papikonda National Park (PNP) is located in which state?

Answer – Andhra Pradesh

Explanation:

Papikonda National Park(PNP) is located in Andhra Pradesh. The park was in news recently because 50 experts from Kerala and northeastern States to conduct the four-day survey of butterfly species. The PNP spreads over 1012.86 square kilometres in East and West Godavari districts.

53) Name the river that becomes the one of 10 cleanest rivers in the world?

Answer – River Ganga

Explanation:

The government has said that river Ganga has become one of the 10 cleanest rivers in the world among the major rivers category. Addressing 4th India Water Impact Summit, 2019 in New Delhi today, Jalshakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat attributed it to efforts made by the government in this direction. He said Centre is committed to ensuring cleanliness and uninterrupted flow of the Ganga. Mr Sekhawatt has expressed concern over the problem of safe drinking water and said, India has only 4 per cent of the world's potable water while 18 per cent of the world's human and equivalent livestock population.

54) Who is the CEO (Chief Executive Officer) of FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India)?

Answer – Pawan Kumar Agarwal

55) Where is the headquarter of IRDAI (Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India) located?

Answer - Hyderabad, Telangana

56) Mullaperiyar Dam is located in which state?

Answer – Kerala

Explanation:

Mullaperiyar Dam is located in Kerala. The Dam was in news recently because Ministry of Jal Shakti has constituted a three member Supervisory Committee with representative from Central Water Commission (CWC) (Chairman of the committee) and one representative each from Kerala and Tamil Nadu. The committee shall supervise the restoration of FRL in the Mullaperiyar Dam to the elevation of 142 ft.

57) Shore Temple was in news recently it is located in which state?

Answer – Tamil Nadu

Explanation:

Shore Temple is located in Tamil Nadu. It was in news recently because the PWD seeks Centre's nod to construct groynes to the north of the Shore Temple, at a cost of Rs. 95.95 cr.

58) United States (US), Mexico, Canada sign USMCA trade deal recently, it will replace which agreement?

Answer - North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)

Explanation:

United States (US), Mexico, Canada sign USMCA trade deal. It is set to replace 25-year-old North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

59) Dwayne Bravo has returned from retirement and announced to play T20 World Cup 2020, he belongs to which country?

Answer – West Indies

Explanation:

West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has returned from the retirement and will be available for selection for the ICC T20 World Cup in Australia 2020.

60) Where is the head quarter of International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) located?

Answer - Gland, Switzerland

61) How many countries are there in BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) countries?

Answer – 7 Countries (Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bangladesh, Nepal)

62) Name the integrated scheme for school education launched by government of India?

Answer – 'Samagra Shiksha'

Explanation:

'Samagra Shiksha' was the scheme launched by government of India for school education. The Scheme was in news recently because the Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing the Scheme of Vocationalisation of School Education under the umbrella of 'Samagra Shiksha – an

integrated scheme for school education'. Till 2018-19, the scheme has been implemented in 8654 schools, with reported enrolment of more than 10 lakhs students.

63) Where is the head quarter of United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) located?

Answer - New York City, U.S.

64) How many member countries are there in Europe Union (EU)?

Answer - 28 countries

65) Who is the Prime Minister of Poland?

Answer - Mateusz Morawiecki

66) Which country has celebrated 49th 'Victory Day' on December 16, 2019?

Answer – Bangladesh

Explanation:

Bangladesh on December 16, 2019 celebrated its 49th 'Victory Day' that marks its liberation from Pakistan, as the country showcased its military might at a parade which included spectacular aerobatics and display of defence acquisitions. For the first time, a band contingent of the Indian Army also took part in the parade.

67) Who is the chairman of Competition Commission of India (CCI)?

Answer - Ashok Gupta

68) Where is the headquarter of National Aluminium Company Ltd (NALCO) located?

Answer - Bhubaneswar, Odisha

69) Who is the MD & CEO of National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)?

Answer – Dilip Asbe

70) Who is the President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI)?

Answer - Sandeep somay

71) Karanji Lake is located in which state?

Answer – Mysore, Karnataka

Explanation:

Karanji Lake is located in Mysore, Karnataka. This was in news recently because the first-ever festival at Karanji Lake was inaugurated by mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath. She also inaugurated a photo exhibition on the theme 'lake ecosystem' where more than 80 photos which had won prizes in the recently held competition by zoo, were displayed.

72) Who is the Director General (DG) of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)?

Answer - Audrey Azoulay

73) What is the Capital & Currency of China?

Answer - Capital- Beijing Currency- Renminbi

74) What is the tagline of Axis bank?

Answer - Tagline- Badhti ka naam zindagi

75) Who is the President of New Development Bank (NDB)?

Answer - K.V. Kamath

76) Who is the Administrator of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)?

Answer - **Achim Steiner**

77) Where is the head quarter of General Insurance Corporation India (GIC Re) located?

Answer - **Mumbai, India**

78) Who is the chairman of US- India Business Council (USIBC)?

Answer - **Nisha Desai Biswal**

79) When was PhonePe founded & who is the Founder & CEO?

Answer - **Founded -2015 & Founder & CEO Sameer Nigam**

80) What is the tagline of UCO Bank?

Answer - **Honours Your Trust**

81) Weightlifter Oleksiy Torokhtiy was in news recently, he belongs to which country?

Answer - **Ukraine**

Explanation:

Weightlifter Oleksiy Torokhtiy belongs to Ukraine. He was in news recently because International Olympic Committee has stripped of his 2012 Olympic gold medal for doping. The 33-year-old, who triumphed in the 105kg division, was disqualified after a reanalysis of his urine sample revealed a positive test for testosterone. Torokhtiy has been banned for two years with his results between August 4, 2012, and August 3, 2015, annulled.

82) When was Goa Liberation Day observed?

Answer - **December 19**

Explanation:

Goa Liberation Day is observed on December 19 every year in India. The Goa Liberation Day is celebrated in commemoration of the Indian armed forces freeing Goa from Portuguese rule.

83) Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) is located in which state?

Answer - **Uttarakhand**

Explanation:

Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) is located in Uttarakhand. It was in news recently, because Uttarakhand State Wildlife Board has cleared a proposal by the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) to introduce rhinoceroses in the Corbett Tiger Reserve (CTR) to boost tourism and revive the habits of species that survive on low-height grass.

84) Who is the President of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)?

Answer - **Gianni Infantino**

85) What is the tagline of Housing Development Finance Corporation (HDFC) Bank?

Answer - **We understand your world**

86) Abhinav Lohan, who was seen in news recently is associated with which sport?

Answer - **Golf**

Explanation:

Abhinav Lohan, who was seen in news recently is associated with Golf. He won lifted PGTI title securing a narrow one-shot triumph at the Bengaluru Open golf championship. It was Lohan's first title on the TATA Steel PGTI and second win of the year as he had also emerged victorious at the PGTI Feeder Tour event in Lucknow.

87) Yutu 2 becomes longest working rover on moon, It belongs to which country?

Answer – **China**

Explanation:

China's Jade Rabbit-2, or Yutu-2 has now become the longest-working lunar rover in the world, as it started to work for the 13th lunar day on the far side of the Moon. The record was previously held by Lunokhod 1, the Soviet robotic rover that became the world's first to be sent to the moon in 1970, where it worked for about 10 months.

88) Who is the President of Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)?

Answer - **Balkrishan Goenka**

89) Where is the headquarter of International Tennis Federation (ITF) located?

Answer - **London, United Kingdom**

90) Cheruthoni river is located in which state?

Answer – **Kerala**

91) Name the Indian Cricketer, who completes 15 years in international cricket?

Answer - **Mahendra Singh Dhoni**

Explanation:

MS Dhoni made his international debut on December 23, 2004. The wicketkeeper-batsman from Jharkhand was handed his ODI cap on December 23, 2004 against Bangladesh in Chittagong.

92) Jayakwadi Dam is located in which state?

Answer – **Maharashtra**

93) Barabati Stadium is located in which state?

Answer - **Cuttack, Odisha**

Explanation:

Barabati Stadium is located in Cuttack, Odisha. The stadium was in news recently because 3rd ODI match between India vs West Indies was held in this stadium on 22nd December, 2019.

94) Who is the President of Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)?

Answer - **Gianni Infantino**

95) What is the Capital and Currency of Cuba?

Answer - **Capital- Havana & Currency- Cuban Peso, Cuban Convertible Peso**

96) How many companies have been registered with the RBI as NBFC-P2P lending platforms, as of October-end 2019?

Answer – **20 Companies**

97) Where is the headquarter of ESAF small Finance Bank located?

Answer - **Thrissur, Kerala**

98) Who is the President of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)?

Answer - **Jin Liqun**

99) Which ministry has launched the NGC 'Ecoclub' programme in 2001-2002?

Answer - **Ministry of Environment & Forests**

100) Who is the Director General (DG) of World Health Organisation (WHO)?

Answer - **Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus**

101) How many Types of Prepaid Payment Instrument (PPI) are allowed by Reserve Bank of India?

Answer – 3 (Closed system, Semi-closed and Open PPIs)

102) Rajkumar Pandit was seen in news recently, he was an_____?

Answer – **Artist**

Explanation:

25 feet bronze statue of Vajpayee, which was unveiled by Prime Minister Narendra Modi was made by Jaipur artist named Rajkumar Pandit (Native- Bihar) under Uttar Pradesh govt's cultural department. His other works are The tallest statue built by Rajkumar was that of Arjun, the warrior prince mentioned in the epic Mahabharata. The statue is 47 feet tall. This statue is installed at Maharaja Sawai Man Singh Stadium in Rajasthan.

103) What is the Capital and Currency of Philippines?

Answer - **Capital– Manila & Currency– Peso**

104) Who won the Sahitya Akademi Award 2019 for the book titled “An Era of Darkness: The British Empire in India”?

Answer - **Shashi Tharoor**

105) Galapagos Islands, which was seen in news recently is located in which country?

Answer – **Ecuador**

Explanation:

Galapagos Islands, which was seen in news recently is located in Ecuador. Ecuador has declared emergency to contain the environmental impact of a fuel spill in the Galapagos Islands, after a barge carrying 600 gallons of diesel fuel sank. The Islands are located 1,000 kilometers east of mainland Ecuador.

106) Name the West African country, which was attacked recently?

Answer - **Burkina Faso**

Explanation:

Burkina Faso was in news recently because there was the second deadliest attack in which Peoples including soldiers were killed in Burkina Faso as the country mourned the victims of attacks by suspected jihadis on Christmas Eve.

107) What is the tagline of Andhra Bank?

Answer - **Where India Banks**

108) Who is the Managing Director of International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

Answer - **Kristalina Georgieva**

109) Under which Act, National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) was registered?

Answer - **Section 8 of the Companies Act 2013**

110) Who is the CEO & MD of YES Bank?

Answer - **Ravneet Gill**

111) Name the organization constituted by RBI (Reserve Bank of India) to collect, store, and publish data on all borrowers' credit exposures?

Answer - **Central Repository of Information on Large Credits (CRILC).**

112) Nathu la was in news recently, it is located in which state?

Answer – **Sikkim**

Explanation:

Nathu la, which was seen in news recently is located in Sikkim. The Indian Army rescued around 1,500 tourists stranded due to heavy snowfall in Nathu La in East Sikkim. Approximately 1,500 to 1,700 tourists travelling in about 300 taxis were stuck in the snow between 13th Mile and Nathu La Pass. They were returning from Nathu La Pass -Tsomgo Lake and got stranded midway at various points along Jawaharlal Nehru Road as the motorable stretch was blocked by snow.

113) Who is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)?

Answer - **Rahul Johri**

114) What is the tagline of State Bank of India (SBI)?

Answer - **With you all the way, Pure Banking Nothing Else, The Nation's banks on us.**

115) What is the Capital and Currency of Iran?

Answer - **Capital- Tehran Currency- Iranian rial**

116) Where is the headquarter of American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) located?

Answer - **San Francisco, United States of America (USA)**

117) Name the state animal of Andhra Pradesh (AP)?

Answer – **Blackbuck**

118) Who is the governor of Madhya Pradesh (MP)?

Answer - **Lalji Tandon**

119) When was the Aadhaar Project launched by government of India?

Answer - **28 January 2009**

120) Who is the Director General (DG) of Border Road Organisation(BRO)?

Answer - **Lt. Gen.Harpal Singh**

121) Name the world's longest serving President?

Answer – **Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo**

Explanation:

Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo was the world's longest serving president. He was in news recently because International Monetary Fund (IMF) has mandated him to declare his assets before the nation receives more financial support from it.

122) What is the Capital and Currency of Algeria?

Answer - **Capital- Algiers & Currency- Algerian dinar.**

123) Who is the chairman of Karnataka Vikas Grameen Bank (KVGB)?

Answer - **Puttaganti Gopi Krishna.**

124) Who is the President of Comoros?

Answer - **Azali Assoumani**

125) When was United Nations General Assembly(UNGA) was formed?

Answer - **1945**

126) Udayan Mane was seen in news recently, he is associated with which sport?

Answer – **Golf**

Explanation:

Udayan Mane is associated with Golf. He was seen in news recently because he produced a flawless seven-under 65 to claim a thrilling one-shot win at the season-ending TATA Steel Tour Championship in Jamshedpur. He established a new PGTI record for the lowest tournament total as he closed the week with a jaw-dropping 26-under-262 at the Golmuri Golf Course.

127) Where is the headquarter of Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) located?

Answer - **Mumbai, Maharashtra.**

128) Who is the President of Paytm?

Answer- **Amit Nayyar**

129) Who is the Chairperson of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog?

Answer - **Narendra Modi**

130) When was the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) formed?

Answer - **27 July 1939**

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