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Current Affairs Q&A PDF – December 2019

Top 100 Questions

1) 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.

2) 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.

3) 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 Nasiriyah 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.

4) 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’.

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) 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.

7) 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.

8) 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. 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.

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.

9) 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.

10) 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.

11) 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).

12) 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.

13) 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. The missile has a strike range of 350 kilometres with warheads carrying capacity of 500-1,000 kilograms.

14) Name the Made in India, fast interceptor vessel that was gifted by India to Maldives on December 4, 2019 to enhance its 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.

15) 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.

16) 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.

17) 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%

18) 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.

19) 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.

20) 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.

21) 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.

22) 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.

23) 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.

24) 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).

25) 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.

26) 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.

27) 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.

28) 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.

29) 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.

30) 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.

31) 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.

32) 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.

33) 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. 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.

34) 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).

35) 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.

36) 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.

37) 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.

38) 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.

39) 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.

40) 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).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.

41) 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.

42) 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).

43) 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.

44) 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.

45) 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.

46) 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%.

47) 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.

48) 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.

Rank	Country
1	Iceland
2	Norway
3	Finland
4	Sweden
112	India

49) 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.

50) 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.

51) 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.

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: Smriti Mandana, Shikha Pandey, Jhulan Goswami and Poonam Yadav.	-
8	Womens' T20 Team of the year	Indians: Smriti Mandana, Deepti Sharma and Radha Yadav.	-

52) 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.

53) 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 Chairman-cum-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.

54) 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.

55) 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.

56) 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.

57) 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.

58) 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.

59) 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).

60) 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. 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. 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.

61) 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.

62) 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.

63) 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.

64) Where was the World's first ever 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.

65) 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.

66) 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.

67) 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.

68) 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 ranking was based on the estimation of their annual earnings through professions and endorsement of celebrities and their fame 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.

69) 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.

70) 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:

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. 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.

71) 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.

72) 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.

73) 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.

74) 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.

75) 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.

76) 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) Mancherla 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.

77) 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) Niranjan Hiranandani

4) Chandru Raheja

5) None of these

Answer-3) Niranjan Hiranandani

Explanation:

Niranjan 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. Asscham 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.

78) 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)

79) 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.

80) 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.

81) 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.

82) 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).

83) 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.

84) 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).

85) 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.

86) 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.

87) 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 2019, 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.

88) 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.

89) 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.

90) 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.

91) 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.

92) 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.

93) 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 inorder 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.

94) 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.

95) 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.

96) 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.

97) 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.

98) 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.

99) 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.

100) 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).

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