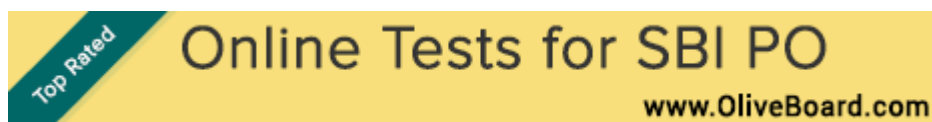


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1. 'Rongali Bihu' festival is celebrated in which state of India?

1. West Bengal
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Goa

Answer – **3. Assam**

Explanation :

On April 14, 2017, people of Assam ushered in celebrations for Rongali Bihu, the state's most colourful festival. Rongali or the Bohag (spring) Bihu starts on the last day of the Assamese calendar month of Chot

2. Which yojana has been launched by Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Mr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices to Senior Citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category?

1. Deen Dayal Vayoshri Yojana
2. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
3. Pradhan Mantri Vayoshri Yojana
4. Atal Vayoshri Yojana

Answer – **2. Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana**

Explanation :

On 1st April 2017, Mr. Thaawarchand Gehlot, Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment launched, first of its kind "Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana" in Nellore; Andhra Pradesh. This scheme has been launched for providing Physical Aids and Assisted-living Devices to Senior Citizens belonging to Below Poverty Line (BPL) category who suffer from age related problems viz. hearing impairment, low vision, dental problems etc.

3. 'World Health Day' is celebrated on which date every year?

1. 5th April
2. 6th April
3. 7th April
4. 8th April

Answer – **3. 7th April**

Explanation :

Every year, World Health day is observed on 7th April since 1950 to celebrate the founding

day of World Health Organization in 1948. 2017 campaign is based on depression. This year's theme of World Health Day is 'Depression: Let's Talk'.

4. In April 2017, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) opened ombudsman offices in which two cities?

1. Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Ranchi, Jharkhand
2. Raipur, Chhattisgarh and Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
3. Raipur, Chhattisgarh and Bhubaneswar, Odisha
4. Ranchi, Jharkhand and Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir
5. Bhubaneswar, Odisha and Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir

Answer – 2. Raipur, Chhattisgarh and Jammu, Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation :

The office in Jammu will have the jurisdiction over entire Jammu and Kashmir which was under the jurisdiction of the office of the banking ombudsman in New Delhi-I. New office in Raipur will look into the grievances of residents and entities in Chhattisgarh.

5. Union Cabinet has approved signing of agreement for Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP) establishment Centre in:

1. Jaipur
2. Varanasi
3. Hyderabad
4. Kochi

Answer – 3. Hyderabad

Explanation :

The Agreement was signed between Indian Ministry of Rural Development and Centre on Integrated Rural Development for Asia and the Pacific (CIRDAP). The CIRDAP centre will be setup at National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), Hyderabad.

6. Which Asian country has become the 7th formal member of South Asia Sub-regional Economic Cooperation (SASEC)?

1. Pakistan
2. Myanmar
3. Afghanistan
4. Thailand

Answer – 2. Myanmar

Explanation :

The SASEC program of Asian Development Bank (ADB) was formed in 2001 as a response to the request made by Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal to assist their economic co-operations. Sri Lanka and Maldives joined the sub-regional group in 2014.

7. **Which web application has been launched by Manipur Chief Minister Nongthombam Biren Singh, to monitor all government funded projects and ensure transparency and accountability?**

1. MIRROR
2. DARPAN
3. SHEESHA
4. PRAMAAN

Answer – **2. DARPAN**

Explanation :

Digital Application for Review by Public And Nation (DARPAN) is a web application that would upload details of projects right from the initial stage till sanction of fund and photos of work-in-progress from sites. As per CM Biren Singh, it will stop the corrupt culture of non-completion of developmental projects after release of funds.

8. **Which private sector bank has collaborated with SBI Card to launch co-branded credit cards for its customers?**

1. Karnataka Bank
2. Federal Bank
3. Karur Vysya Bank
4. IDFC Bank

Answer – **1. Karnataka Bank**

Explanation :

As a result of this collaboration, two types of credit cards have been launched namely – Karnataka Bank Platinum SBI card and Karnataka Bank Simply SAVE SBI. The co-branded credit cards were launched by P Jayarama Bhat, MD and CEO of the Karnataka Bank and Vijay Jasuja, CEO, SBI Card.

9. **On 1st April 2017, which scheme was launched by Union Textiles Minister, Ms. Smriti Irani for development of powerloom sector in India?**

1. ReviveTex India Scheme
2. PowerTex India Scheme
3. FutureTex India Scheme
4. RisingTex India Scheme

Answer – **2. PowerTex India Scheme**

Explanation :

Union Textiles Minister, Ms. Smriti Irani launched PowerTex India Scheme on 1st April 2017 at Bhiwandi in Thane district of Maharashtra. It is a gamut of schemes aimed at development of powerloom sector in India with a special focus on small powerloom weavers. The scheme was simultaneously launched at 45 locations across India.

10. What is the length of India's longest Chenani-Nashri All-weather road tunnel, that was inaugurated on 2nd April 2017?

1. 10890 m
2. 12890 m
3. 14890 m
4. 16890 m

Answer – 1. 10890 m

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the India's longest Chenani-Nashri All-weather road tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway on April 2, 2017. The tunnel is among the longest highway tunnels in Asia. The tunnel was built at a cost of Rs 2519 crore at an altitude of 1,200 meters above sea level.

11. India's first International Centre for Foot and Mouth Disease(ICFMD) has been inaugurated in which state?

1. Uttarakhand
2. West Bengal
3. Odisha
4. Assam

Answer – 3. Odisha

Explanation :

India's first International Centre for Foot and Mouth Disease (ICFMD) has been inaugurated by Union Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh at Argul near Bhubaneswar in Odisha on 1st April 2017. This centre will play a key role in protecting livestock from Foot-and-Mouth Disease Virus (FMDV).

12. On April 1, 2017, State Bank of India (SBI) successfully merged with its five associate banks and Bharatiya Mahila Bank. By this merger, SBI ranks at _____ position in the league of Top 50 Global Banks.

1. 44th
2. 34th
3. 24th
4. 14th

Answer – 1. 44th

Explanation :

Post this merger, SBI now has 2.77 lakh employees, 50 crore customers, more than 25000 branches and 58000 ATMs. The market share of SBI has increased to nearly 22 per cent from 17 percent. Now SBI has the largest branch and ATM network in India.



13. Who has been appointed as the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the UN offices in Geneva (UNOG) on March 30, 2017?

1. Alfred Fernandes
2. Vijay Kumar Rajput
3. Kirpal Singh Ahluwalia
4. Rajiv Kumar Chander

Answer – **4. Rajiv Kumar Chander**

Explanation :

Rajiv Kumar Chander, who is from 1983 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer, has been appointed the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the UN offices in Geneva (UNOG) on March 30, 2017. He will succeed Ajit Kumar, who is from 1979 batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) at the Geneva office in May, 2017.

14. The 136th Mega-Conference of World Parliamentarians is being hosted by which Asian country from 1st – 5th April 2017?

1. Nepal
2. Bangladesh
3. Sri Lanka
4. Bhutan

Answer – **2. Bangladesh**

Explanation :

The 136th Mega-Conference of World Parliamentarians has begun in Dhaka on April 1, 2017. The conference was inaugurated by Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina. This mega-conference has been organized by the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad. The main focus of this conference was to provide ways and means to end political and economic inequality for upholding democracy and human rights.

15. The Central government has decided to make tax evasion of over Rs. ____ under the proposed Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime as a non-bailable offence.

1. Rs. 1 crore
2. Rs. 2.5 crore
3. Rs. 5 crore
4. Rs. 7.5 crore

Answer – **3. Rs. 5 crore**

Explanation :

This provision was mentioned in the Central GST (CGST) Bill as, "if the offences relating to

taxable goods and/or services where the amount of tax evaded exceeds Rs 5 crore, it shall be treated as cognizable and non-bailable”.

16. Who among the following has been chosen for the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2017 dedicated to promoting press freedom?

1. Marcus Quattrochi
2. Vladimir Kournikova
3. Antonio Bialik
4. Dawit Isaak

Answer – **4. Dawit Isaak**

Explanation :

Dawit Isaak, an imprisoned Eritrean-Swedish journalist has been chosen for the UNESCO/Guillermo Cano World Press Freedom Prize 2017 dedicated to promoting press freedom. The award is to be presented on May 3, 2017.

17. Lenin Moreno will be sworn in as the President of which South American country?

1. Chile
2. Argentina
3. Ecuador
4. Peru

Answer – **3. Ecuador**

Explanation :

Ruling Party of Ecuador, Alianza PAIS candidate Lenin Moreno won the Ecuador's presidential election held on April 3, 2017. He defeated conservative former banker Guillermo Lasso who demands a recount after three exit polls.

18. Who among the following has won 33rd edition of 2017 Miami Open tournament in Men's Single Category?

1. Roger Federer
2. Rafael Nadal
3. Andy Murray
4. Novak Djokovic

Answer – **1. Roger Federer**

Explanation :

The 33rd edition of 2017 Miami Open presented by Itaú was a professional men and women's tennis tournament being played on outdoor hard courts which took place from March 20, 2017 to April 2, 2017.

19. Which department has been formed by RBI to deal with the penalties imposed on banks for violation of norms. ?

1. Surveillance Department
2. Enforcement Department
3. Vigilance Department
4. Penalty Department

Answer – 2. Enforcement Department

Explanation :

Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Santosh Kumar Gangwar informed Lok Sabha that Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is planning to set up a separate in-house Enforcement Department which will be operational from 3rd April 2017.

20. According to a new report released by World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC), India's travel and tourism sector ranks _____ in the world in terms of its total contribution to the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

1. 5th
2. 6th
3. 7th
4. 8th

Answer – 3. 7th

Explanation :

WTTC report also mentioned that 40.3 million jobs were created in travel and tourism sector of India in 2016. On account of this remarkable figure, India ranked 2nd in the world in terms of total employment generated. For the year 2016, India's Travel and Tourism sector registered a growth of 8.5% – the fastest amongst G20 countries.

21. Which among the following is the first NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) member country to launch a "self-contained" cyber command unit to protect IT and weapons systems from growing attacks?

1. Germany
2. Belgium
3. Canada
4. Denmark

Answer – 1. Germany

Explanation :

The military's computers are attacked from online sources thousands of times each day. To improve defense, Germany has now launched its own cyber command. The Bundeswehr's Cyber and Information Space (CIR) boast a status of army, navy, and air force.

22. **Which country has officially recognised Bitcoin as a method of payment from April 2017?**

- 1.Switzerland
- 2.France
- 3.Australia
- 4.Japan

Answer –**4. Japan**

Explanation :

The currency of the Internet, Bitcoin and other digital currencies have been recognised as a payment method by Japan with effect from new fiscal year. It was recognised under new banking law of Japan.

23. **Who has become India's first transgender police officer?**

- 1.Prithika Yashini
- 2.Mridula Bose
- 3.Shalini Dave
- 4.Vibha Rajput

Answer – **1.Prithika Yashini**

Explanation :

Prithika was born and raised as Pradeep Kumar. The 25 year-old computer application graduate underwent sex change surgery to get the new face of Prithika. The Madras high court has directed Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board (TNUSRB) to appoint a transgender as sub-inspector of police.

24. **The final stage of the world's largest solar plant Noor Ouarzazate has been inaugurated in:**

- 1.Saudi Arabia
- 2.UAE
- 3.Morocco
- 4.Algeria

Answer –**3.Morocco**

Explanation :

The final stage of the world's largest solar plant Noor Ouarzazate has been inaugurated by Mohammed VI, King of Morocco in Ouarzazate. The plant is based on photovoltaic (PV) technology, which spanned over an area of 137 hectares (1.37 square km). The cost of this plant is nearly 75 million U.S. dollars.

25. **Who among the following has been named Wisden's Leading Cricketer in the World for 2016?**

1. Virat Kohli
2. Ben Stokes
3. Ab de Villiers
4. Chris Gayle

Answer – **1. Virat Kohli**

Explanation :

Right handed Indian international cricketer Virat Kohli(28) was named as the Leading Cricketer in the World for the year 2016 by Wisden India Almanack. He became the third Indian cricketer to receive this honour after Virender Sehwag and Sachin Tendulkar

26. **Former Governor of _____, Girish Chandra Saxena, passed away on April 14, 2017.**

1. Bihar
2. Maharashtra
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Jammu & Kashmir

Answer – **4. Jammu & Kashmir**

Explanation :

Former Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Girish Chandra Saxena, lovingly called Gary, passed away on April 14, 2017 after a brief illness. He was An IPS officer of the 1950-batch of the Uttar Pradesh cadre.

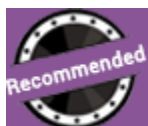
27. **Who will be the chairman of National Board of Electric Mobility (NBEM), which was constituted by Government of India on April 3, 2017?**

1. Girish Shankar
2. Hasmukh Adhia
3. Ashok Lavasa
4. Arvind Subramanian

Answer – **1. Girish Shankar**

Explanation :

The Union Government constituted National Board of Electric Mobility (NBEM) on April 3, 2017 to promote electric mobility and manufacturing of electric (& hybrid) vehicles and their components. As per the structure laid out for the board, Secretary of the Department of Heavy Industry will be the chairperson. Current Secretary of the Department of Heavy Industry is Girish Shankar.



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28. Union Cabinet has approved a proposal to set up a regulator for Indian Railways to recommend passenger and freight fares and set the performance benchmarks. This authority will be named as:

1. Railway Fares Regulatory Authority
2. Railway Control and Maintenance Authority
3. Railway Development Authority
4. Railway Investment Regulation Authority

Answer – **3. Railway Development Authority**

Explanation :

Railway Development Authority (RDA) will be based in New Delhi. Rs.50 crore has been earmarked to set up the authority. Its functions will be regulated by Railway Act, 1989.

29. Which among the following is set to become the first country in the world to neutralise gender pay gap?

1. Switzerland
2. Norway
3. Iceland
4. Sweden

Answer – **3. Iceland**

Explanation :

Iceland's parliament has presented a bill that would require public and private businesses to prove they offer equal pay to employees. This would be the first such requirement in the world.

30. Post announcement of RBI's First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement for financial year 2017-18 on 6th April 2017, the Reverse Repo Rate stands at:

1. 5.25%
2. 5.50%
3. 5.75%
4. 6.00%

Answer – **4. 6.00%**

Explanation :

On 6th April 2017, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced First Bi-Monthly Monetary Policy Statement for financial year 2017-18. Repo Rate was left unchanged at 6.25%. Reverse Repo Rate has been hiked by 25 basis points and now stands at 6.00%.

31. **Which veteran Bollywood actress has won NTR National Film Award 2013?**

- 1.Sharmila Tagore
- 2.Jaya Prada
- 3.Hema Malini
- 4.Sridevi

Answer – **3.Hema Malini**

Explanation :

NTR National Film Award for the year 2012 and 2013 were announced at the Film Development Corporation office in Hyderabad by Andhra Pradesh government. Each NTR award winners will get Rs.5 lakh and a citation.

32. **Who among the following took charge as new Executive Director of RBI?**

- 1.Avani Parikh
- 2.Prabha Menon
- 3.Malvika Sinha
- 3.Shikha Patni

Answer – **3.Malvika Sinha**

Explanation :

Malvika Sinha started her career in the year 1982 with RBI. As Executive Director, Ms. Sinha will take over Foreign Exchange Department, Department of Government and Bank Accounts and Internal Debt Management Department.

33. **Chief Minister of which State has launched 'Deendayal Rasoi Yojana' in 49 districts of the state?**

- 1.Rajasthan
- 2.Bihar
- 3.Madhya Pradesh
- 4.Haryana

Answer – **3.Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation :

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has launched subsidized meal scheme at Rs.5 in Gwalior. This scheme helps people to get economical nutritious and good quality food under the Deendayal Rasoi Yojana at cheaper rates. It was launched in 49 districts across the state.

34. **Quoting of Aadhaar /Enrolment ID of Aadhaar application form, for filing IT returns and application for allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN) will be mandatory with effect from:**

- 1.April 1, 2018

2. January 1, 2018

3. October 1, 2017

4. July 1, 2017

Answer – **4. July 1, 2017**

Explanation :

The Finance Act, 2017 introduced Section 139AA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 which states mandatory quoting of Aadhaar /Enrolment ID of Aadhaar application form, for filing IT returns and application for allotment of Permanent Account Number (PAN) with effect from July 1.

35. **India has ranked _____ out of 136 countries on Global Travel and Tourism Competitiveness Report 2017 published by World Economic Forum (WEF)**

1. 20th

2. 30th

3. 40th

4. 50th

Answer – **3. 40th**

Explanation :

This marks a commendable jump of 12 spots as compared to previous year's rank.

International openness reflected through strong policy reforms such as implementing visa on arrival and e-visas and improvements in the country's surface transport infrastructure are the reasons responsible for improvement in India's rank this year.

36. **India's first DNA bank for wild animals will be setup by the Indian Veterinary Research Institute (IVRI) located at _____ in Uttar Pradesh.**

1. Lucknow

2. Kanpur

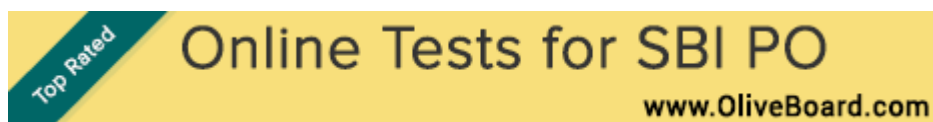
3. Bareilly

4. Varanasi

Answer – **3. Bareilly**

Explanation :

IVRI scientists are collecting DNA samples and serum of all wild animals for DNA bank. Now it has nearly 140 samples of 25 wild animals. Once the bank starts functioning, it will be able to tell the name and schedule of the species from a part of the meat, hair, blood, skin or bone of any animal.



37. **US based National Basketball Association (NBA) has launched India's first basketball school in which city?**

1. Kochi
2. Kolkata
3. Mumbai
4. New Delhi

Answer – **3. Mumbai**

Explanation :

US based National Basketball Association (NBA) has launched its first basketball school in Mumbai, India on April 7, 2017. More schools will be opened in India and around the world in this year.

38. **India has ranked _____ out of 41 countries in bribery and corrupt practices in businesses as per the EY (Ernst & Young) Europe, Middle East, India and Africa (EMEIA) Fraud Survey 2017.**

1. 6th
2. 7th
3. 8th
4. 9th

Answer – **4. 9th**

Explanation :

The ranking has improved marginally since 2015 in which India ranked 6th. Improvement in India's rank has been attributed to emphasis on transparency in governance and better regulatory scrutiny. Countries which rank higher than India in this survey are: Ukraine, Cyprus, Greece, Slovenia, Croatia, Kenya, South Africa and Hungary.

39. **India has entered into an agreement with which European country to set up a Green Growth Equity Fund (GGEF) to finance energy needs?**

1. United Kingdom
2. Switzerland
3. Belgium
4. Portugal

Answer – **1. United Kingdom**

Explanation :

India's Power and Renewable Energy Minister Piyush Goyal and UK's Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Greg Clark agreed to cooperate on important areas

in the energy sector. The two countries have also agreed to involve in accelerated deployment of renewable energy and its integration with the grid.

40. Who among the following is set to become the United Nations' youngest-ever 'Messenger of Peace'?

1. Mark Zuckerberg
2. Malala Yousafzai
3. Selena Gomez
4. Virat Kohli

Answer – 2. Malala Yousafzai

Explanation :

Nobel Peace Prize winner from Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai is set to become the United Nations' youngest-ever 'Messenger of Peace'. She has been selected for this honour by United Nations current Secretary General Antonio Guterres. The designation ceremony will be held on April 10, 2017 at the UN's headquarters in New York, United States.

41. Which South American country is set to become the first country to allow sale of marijuana for recreational purpose through pharmacy stores?

1. Brazil
2. Chile
3. Uruguay
4. Peru

Answer – 3. Uruguay

Explanation :

Uruguay has been trying for nearly four years to legalize the production, sale and consumption of marijuana. The country has stockpiled 400 kilograms (880 pounds) of marijuana so far. Uruguayan citizens and permanent residents who are 18 or older will be allowed to purchase marijuana from a pharmacy store.

42. Which private sector bank has announced the launch of its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on Chillr?

1. HDFC Bank
2. Yes Bank
3. Kotak Mahindra Bank
4. Bandhan Bank

Answer – 1. HDFC Bank

Explanation :

Private Sector Lender, HDFC Bank Ltd has announced the launch of its Unified Payments Interface (UPI) on Chillr. Henceforth the HDFC Bank UPI will be available on Chillr, in addition

to the bank's Mobile Banking app.

43. **The Reserve Bank of India has enabled faster settlement of the process of NEFT (National Electronic Fund Transfer) by increasing the settlement cycle to ____ from ____ currently**

1. 29 from 18 currently
2. 27 from 16 currently
3. 25 from 14 currently
4. 23 from 12 currently

Answer – **4. 23 from 12 currently**

Explanation :

This move will facilitate half hourly settlements instead of the hourly settlement system practiced now. When a transaction is done at a bank branch, the branch forwards the clearance request to the RBI to be accommodated in the next settlement cycle. Thus increase of the number of cycles will allow faster settlement of funds and more funds to settle in a day.

44. **Banks which are currently allowed to invest as much as ____ of their net-owned funds in equity-linked mutual funds, venture capital funds and stocks will be permitted by RBI to invest in real estate investment trusts (REITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) within the limit.**

1. 10%
2. 15%
3. 20%
4. 25%

Answer – **3. 20%**

Explanation :

With an objective to benefit real estate sector, The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to allow banks to invest in Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs). RBI will issue detailed guidelines for the same by end of May 2017.

45. **Which politician is the author of the book 'Flaming Tresses of Draupadi'?**

1. Renuka Chowdhury
2. Veerappa Moily
3. Kapil Sibal
4. Shashi Tharoor

Answer – **2. Veerappa Moily**

Explanation :

President Pranab Mukherjee released a book titled 'Flaming Tresses of Draupadi' authored

by Veerappa Moily in New Delhi on April 7, 2017. The book gives new perception into the Draupadi's life and traces the life journey of Draupadi from her birth to her marriage with the Pandavas.

46. **On April 7, 2017, Union Minister for Information and Broadcasting M. Venkaiah Naidu inaugurated the three-day National Children's Film Festival (NCFF) in:**

1. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
2. Panaji, Goa
3. Kochi, Kerala
4. Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh

Answer – **1. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation :

This event was organised by the Children's Film Society India (CFSI) in association with the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The opening film of the NCFF was "Shanu – The Optimist", directed by K.N.T. Sastry and produced by CFSI in 2016.

47. **Which theatre group is organising India's first ever micro-drama festival, 'Thespis' which is scheduled to be held at the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts in Delhi?**

1. Vriksh theatre group
2. Gagan theatre group
3. Agni theatre group
4. Rangbumi theatre group

Answer – **1. Vriksh Theatre Group**

Explanation :

The festival is named after Thespis of Icaria, who lived in 6th century BC and was the first actor to perform solo in Greek drama. During the festival, a series of 10-minute plays will be presented.

48. **Which private sector bank has entered into an agreement with Flyworld Money Exchange to facilitate remittances by Indian migrants in Australia?**

1. Yes Bank
2. Axis Bank
3. Federal Bank
4. South Indian Bank

Answer – **4. South Indian Bank**

Explanation :

NRIs in Australia will now have access to quick and cost-effective remittances to India using

the South Indian Bank Express facility. Using this facility, NRIs can now remit funds with ease to any commercial bank in India.

49. **India has won 12 medals at Asian Youth Chess Championship which was held in:**

1. Moscow, Russia
2. Tokyo, Japan
3. Bangkok, Thailand
4. Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Answer – **4. Tashkent, Uzbekistan**

Explanation :

India topped the medals tally with 12 medals followed by Uzbekistan 10 medals. Gold medals for India were won by Aakanksha Hagawane (Under-18 Girls), Erigaisi Arjun (Under-14 Open), Jishitha D (Under-14 Girls) and Sahithi Varshini M (Under-10 Girls).

50. **Who among the following has won Formula 1 Chinese Grand Prix?**

1. Lewis Hamilton
2. Sebastian Vettel
3. Nico Rosberg
4. Daniel Ricciardo

Answer – **1. Lewis Hamilton**

Explanation :

Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton dominated the Chinese Grand Prix to take his first win of the year. Hamilton's victory, in a race enlivened by a wet start and some terrific wheel-to-wheel battles, ties him with first-race winner Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel.

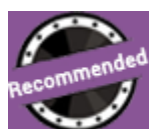
51. **Who among the following is the author of the book 'Gandhi in Champaran'?**

1. DG Tendulkar
2. PN Dehsmukh
3. AK Shukla
4. NV Dubey

Answer – **1. DG Tendulkar**

Explanation :

On April 10, 2017, M Venkaiah Naidu – Minister for Information & Broadcasting, released three heritage books to mark 100 years of Champaran Satyagraha. Title of these books are, 'Gandhi in Champaran', 'Romain Rolland and Gandhi Correspondence' and "Mahatma Series (8 volumes)". All three books have been written by renowned author DG Tendulkar and have been published by Publications division under Union Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.



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52. Which among the following has become the first Indian city to win Pierre L'Enfant Award?

1. Guwahati, Assam
2. Bhubaneswar, Odisha
3. Kochi, Kerala
4. Surat, Gujarat

Answer – 2. Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Explanation :

Bhubaneswar, the capital city of Odisha has been selected for the 2017 Pierre L'Enfant International Planning Excellence Award by American Planning Association (APA).

Bhubaneswar has become the first Indian city to win this award. Bhubaneswar has been selected for this award for 'Bhubaneswar Smart City Plan' which is based on a citizen engagement approach and envisages use of technology for improving the overall quality of life.

53. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee jointly flagged off the trial run of the Kolkata-Khulna passenger train through video-conference from New Delhi. This train service has been named as:

1. Bandhu Express – II
2. Indo-Bangla Friendship Express – II
3. Maitree Express – II
4. Samjhauta Express – II

Answer – 3. Maitree Express – II

Explanation :

Maitree Express – II will commence operations from July 2017. Prime Minister of Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina was on an official visit to India from 7th to 10th April 2017. In a bid to strengthen bilateral ties, India and Bangladesh signed 22 agreements for cooperation in various areas viz. civil nuclear cooperation, cyber security, media, judicial sector, peaceful uses of outer space, defence, information technology, electronics and transport connectivity.

54. India has announced \$ _____ line of credit for development projects in Bangladesh

1. \$4.5 billion
2. \$6.5 billion
3. \$8.5 billion

4. \$10.5 billion

Answer – **1. \$ 4.5 billion**

Explanation :

After comprehensive talks between Prime Ministers of India and Bangladesh, India announced \$4.5 billion line of credit for development projects in Bangladesh. On account of this commitment, India's resource allocation for Bangladesh has aggregated to \$8 billion in past few years. Besides, for the first time, India also committed \$500 million line of credit for Bangladesh's defence procurement.

55. 'Exercise Nomadic Elephant – XII' is the joint military exercise between armies of India and:

1. Myanmar
2. Russia
3. Malaysia
4. Mongolia

Answer – **4. Mongolia**

Explanation :

A 14-day India-Mongolia military training exercise has started at Vairengte in Mizoram. It is aimed at training troops in counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism operations under the United Nations mandate. It will continue till April 18, 2017

56. 123rd Constitution Amendment Bill 2017, which was passed by Lok Sabha on April 10, 2017, seeks to grant constitutional status to:

1. National Commission for Women
2. National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes
3. National Commission for Scheduled Castes
4. National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

Answer – **2. National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes**

Explanation :

On April 10, 2017, Lok Sabha passed 123rd Constitution Amendment Bill, 2017 with 360 members voting in favour and two members voting against it. This amendment bill seeks to grant constitutional status to National Commission for Socially and Educationally Backward Classes. The amendment bill was introduced in Lok Sabha by Union Social Justice and Empowerment Minister, Thaawarchand Gehlot on April 5, 2017.

57. Ministry of Rural development has released nearly Rs. _____ to the States under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

1. Rs. 13,500 crore
2. Rs. 18,500 crore

3.Rs. 23,500 crore

4.Rs. 28,500 crore

Answer – **3.Rs. 23,500 crore**

Explanation :

Ministry of Rural Development has released nearly 23,500 crore rupees to the States as first tranche for this Financial Year, under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The amount released includes all pending liabilities as on 31st March, 2017. It is also to ensure priority work on water conservation measures.

58. **The government has reduced the number of centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) to ____ umbrella schemes from 66.**

1.16 umbrella schemes

2.20 umbrella schemes

3.24 umbrella schemes

4.28 umbrella schemes

Answer – **4.28 umbrella schemes**

Explanation :

Based on the recommendation of the sub-group of Chief Ministers on rationalisation of centrally sponsored schemes, the government of India has rationalised centrally sponsored schemes (CSS) effective from the financial year 2016-17. The schemes of CSS have been reduced from 66 to 28 umbrella schemes.

59. **Which among the following novel written by Colson Whitehead has won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction?**

1. 'The Intuitionist'

2. 'The Underground Railroad'

3. 'Zone One'

4. 'John Henry Days'

Answer – **2. "The Underground Railroad"**

Explanation :

The prestigious Pulitzer Prizes for achievements in journalism, literature and musical composition were announced on April 10, 2017. This is the 101st edition of Pulitzer Prizes. A speculative history novel "The Underground Railroad" written by Colson Whitehead has won the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction.

60. **Which company has announced to buy eBay's India business?**

1.HomeShop18

2.Makemytrip

3.Infibeam

4.Flipkart

Answer – **4.Flipkart**

Explanation :

India's largest online retailer Flipkart has closed a mammoth funding round of \$1.4 billion from Tencent Holdings Ltd, eBay Inc. and Microsoft Corp., in the biggest-ever start-up funding round. Flipkart Ltd will also buy eBay's India business as part of the \$1.4 billion deal.

61. A ministerial conference of G20 ministers in charge of digitalisation was held on 6th and 7th April, 2017 in:

- 1.Lucca, Italy
- 2.Rome, Italy
- 3.Dusseldorf, Germany
- 4.Berlin, Germany

Answer – **3.Dusseldorf, Germany**

Explanation :

This was the first such meeting of G20 ministers responsible for digitalisation. They have issued a declaration on 'Shaping Digitalisation for an Interconnected World', which lays out priorities and course of action.

62. Which entity has joined hands with the State Bank of India to promote cashless transactions like 'SBI buddy e-wallet' and POS machines?

- 1.NABARD
- 2.Department of Post
- 3.National Stock Exchange of India
- 4.Bombay Stock Exchange

Answer – **2. Department of Post**

Explanation :

PK Swain, Chief Postmaster General, Punjab Circle and Anil Kishora, Chief General Manager, SBI, Chandigarh dedicated SBI buddy e-wallet and SBI POS machines at Chandigarh General Post Office for the general public.

63. Nokia has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with which Indian telecom companies to bring 5G network in India?

- 1.Idea and BSNL
- 2.Airtel and BSNL
- 3.Idea and Airtel
- 4.Vodafone and Airtel

Answer – **2. Airtel and BSNL**



Explanation :

Nokia has signed memorandum of understandings (MoUs) with Indian telecom giants Airtel and BSNL. Nokia during the Mobile World Congress 2017 had stated that it would expand their collaborative technology partnership to work on 5G technology standard and management of connected devices.

64. Which American actress has been appointed as Goodwill Ambassador of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)?

1. Mila Kunis
2. Kristin Davis
3. Kerry Washington
4. Kaley Cuoco

Answer – **2. Kristin Davis**

Explanation :

UNHCR Goodwill Ambassadors are celebrity representatives of the office of the UN High Commissioner for refugees who use their talent and fame for supporting refugees. Kristin Davis has partnered with the UN for 3 years

65. Which state govt. has launched 'e-sewa' mobile app to provide information about various welfare schemes?

1. Telangana
2. Karnataka
3. Gujarat
4. Haryana

Answer – **4. Haryana**

Explanation :

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has launched a mobile application named 'e-Sewa' to provide information about more than 250 schemes and programmes of 30 different departments. The Deputy Commissioner of Ambala, Prabhjot Singh's team has developed the 'e-Sewa' app.

66. Which mobile application has been launched by Power Minister Piyush Goyal that allows consumers to exchange real-time information with electricity distribution companies (discoms) on power supply?

1. 'Urja Bandhu'
2. 'Urja Buddy'

3. 'Urja Mitra'

4. 'Urja Doot'

Answer – **3. Urja Mitra**

Explanation :

Through this app, consumer can view outages across the country, as well as lodge complaints on outages in their area. Consumers will get prior intimation on expected duration and cause of scheduled outages. Along with Urja Mitra app, a rural feeder monitoring scheme was also launched to track the quality of power supply in rural areas.

67. Who is the author of the book 'Matoshree', which was recently released by PM Narendra Modi?

1. Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh

2. Union Textiles Minister, Smriti Iran

3. Lok Sabha Speaker, Sumitra Mahajan

4. President of the Bharatiya Janata Party, Amit Shah

Answer – **3. Lok Sabha Speaker, Sumitra Mahajan**

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a book title 'Matoshree' authored by Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan on April 11, 2017. The book 'Matoshree' covers the life and times of legendary Devi Ahilyabai Holker who ruled the Holkar Empire spread over the Malwa region from 1767 to 1795.

68. Union Cabinet has approved setting up of Indian Institute of Petroleum and Energy (IIPE) at:

1. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

2. Kochi, Kerala

3. Kandla, Gujarat

4. Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Answer – **1. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation :

IIPE will be built at a cost of over Rs. 655 crore. It will have a status of an 'Institute of National Importance' and will have a legal mandate to grant degrees just as any other Indian Institute of Technology (IIT). IIPE will be constructed at Sabbavaram Mandal in Visakhapatnam district on 200 acres of land which has been allocated by Andhra Pradesh State Govt., free of cost.

69. Which scheme for food processing will be launched by Govt. with an outlay of Rs. 6000 crore?

1. SARVODAY

- 2.ANNSEVA
- 3.SAMPADA
- 4.JANKALYAN

Answer – **3.SAMPADA**

Explanation :

Union Food Processing Minister Harsimrat Kaur Badal has announced that her ministry will soon approach the Cabinet for the approval for an umbrella programme 'Scheme for Agro-Marine Produce Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters (SAMPADA).'

70. Which state govt. has introduced a programme "Ammaku Vandanam" in the government schools to pay tribute to mothers?

- 1.Andhra Pradesh
- 2.Telangana
- 3.Kerala
- 4.Tamil Nadu

Answer – **1.Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation :

Under this programme the mothers would be invited to the schools on a specific day every year for the special function. Thereafter, the school children will take the blessings of their mothers and also do 'paada pooja' (washing her feet) called Mother Worship.

71. Which among the following company has received RBI's approval to launch its own digital wallet in India?

- 1.Alibaba
- 2.Amazon
- 3.Walmart
- 4.Facebook

Answer – **2.Amazon**

Explanation :

RBI has given an approval to Amazon India to launch its own digital wallet or pre-paid payment instrument (PPI) in India. This approval by RBI will enable Amazon to enter India's fast-growing digital payments business.

72. 'The Hit Girl' is the autobiography of which Bollywood actress?

- 1.Neetu Singh
- 2.Shaban Azmi
- 3.Asha Parek
- 4.Sharmila Tagore

Answer – **3.Asha Parekh**

Explanation :

Asha Parekh's autobiography, *The Hit Girl*, was launched by Salman in Mumbai. The autobiography, written with Khalid Mohamed also includes a foreword by Salman. Some of Bollywood's most charming yesteryear stars including Dharmendra, Helen and Waheeda Rehman made an appearance at the event.

73. Which State's police department has initiated 'Tare Zameen Par' programme for underprivileged children?

1. Jharkhand
2. Maharashtra
3. Gujarat
4. Rajasthan

Answer – **1. Jharkhand**

Explanation :

With a motive to enlighten children in naxal-affected areas of Jharkhand's Palamau district, Jharkhand Police has initiated Tare Zameen Par program to encourage children to lead happy lives. Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIG), Vipul Shukla appealed to locals to donate bags, shoes, books and clothes that will be distributed among poor children.

74. Which Bollywood actress has featured in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia list?

1. Alia Bhatt
2. Shraddha Kapoor
3. Parineeti Chopra
4. Anushka Sharma

Answer – **1. Alia Bhatt**

Explanation :

Actress Alia Bhatt has featured in Forbes 30 Under 30 Asia list. She is the only Bollywood actress who has made it to the list this year. Alia got her name in the elite list after acting in some of the highest earning films and for giving best performances in recent times.

75. The United States has dropped _____ - the largest non-nuclear bomb in Afghanistan targeting ISIS tunnels.

1. 'king of all bombs'
2. 'father of all bombs'
3. 'mother of all bombs'
4. 'big brother of all bombs'

Answer – **3. 'mother of all bombs'**

Explanation :

The United States dropped the most powerful non-nuclear bomb in its arsenal on what it said

was an ISIS cave complex in remote Afghanistan. The bomb is formally called the GBU-43/B Massive Ordnance Air Blast. It can obliterate everything within a 1,000-yard radius.

76. Which financial institution has approved \$375 million loan to India for developing its first waterway project – The National Waterway 1?

1. International Monetary Fund
2. New Development Bank
3. Asian Development Bank
4. World Bank

Answer – 4. World Bank

Explanation :

World Bank has approved \$375 million loan to India for developing its first waterway project – The National Waterway 1. Under this project, a navigable stretch of 1360 km will be developed on River Ganga from Varanasi (in Uttar Pradesh) to Haldia (in West Bengal). The loan has maturity of 17 years and grace period of 7 years.

77. On April 14, 2017, PM Narendra Modi launched a less cash township model, developed by _____, across 81 townships in 12 States

1. Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited
2. Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (GNFC)
3. Larsen & Toubro Limited
4. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

Answer – 2. Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals Ltd (GNFC)

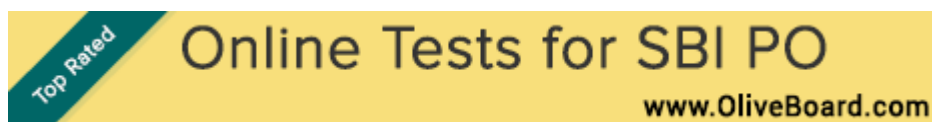
Explanation :

The less-cash model across the States has been facilitated by GNFC under the auspices of NITI Aayog. It is to be noted that GNFC's township at Bharuch in Gujarat became India's first 100 per cent cashless township. 56 out of 81 selected townships are in Gujarat, whereas 25 townships are located in other 11 states including Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, and Bihar.

78. On April 14, 2017, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu laid the foundation-stone for Dr B R Ambedkar Smriti Vanam (memorial park) in state's de facto capital Amaravati. Andhra Pradesh Govt. has allocated nearly Rs. _____ for this project

1. Rs. 25 crore
2. Rs. 50 crore
3. Rs. 75 crore
4. Rs. 100 crore

Answer – 4. Rs. 100 crore



Explanation :

This memorial park will have a multi-purpose convention Hall with a seating capacity of 3,000 persons, a Buddhist Dhyana Kendram (Meditation Hall), an open air theatre with a seating capacity of 2,000 people with facilities for conducting multi-media shows and Dr B R Ambedkar Memorial Library with his collected works and thoughts

79. To ease bad debt, RBI has come out with a revised PCA framework for banks which will be effective from April 1, 2017. What does abbreviation PCA stand for?

1. Punitive Corrective Action
2. Prompt Consolidation Action
3. Prompt Corrective Action
4. Punitive Consolidation Action

Answer - 3. Prompt Corrective Action

Explanation :

The PCA framework is based on certain risk thresholds, the breach of which could result into serious consequences such as merger with another bank or even closure of the bank. Financial reports of banks as on March 31, 2017 will be considered as reference to evaluate banks' condition vis-a-vis the thresholds.

80. Which mobile app has been launched by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for receiving feedback from the public directly on any given issue?

1. CM Sampark
2. Talk to CM
3. CM Connect
4. CM Chat

Answer – 3. CM Connect

Explanation :

On April 14, 2017, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched a new mobile app CM Connect, at Secretariat at Velagapudi near Vijaywada. This mobile app runs on Microsoft's Kaizala platform and will be useful

81. Mark Wainberg, who passed away on April 11, 2017, was a pioneer in:

1. HIV Research
2. Plastic Surgery

3. Developing Super Computers
4. Developing Smart Phones

Answer – **1. HIV Research**

Explanation :

Canadian researcher Mark Wainberg was a trailblazer in HIV/AIDS research. Wainberg was internationally recognized for his role in the discovery in 1989 of 3TC or Lamivudine, an anti-viral drug which is used in combination with other medications to treat infections caused by HIV.

82. **'Rongali Bihu' festival is celebrated in which state of India?**

1. West Bengal
2. Himachal Pradesh
3. Assam
4. Goa

Answer – **3. Assam**

Explanation :

On April 14, 2017, people of Assam ushered in celebrations for Rongali Bihu, the state's most colourful festival. Rongali or the Bohag (spring) Bihu starts on the last day of the Assamese calendar month of Chot

83. **Which among the following has become the first state to launch a special awareness drive to ensure that transgenders in the state register as voters in larger numbers?**

1. Telangana
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Uttarakhand
4. Maharashtra

Answer – **4. Maharashtra**

Explanation :

On April 15, 2017, the Maharashtra branch of the Election Commission of India (ECI) launched a special drive for this purpose. The ECI has prepared a two-and-a-half-minute film, slated to run in 400 theatres four times a day over the next week. The commission has also put up posters on two 12-rake locals asking transgenders to register as voters.

84. **Who among the following has received the 6th edition of M.S. Swaminathan Award?**

1. Dr. Rangarajan
2. Dr. Murlidhar
3. Dr. Chamling
4. Dr. Hanchinal

Answer – **4.Dr. Hanchinal**

Explanation :

The 6th edition of M.S. Swaminathan Award for honouring outstanding contribution in the field of agriculture has been given to Rayappa Ramappa Hanchinal – Chairperson of Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Authority. This award has been given to Dr. Hanchinal for his contributions and continuous efforts in areas of seed production technology, crop improvement for hot and very hot dry environments and intellectual protection rights in plant varieties.

85. **Who among the following has won the Men's Singles title at Singapore Open Badminton championship?**

- 1.K Srikanth
- 2.Manu Attri
- 3.Sai Praneeth
- 4.P Kashyap

Answer – **3.Sai Praneeth**

Explanation :

Promising Indian shuttler, Sai Praneeth clinched his maiden Super Series title at the Singapore Open after defeating compatriot K Srikanth. World No.30 Praneeth had won the Canada Open Grand Prix last year and reached the Syed Modi Grand Prix Gold final this year.

86. _____ from Italy, the last known survivor of 19th Century, passed away on April 15, 2017

- 1.Emma Morano
- 2.Sylvia Stallone
- 3.Kelly Barthalomew
- 4.Nicole Bristo

Answer – **1.Emma Morano**

Explanation :

Emma Morano, an Italian woman and the last survivor of the 19th Century died at the age of 117. Emma was born on 29th November, 1899 in northern Italy. According to Gerontology Research Group (GRG) the oldest person after Morano is Violet Brown, a Jamaican woman who turned 117 on March 10, 2017.

87. **Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu has flagged off the trial run of the new _____ coaches between Visakhapatnam and Araku**

- 1.Altadome coaches
- 2.Vistadome coaches
- 3.Transdome coaches

4. Prismdome coaches

Answer – **2. Vistadome coaches**

Explanation :

The specially-designed Vistadome air-conditioned coach, claimed to be a first-of-its-kind on Indian Railways, has large glass windows and an observation lounge that offer passengers a panoramic view of the sites along the rail route. The coach also has a glass-domed ceiling, automatic sliding doors and a multi-tier luggage rack.

88. Who among the following has won this year's TIME magazine's Readers' Poll of the 100 most influential people in the world?

1. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India
2. Donald Trump, President of US
3. Vladimir Putin, President of Russia
4. Rodrigo Duterte, President of Philippines

Answer – **4. Rodrigo Duterte, President of Philippines**

Explanation :

Duterte received 5% of total 'YES' votes in the Reader's Poll. Rodrigo Duterte is the 16th President of Philippines. On assuming charge in June 2016, he started a violent and aggressive anti-drug campaign which has claimed more than 8000 lives so far.

89. 'Sagarmatha Friendship 2017' is the first ever joint military exercise between which two Asian countries?

1. China and Bangladesh
2. Bangladesh and Nepal
3. India and Sri Lanka
4. China and Nepal

Answer – **4. China and Nepal**

Explanation :

On April 16, 2017, Nepal and China began their first-ever joint military exercise with a special focus on combating terror. The 10-day-long military drill "Sagarmatha Friendship 2017" will last till April 25, 2017. Sagarmatha is the Nepali name of Mt Everest, the world's highest peak.

90. As per World Bank report, the Indian economy is expected to grow at ____% in 2017

1. 7.2%
2. 7.5%
3. 7.8%
4. 8.1%



Answer – **1.7.2%**

Explanation :

As per the latest World Bank report, India's economic growth is expected to pick up speed from 6.8% in 2016 to 7.2% by 2017 after a modest setback due to weaker than expected investments and effects of withdrawal of large denomination bank notes.

91. EPFO (Employees Provident fund Organisation) has decided to reduce the interest rate on Provident Fund Deposits to _____% from 8.8%

1.8.65%

2.8.50%

3.8.35%

4.8.20%

Answer – **1.8.65%**

Explanation :

The Finance Ministry has permitted the Labour Ministry to go ahead with an 8.65 per cent rate of interest on employees' provident fund (EPF) for 2016-17. According to EPFO estimates, the fund will see a surplus after providing 8.65 per cent interest rate for the last fiscal.

92. Who among the following has won Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix?

1.Nico Rosberg

2.Sebastian Vettel

3.Lewis Haimlton

4.Daniel Ricciardo

Answer – **2.Sebastian Vettel**

Explanation :

Sebastian Vettel (Ferrari) has won Baharain Grand Prix by defeating Lewis Hamilton (Mercedes). The race was held at Baharain International circuit. Sebastian Vettel gets 7 point lead over Hamilton in the championship. It was Sebastian 3rd victory in Bahrain and the 44th of his career.

93. Which country has abolished its '457 Visa', a visa programme which is used largely by Indians?

1.Canada

2.New Zealand

3.UAE

4.Australia

Answer – **4.Australia**

Explanation :

Australia has abolished a visa programme used by over 95,000 temporary foreign workers, majority of them Indians, to tackle the growing unemployment in the country. The programme, known as 457 visa, allows business to employ foreign workers for a period up to four years in skilled jobs where there is a shortage of Australian workers. The programme will be replaced by another visa programme, with new restrictions.

94. Which among the following public sector undertaking (PSU) surpassed ONGC in terms of market capitalisation on April 18, 2017?

- 1.State Bank of India (SBI)
- 2.Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)
- 3.NTPC Ltd.
- 4.Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

Answer – **1.State Bank of India (SBI)**

Explanation :

State Bank of India (SBI) surpassed oil exploration major Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) to become most valued public sector undertaking (PSU) stock in terms of market capitalization (m-cap) in intra-day trade on April 18, 2017.

95. Which city will host the main event of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations on June 21, 2017?

- 1.Amritsar, Punjab
- 2.Karnal, Haryana
- 3.Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
- 4.Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Answer – **3.Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation :

Lucknow, has been finalised to host the main event of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) celebrations in which Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate. A team of Ayush Ministry officials visited Lucknow last week and shortlisted Ramabai Ambedkar Maidan, Baudh Vihar Shanti Upvan and Janeshwar Mishra Park as possible venues for the third edition of IDY

96. 'World Heritage Day' is celebrated on which date every year?

- 1.17th April
- 2.18th April
- 3.19th April
- 4.20th April

Answer – **B.18th April**

Explanation :

This day is celebrated to raise awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving various sites around the world that have achieved world heritage status. Theme of the World Heritage Day for 2017 is "Cultural Heritage & Sustainable Tourism".

97. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has inked a supervisory cooperation pact with the Central bank of which Asian country for information sharing?

1. Thailand
2. Bangladesh
3. Bhutan
4. Sri Lanka

Answer – **3. Bhutan**

Explanation :

A memorandum of understanding on Supervisory Cooperation and Exchange of Supervisory Information was signed by RBI Deputy Governor S S Mundra and Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan Deputy Governor Phajo Dorjee.

98. Union Cabinet has given its approval for procurement of VVPAT Units for use in the General Elections, 2019. Abbreviation VVPAT stands for:

1. Voter Validation Paper Audit Trail
2. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail
3. Voter Verifiable Paper Authentication Trail
4. Voter Validation Paper Authentication Trail

Answer – **2. Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail**

Explanation :

Govt. will purchase total 16,15,000 VVPAT units during 2017-18 and 2018-19. Tentative price of each unit is Rs. 19650/-. These units will be purchased from Bharat Electronics Ltd., Bangalore and Electronics Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad.

99. Which yojana has introduced by West Bengal Govt. that converging five separate beneficiary schemes for workers in unorganised sectors and self-employed people?

1. Kanyashree Yojana
2. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojna
3. Sarkari Yojana
4. Social Security Yojana

Answer – **4. Social Security Yojana**

Explanation :

Around 5 crore people will be benefitted with the introduction of Social Security Yojana with around 1 crore direct beneficiaries. People will be deriving more benefits with the introduction

of the new single scheme compared to that of the previous five different schemes.

100. **Uttar Pradesh State Govt. has decided to rename Agra airport as**

1. Subhash Chandra Bose Airport
2. Chandra Shekhar Azad Airport
3. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport
4. Bhagat Singh Airport

Answer – **3. Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Airport**

Explanation :

In a state cabinet meeting headed by CM Yogi Adityanath, a decision was taken to name the civil terminal being constructed in Gorakhpur Air Force Station after Maha Yogi Gorakhnathji. Likewise, Agra airport will now be named after Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya.

101. **India has ranked at _____ position in the 2017 A.T. Kearney Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index**

1. 8th position
2. 9th position
3. 10th position
4. 11th position

Answer – **1. 8th position**

Explanation :

India ranked at 8th position in the 2017 A.T. Kearney Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index. In 2016 edition of this index, India ranked at 9th position. US has topped A.T. Kearney Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Confidence Index for the fifth year in a row.

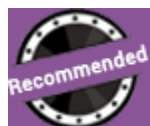
102. **Hindu youth from Pakistan, named _____ has been selected for the prestigious 'Emerging Young Leaders Award' given by the US State Department**

1. Mukesh Joshi
2. Sanjeev Gupta
3. Rohit Dubey
4. Raj Kumar

Answer – **4. Raj Kumar**

Explanation :

Raj Kumar, a Hindu youth from Pakistan has been selected for the prestigious 'Emerging Young Leaders Award' given by the US State Department for his positive role in building sustainable peace. This is the 2nd edition of 'Emerging Young Leaders Award'. Along with Raj Kumar, 9 other youngsters from Malta, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Algeria, Tajikistan, Belgium, Vietnam, Peru and Israel have also been chosen for this award.



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103. **Who among the following became the first cricketer to score 10,000 runs in T20 cricket?**

1. Virat Kohli
2. Brendon McCullum
3. Chris Gayle
4. AB de Villiers

Answer – **3. Chris Gayle**

Explanation :

Chris Gayle accomplished this feat while playing for Royal Challengers Bangalore against Gujarat Lions in an Indian Premier League (IPL), 2017 match. Before the start of the 2017 IPL, Gayle needed 63 runs to reach the 10,000 milestone

104. **Who among the following became the first visually impaired Indian runner to complete the historic Boston Marathon?**

1. Sagar Baheti
2. Utkarsh Maniar
3. Nachiket Desai
4. Ved Pandit

Answer – **1. Sagar Baheti**

Explanation :

Sagar Baheti completed a distance of 42.16 kilometres in just over four hours. The 31-year old runner finished the 121st Boston Marathon as one of 30000 runners. It was supported by the Massachusetts Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired (MABVI).

105. **"India Steel 2017", the 3rd edition of International Conference and Exhibition on Steel Industry was held from 19th-21st April, 2017 in which city?**

1. New Delhi
2. Mumbai
3. Varanasi
4. Visakhapatnam

Answer – **2. Mumbai**

Explanation :

This exhibition-cum-conference was organised by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI) along with Union Ministry of Steel. It was inaugurated by Union Steel Minister Chaudhary Birender Singh.

106. Which State Govt. has decided to provide accidental insurance cover to all residents of the state in the age group of 18 to 70 years?

- 1.Haryana
- 2.Gujarat
- 3.Madhya Pradesh
- 4.Karnataka

Answer – 1.Haryana

Explanation :

This decision was taken at the Cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. The insurance would be provided under the 'Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana' (PMSBY) scheme for which the premium would be reimbursed by the state government.

107. Which Asian country will host this year's 'UN Day of Vesak' celebrations on May 12, 2017?

- 1.Thailand
- 2.Sri Lanka
- 3.Bhutan
- 4.Nepal

Answer – 2.Sri Lanka

Explanation :

This year, the UN Day of Vesak celebration would be held in Sri Lanka for the first time after 13 years since the first UN Day of Vesak was held in Thailand in 2004. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 14th United Nations Day of Vesak celebration in Sri Lanka on May 12, 2017 under the theme 'Buddha's Teachings, Social Justice and Sustainable World Peace'.

108. How much contribution has been made by India to the UN programme for helping countries to hold elections and develop their electoral systems?

- 1.\$250000
- 2.\$500000
- 3.\$750000
- 4.\$1000000

Answer – 1.\$250000

Explanation :

This is the second Indian contribution of \$250,000 to the programmes for electoral assistance and capacity building. The first was made in 2012. Through the Election Assistance Division set up in 1991, the UN has helped over 100 countries with their elections.

109. **UNESCO has awarded Peace Prize to Giuseppina (Giusi) Nicolini, the mayor of the _____ island of Lampedusa**

1. French
2. Spanish
3. Italian
4. German

Answer – **3. Italian**

Explanation :

Giuseppina (Giusi) Nicolini has been awarded the Peace Prize for her effort that saved thousands who fled across the Mediterranean often on unseaworthy boats to find a better and peaceful life.

110. **Which among the following will be featured as a full sport at the 2022 Asian Games?**

1. Rubik's Cube Game
2. Robot games
3. Video Gaming
4. Water Polo

Answer – **3. Video Gaming**

Explanation :

Video gaming will be featured as a full sport at the 2022 Asian Games, with competitors in electronic sports set to receive medals for their digital prowess. The Olympic Council of Asia says it will introduce e-sports to the official program of the Asian Games at Hangzhou, China. It will also be a demonstration sport at the 2018 Asian Games in Palembang, Indonesia.

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112. **Supreme Court has stated that _____% of ex-husband's net salary might constitute a 'just and proper' amount as alimony**

- 1.25%
- 2.28%
- 3.31%
- 4.34%

Answer –**1.25%**

Explanation :

Setting a benchmark for maintenance paid to women by former husbands after divorce, Supreme Court has said that a woman can claim 25% of the former husband's net salary as alimony.

113. **National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) conducted a first-of-its-kind State-level mock exercise on forest fire in which state?**

- 1.Himachal Pradesh
- 2.Uttarakhand
- 3.Karnataka
- 4.Madhya Pradesh

Answer –**2.Uttarakhand**

Explanation :

The mock exercise, aimed at assessing the efficacy of integrating the preparedness and response mechanisms of the forest department with those of the district administration, has been conducted in collaboration with the Uttarakhand State Government.

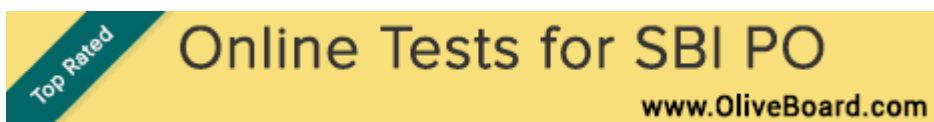
114. **On April 20, 2017, Reserve Bank of India (RBI), announced signing of an MoU on "Supervisory Cooperation and Exchange of Supervisory Information" with central bank of which South American country?**

- 1.Guyana
- 2.Venezuela
- 3.Peru
- 4.Chile

Answer –**1.Guyana**

Explanation :

The MoU was signed by Dr Gobind N. Ganga, Governor on behalf of Bank of Guyana and Dr Urjit R. Patel, Governor on behalf of Reserve Bank of India. Earlier, RBI had signed 40 such MoUs, one Letter for Supervisory Co-operation and one Statement of Co-operation.



115. Which among the following Non-Banking Finance Company(NBFC)has converted itself to Small Finance Bank?

- 1.KT Financiers
- 2.Au Financiers
- 3.BK Financiers
- 4.Ru Financiers

Answer –2.Au Financiers

Explanation :

Au Financiers has converted itself to Small Finance Bank from a Non-Banking Finance Company (NBFC) and has changed its name to Au Small Finance Bank. Au started as a NBFC and was engaged in business of commercial and personal vehicle loans, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) loans and SME loans serving primarily low and middle income, under-served and unreached customer segment.

116. Which payments bank entity will help NABARD to digitise rural banks across 5 states?

- 1.Airtel Payments Bank
- 2.India Post Payments Bank
- 3.Fino Paytech
- 4.Aditya Birla Idea Payments Bank

Answer –3.Fino Paytech

Explanation :

Payments Technology Company and soon-to-be-launched payments bank Fino Paytech will facilitate NABARD to help the rural bank digitization drive in the states of Haryana, MP, Bihar, Gujarat and Maharashtra. Fino will provide over 5000 Aadhaar enabled micro ATMs and financial inclusion gateway services to district central cooperative (DCC) banks and Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) across these states.

117. India has signed an Inter-governmental Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Defence Industry Co-operation in Shipbuilding with which country?

- 1.Indonesia
- 2.Philippines
- 3.Vietnam
- 4.Republic of Korea (RoK)

Answer – 4.Repulic of Korea (RoK)

Explanation :

The MoU will help the Make in India initiative of the Government of India. The MoU was signed by Secretary (Defence Production), Shri Ashok Kumar Gupta from the Indian side and Minister of Defence Acquisition and Programme Administration (DAPA), Mr. Chang Myoung-Jin from the RoK side.

118. Who among the following will receive 75th Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Award on April 24, 2017?

1. Actor Aamir Khan and Former Cricketer Kapil Dev
2. Actor Shah Rukh Khan and Former Cricketer Sunil Gavaskar
3. Actor Salman Khan and Former Cricketer Rahul Dravid
4. Actor Ranbir Kapoor and Former Cricketer Sourav Ganguly

Answer – 1. Actor Aamir Khan and Former Cricketer Kapil Dev

Explanation :

Actor Aamir Khan and cricket icon Kapil Dev will receive the 75th Master Dinanath Mangeshkar Awards, at a ceremony on April 24, 2017. Khan will be honoured with the Vishesh Puraskar for Best Film 'Dangal', while Kapil Dev will be honoured for his outstanding contribution to Indian Cricket.

119. Which airlines has become the first to sign up to a new service that will track its airplanes anywhere in the world using orbiting satellites?

1. Lufthansa
2. Cathay Pacific
3. Malaysia Airlines
4. British Airways

Answer – 3. Malaysia Airlines

Explanation :

Malaysia Airlines, which lost a wide-body jet with 239 people aboard three years ago, has become the first airline to sign an agreement for space-based flight tracking of its aircrafts. Malaysia Airlines reached a deal with Aireon LLC, SITAONAIR and FlightAware LLC to enable it to monitor the flight paths of its aircraft anywhere in the world including over the Polar Regions and the most remote oceans.

120. 'UN Chinese Language Day' is observed on which date every year?

1. 16th April
2. 17th April
3. 18th April
4. 20th April

Answer – 4. 20th April

Explanation :

The UN Chinese Language Day has been observed annually on April 20 since 2010 to celebrate the language's overall contribution to the world and encourage more people to take it up. This year's celebration includes a calligraphy exhibition by Pang Zhonghua, a well-known pioneer of hard nib calligraphy in China, martial art performances and a showcase of cultural customs of the Qiang ethnic group mainly living in China's south-western province of Sichuan.

121. In which state First India Indonesia Energy Forum was held on April 20, 2017

1. New Delhi, India
2. Mumbai, India
3. Bengaluru, India
4. Jakarta, Indonesia

Answer – 4. Jakarta, Indonesia

Explanation :

Mr. Piyush Goyal – Union Minister of State (IC) for Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines and Mr. Ignasius Jonan – Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources of Indonesia took part in this forum.

122. Gwadar Port is situated in which Asian country?

1. Iran
2. Bangladesh
3. Pakistan
4. Sri Lanka

Answer – 3. Pakistan

Explanation :

A state-run Chinese company will handle the operations of Pakistan's strategic Gwadar port for a period of 40 years. Gwadar forms the southern Pakistan hub of the USD 57 billion China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) infrastructure and energy project that China announced in 2014.

123. Which among the following has regained its status as India's most valued firm in terms of market capitalization?

1. Reliance Industries
2. State Bank of India
3. ONGC
4. Sun Pharma

Answer – 1. Reliance Industries

Explanation :

On April 21, 2017, Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries regained its status as India's most valued firm in terms of market capitalisation by overtaking Tata Group's crown jewel TCS. Shares of RIL were trading 3.43 per cent higher at Rs 1,416.40 on BSE , giving the company a market capitalisation (m-cap) of Rs 4,60,291.20 crore — the highest for any listed firm in the country.

124. **ASEAN-India Business Forum (AIBF) was held on April 21, 2017 in_____**

- 1.Thailand
- 2.Philippines
- 3.Singapore
- 4.Cambodia

Answer – **3.Singapore**

Explanation :

International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, a statutory board under Singapore Govt.'s Ministry of Trade and Industry organised the ASEAN-India Business Forum (AIBF) on April 21, 2017. The AIBF will bring together Government and Business Leaders from ASEAN and India to discuss the outlook and opportunities of these markets.

125. _____, **the first woman doctor from Indore has received the Padma Shri**

Award at her home

- 1.Dr. Vibha Sharma
- 2.Dr Bhakti Yadav
- 3.Dr. Sheela Jain
- 4.Dr. Nisha Bhatnagar

Answer – **2.Dr Bhakti Yadav**

Explanation :

91 year old gynaecologist Dr Bhakti Yadav, the first woman doctor from Indore has received the Padma Shri Award at her home. The award was handed over to her by district collector P Narahari in presence of Madhya Pradesh Cabinet Minister Jayant Malaiyya and Mayor Malini Gaud. Dr. Yadav could not attend the award ceremony in New Delhi on April 13, 2017 due to health issues.

126. **Five prominent Madhesi parties in Nepal have united to form a new party named:**

- 1.Rashtriya Janata Party
- 2.Madhesi Janata Party
- 3.Madheki Kalyan Party
- 4.Madhesi National Party

Answer – **1.Rashtriya Janata Party**

Explanation :

Five Madhesi parties in Nepal have announced their unification ahead of local government bodies polls slated for May 14, 2017, becoming the fifth largest party in Nepal's Parliament. The parties reportedly decided to unite after realising that "scattered forces could not give political strength".

127. Who has been appointed as Badminton Association of India's interim President?

1. Tokheho Sangtam
2. Mithil Barua
3. Himanta Biswa Sarma
4. Kipili Nicky Kire

Answer – **3. Himanta Biswa Sarma**

Explanation :

BJP leader and Assam Badminton Association President Himanta Biswa Sarma has been appointed Badminton Association of India's interim President during its executive council meeting. Himanta Biswa Sarma has been unanimously given the charge to become the acting president till the next elections in 2018.

128. Which state has been selected for Krishi Karman Award 2015-16 for highest production of wheat?

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Punjab
4. Haryana

Answer – **2. Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation :

Madhya Pradesh has been selected for this award fifth time in a row. Tamil Nadu has been chosen for Krishi Karman award 2015-16 in Category I – where food grains production is higher than 10 million tonnes. Himachal Pradesh has been chosen for Krishi Karman award 2015-16 in Category II – where food grains production is between 1 – 10 million tonnes. Tripura has been chosen for Krishi Karman award 2015-16 in Category III – where food grains production is lesser 1 million tonnes.

129. _____ has become second state after Telangana to ratify Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, 2017

1. Jharkhand
2. Bihar
3. Chhattisgarh
4. Sikkim



Answer – **2.Bihar**

Explanation :

On April 24, 2017, both the Houses of Bihar Legislature unanimously adopted the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Bill, becoming the second state after Telangana to pave the way for roll out of the GST from July 1, 2017.

130. Asia's largest Baptist Church has been inaugurated in which state of India?

1. West Bengal
2. Goa
3. Sikkim
4. Nagaland

Answer – **4.Nagaland**

Explanation :

Dubbed as Asia's largest Baptist Church and Asia's second largest Church, the new Sumi Baptist Church Zunheboto (SBCZ) is now open for public. Standing at the height of 1864.9 m above the sea level, this colossal structure has a height of 166'ft, length of 203'ft and breadth of 153'ft with a total plinth area of 23,73,476 sq.ft and seating capacity of 8500 seats.

131. Who among the following has broken the record for 'most days in space by a US astronaut'?

1. Laura Carter
2. Peggy Whitson
3. Linda Smith
4. Nikki Pence

Answer – **2.Peggy Whitson**

Explanation :

Dr Whitson already holds records for the most spacewalks carried out by a woman astronaut and is the first woman to command the International Space Station (ISS) twice. Now she's beaten the record previously set by Jeff Williams, who had a total of 534 days in space.

132. First tranche of Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme for the year 2017-18 has opened for subscription from April 24, 2017. It has been priced at Rs. _____ per gm

1. Rs. 2701 per gm
2. Rs. 2801 per gm
3. Rs. 2901 per gm

4.Rs. 3001 per gm

Answer – **3.Rs 2901 per gm**

Explanation :

The Sovereign Gold Bonds Scheme was first announced in Union Budget 2015-16.

Consequently, the first tranche was issued in November 2015. Till date, seven tranches of SGBs have been issued and as a result 6,410 kg of gold has been mobilised.

133. Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) has signed an agreement with which public sector bank to provide loans at a concessional rate to builders as well as customers for affordable housing projects?

1.Bank of Baroda

2.Corporation Bank

3.Syndicate Bank

4.State Bank of India

Answer – **4.State Bank of India**

Explanation :

SBI and CREDAI have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to collaborate and work towards the development of the real estate sector, specifically through the affordable housing and green housing projects. The duration of the agreement is for a period of three years.

134. India has replaced _____ as the world's second-largest importer of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG)

1.Japan

2.France

3.Germany

4.South Korea

Answer – **1.Japan**

Explanation :

Import of LPG, which is mostly used as cooking fuel in India, during 2016 -17 was 11 Million Tonnes. This marks a growth of 23% as compared to previous year. During the same period Japan imported 10.6 million tonnes LPG, marking a 3.2% reduction as compared to previous year

135. Which country has decided to import Indian Mangoes for the first time?

1.Canada

2.Australia

3.New Zealand

4.Spain

Answer – **2.Australia**

Explanation :

Indian mangoes will be imported to Australia for the first time after protocols were revised to allow the Asian-grown fruit into the local economy. The fruit would be allowed into Australia as long as they were treated with irradiation before leaving India.

136. Who among the following has been announced as one of the six winners of 2017 Goldman Environmental Prize?

1. Madhukar Gupta
2. Prafulla Samantra
3. Vivekanand Panda
4. Trinath Behra

Answer – **2. Prafulla Samantra**

Explanation :

The Goldman Environmental Prize website describes Prafulla Samantra as “An iconic leader of social justice movements in India, who led a historic 12-year legal battle that affirmed the indigenous Dongria Kondh’s land rights and protected the Niyamgiri Hills from a massive, open-pit aluminium ore mine.”

137. Who among the following has won the Men’s Singles title at Monte Carlo Masters Tennis tournament?

1. Novak Djokovic
2. Rafael Nadal
3. Stan Wawrinka
4. Roger Federer

Answer – **2. Rafael Nadal**

Explanation :

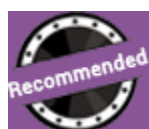
Rafael Nadal captured an incredible 10th Monte-Carlo Rolex Masters crown by beating fellow Spaniard Albert Ramos-Vinolas. The victory also sees Nadal clinch his 50th clay-court crown, breaking the record he shared with Guillermo Vilas since 24 April 2016.

138. ‘National Panchayati Raj Day’ is celebrated by Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj on which date every year?

1. 22nd April
2. 23rd April
3. 24th April
4. 25th April

Answer – **3. 24th April**

‘National Panchayati Raj Day’ marks the passing of the Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 that came into force with effect from 24 April 1993. Every year on this day Union



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Ministry of Panchayati Raj organises National Conference to commemorate the National Panchayati Raj Diwas.C

139. Mumbai Port Trust has announced plans to construct India's first sea ropeway to connect Mumbai mainland with

- 1.Elephanta Island
- 2.Butcher Island
- 3.Cross Island
- 4.Salsette Island

Answer – 1.Elephanta Island

Explanation :

The 8-km long ropeway connecting Elephanta Island with Mumbai will begin from Sewri (Eastern Edge of South Mumbai). As of now, Elephanta Island is accessible only by ferries which take around 60 minutes to cover the distance of 10 km starting from Gateway of India. One-way ride through ropeway will take about 40 minutes.

140. Central Govt. has submitted an expert panel report in the Supreme Court which suggests tagging of _____ with Aadhar-like unique identification (UID)number in order to ensure better protection.

- 1.Tigers
- 2.Lions
- 3.Elephants
- 4.Cows

Answer – 4.Cows

Explanation :

The proposed UID number for cattle will record important information such as age, breed, sex, lactation, height, body, colour, horn type, tail switch and special marks details of the animal. The report was submitted before a bench comprising Chief Justice of India JS Khehar and Justice DY Chandrachud. It was prepared by a committee headed by the joint secretary of the home ministry.

141. Varuna', which began on April 24, 2017, is a bilateral naval exercise between India and:

- 1.UK
- 2.Portugal
- 3.Japan

4. France

Answer – **4. France**

Explanation :

India and France began their week-long bilateral naval exercise Varuna in France's Toulon port. The Indian contingent comprises Indian Naval Ships Mumbai, Trishul and Aditya, part of Indian Navy's Overseas Deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the west coast of Africa, and part of an anti-piracy operation in the Gulf of Aden.

142. Who will be conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award on May 3, 2017?

1. Kasinathuni Viswanath

2. S S Rajamouli

3. Sanjay Leela Bhansali

4. Mani Ratnam

Answer – **1. Kasinathuni Viswanath**

Explanation :

Renowned film director and actor Kasinathuni Viswanath will be conferred the Dadasaheb Phalke Award – India's highest award in cinema. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award committee had recommended Kasinathuni Viswanath's name, which was approved by M. Venkaiah Naidu – Union Information and Broadcasting Minister.

143. Northeast India's largest Information Technology (IT) hub has been inaugurated in which city?

1. Gangtok, Sikkim

2. Guwahati, Assam

3. Agartala, Tripura

4. Imphal, Manipur

Answer – **3. Agartala, Tripura**

Explanation :

Northeast India's largest Information Technology (IT) hub has been inaugurated in Tripura's capital city Agartala on April 24, 2017. It is the sixth IT hub in the Northeast region. This IT hub has been set up at a cost of Rs. 50 crore and with the help of technical knowledge shared by STPI, under the union Ministry of Electronic and Information Technology.

144. On April 25, 2017, NASA successfully launched its heavy-lift super pressure balloon (SPB) from:

1. Maldives

2. Australia

3. New Zealand

4. Fiji

Answer – **3.New Zealand**

Explanation :

NASA successfully launched its football-stadium-sized, heavy-lift super pressure balloon (SPB) from Wanaka, New Zealand on Tuesday, April 25, 2017. The objective is to detect ultra-high energy cosmic rays from beyond our galaxy as they penetrate the Earth's atmosphere. As these high-energy particles enter the atmosphere, they interact with nitrogen molecules in the air and create a UV fluorescence light.

145. 101-year-old athlete _____has won Gold Medal for 100 metres sprintat the World Masters Games in Auckland on April 24, 2017

- 1.Satvinder Kaur
- 2.Man Kaur
- 3.Barinder Kaur
- 4.Vibha Makhija

Answer – **2.Man Kaur**

Explanation :

Man Kaur took up athletics eight years ago, at the age of 93. She had no prior sporting experience. Her son Gurdev Singh suggested that she should join him in competing on the international masters games circuit. After a medical check-up, she was declared fit for athletics.

146. What was the 2017 theme of 'World Intellectual Property Day (WIP)', celebrated on April 26, 2017?

- 1."Innovation for Sustainable Development"
- 2."Innovation – Improving Lives"
- 3."Protecting the Rights of Innovators"
- 4."Innovation for Inclusive Growth"
- 5."Innovation – Towards Green Future"

Answer – **2."Innovation – Improving Lives"**

Explanation :

World Intellectual Property Day is celebrated to learn about the role that intellectual property rights (patents, trademarks, industrial designs, copyright) play in encouraging innovation and creativity. This year's theme explores how innovation is making our lives healthier, safer, and more comfortable, turning problems into progress.

147. Which country will host 18th World Road Meeting(WRM 2017) on November 13, 2017?

- 1.India
- 2.China

3. Brazil

4. Russia

Answer – **1. India**

Explanation :

The WRM, the biggest global platform for road engineers, safety and transport experts and companies engaged in road safety products, will be attended by over 4,000 delegates from across the world. The theme of this year's edition is 'Safe Roads and Smart Mobility: The Engines of Economic Growth'.

148. G-20 Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Meeting was held on 21 April, 2017 in:

1. Paris, France

2. London, UK

3. Berlin, Germany

4. Washington D.C., US

Answer – **4. Washington D.C., US**

Explanation :

Finance Minister Arun Jaitley was on an official visit to United States from 21st to 25th April 2017. On April 21, 2017, Finance Minister Arun Jaitley along with Mr. Urjit Patel and Mr. Shaktikanta Das attended the G-20 Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Meeting in Washington D.C.

149. Which private sector bank has announced a tie-up with Paisabazaar.com under which the bank will offer conditionally approved loans to the latter's existing customers?

1. ICICI Bank

2. HDFC Bank

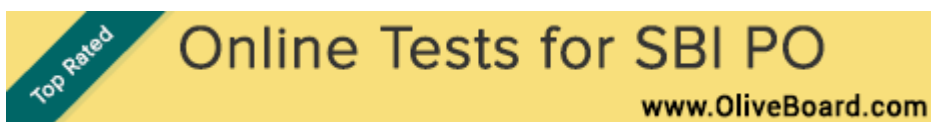
3. Yes Bank

4. Axis Bank

Answer – **3. Yes Bank**

Explanation :

As part of the partnership, Yes bank will help Paisabazaar.com through its advanced analytics and data mining capabilities to offer customers of the financial marketplace with customised and conditionally approved offers across retail lending products.



150. **India has won how many medals at US Open Karate Championship held in Las Vegas?**

1. 4 medals
2. 8 medals
3. 12 medals
4. 16 medals

Answer – **4.16 medals**

Explanation :

India finished with a rich haul of three gold, two silver and 11 bronze medals at the US Open Karate Championship held in Las Vegas. Shaifali Agarwal, Abhishek Sengupta won a gold medal, a silver in two different individual events. India also won a gold medal in the team event.

151. **Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar has been appointed to the post of:**

1. Director General, Border Security Force
2. Director General, Central Bureau of Investigation
3. Director General, National Security Guard
4. Director General, Central Reserve Police Force

Answer – **4. Director General, Central Reserve Police Force**

Explanation :

Mr. Rajiv Rai Bhatnagar, IPS officer 1983 batch – Uttar Pradesh Cadre, who is currently serving as Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau has been appointed to the post of Director General, Central Reserve Police Force. He will serve up to December 31, 2019.

152. **On April 26, 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged-off first UDAN flight from _____ to _____ under the Regional Connectivity Scheme (RCS)**

1. Shimla – Delhi
2. Shimla – Mumbai
3. Shimla – Kolkata
4. Amritsar – Mumbai

Answer – **1. Shimla – Delhi**

Explanation :

PM Modi also flagged off UDAN flights from Kadapa (Andhra Pradesh) to Hyderabad and Nanded (Maharashtra) to Hyderabad through video conferencing link. While flagging-off the Shimla-Delhi flight from Shimla Airport, PM Modi mentioned that UDAN flights will start operating from 70 airports across India in next one year.

153. **Which among the following has become the first country to open an honorary consulate office in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)?**

1. Austria
2. Spain
3. Norway
4. Belgium

Answer – **4. Belgium**

Explanation :

Besides the Belgian Embassy in New Delhi, two Consulates-General in Mumbai and Chennai, and an honorary consulate in Kolkata, Belgium has expanded its diplomatic representation in India with this new office in Gandhinagar.

154. **India ranks _____ among 180 countries in the 2017 'World Press Freedom Index 'released by Reporters Sans Frontières (RSF) also known as Reporters Without Borders**

1. 121st
2. 126th
3. 131st
4. 136th

Answer – **4. 136th**

Explanation :

As mentioned in the index report, India's dismal performance has been attributed to self-censorship which journalists have imposed upon themselves, as they fear that their opinion will be misinterpreted by radical nationalists and consequentially they will be subjected to physical threats and prosecution.

155. **RBI will soon put into circulation new Rs 5 coins to celebrate 150th anniversary of:**

1. Chennai High Court
2. Delhi High Court
3. Kolkata High Court
4. Allahabad High Court

Answer – **4. Allahabad High Court**

Explanation :

The new Rs 5 coin's face will bear an image depicting centre facade of Allahabad High Court Building emerging from the book. The Reserve Bank of India will also put into circulation new Rs 10 coins that have been minted to commemorate 125th year of National Archives of India. On the design of new Rs 10 coin, on the reverse of the coin, there will be an image of National Archives Building in the centre with inscription '125 YEARS' below the

image.

156. **Who among the following has been crowned Miss Teen Universe 2017?**

1. Aayushi Mehta
2. Sriti Kumar
3. Neha Burman
4. Srishti Kaur

Answer – **4. Srishti Kaur**

Explanation :

Srishti Kaur, a resident of Noida, was crowned Miss Teen Universe 2017 after beating 25 contestants from around the world at the annual beauty pageant. The event was held at Managua, the capital of Central American country Nicaragua.

157. **Veteran Bollywood actor, Vinod Khanna, who passed away on April 27, 2017 was the sitting Member of Lok Sabha from _____ constituency**

1. Bathinda, Punjab
2. Patiala, Punjab
3. Ludhiana, Punjab
4. Gurdaspur, Punjab

Answer – **4. Gurdaspur, Punjab**

Explanation :

Vinod Khanna had starred in more than 100 films in a career spanning over five decades. At the height of his popularity, Khanna surprised his fans when he took a break from acting for five years to join Osho Rajneesh at his ashram in Pune in 1982. But he returned to cinema in the late eighties, and courted success again with films such as "Insaaf" and "Satyameva Jayate". He was last seen in the Shah Rukh Khan-starrer "Dilwale" in 2015.

158. **India's first ever transgender sports meet was held in which state?**

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Maharashtra
3. Tamil Nadu
4. Kerala

Answer – **4. Kerala**

Explanation :

More than 130 athletes belonging to the third sex participated in six disciplines in the first ever sports meet for transgenders held in Thiruvananthapuram on April 28, 2017. It was organised by Sexual and Gender Minority, an organisation working for the uplift of third sex.

159. India's first book village will be inaugurated in _____, Maharashtra

1. Andharwadi
2. Bhilar
3. Beldari
4. Chikhali

Answer – **2. Bhilar**

Explanation :

Bhilar, a hamlet in Satara district of Maharashtra, popular for its strawberries is all set to embrace the tag of India's first 'village of books', a concept inspired by Britain's Hay-on-Wye, a Welsh town known for its book stores and literature festivals. It will be inaugurated by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on May 4, 2017.

160. A small panchayat ward in _____ became India's first digitalised panchayat ward

1. Telangana
2. Punjab
3. Rajasthan
4. Kerala

Answer – **4. Kerala**

Explanation :

Union minister of state for social justice and empowerment Krishan Pal Gurjar has inaugurated the website of the first digitalised panchayat ward number 15 of Aymanam grama panchayat in Kottayam district of Kerala.

161. Yusra Mardini has been appointed as the new Goodwill Ambassador of:

1. UNESCO
2. UNICEF
3. UNHCR
4. Amnesty International

Answer – **3. UNHCR**

Explanation :

Yusra Mardini, a Syrian woman who helped save a boat carrying fellow refugees, has been appointed by the UN agency for refugees as its new Goodwill Ambassador. The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said Mardini's actions saved the lives of 20 refugees who were fleeing the Syrian capital, Damascus.



162. Which among the following Indian Coast Guard Ship was decommissioned on April 28, 2017?

1. ICGS Varuna
2. ICGS Veera
3. ICGS Vivek
4. ICGS Varad

Answer – **4. ICGS Varad**

Explanation :

On April 28, 2017, Indian Coast Guard ship, ICGS Varad, the eighth in the Vikram-class offshore patrol vessel, was decommissioned at Chennai Port. ICGS Varad was in service for 27 years. It was formally commissioned on July 19, 1990.

163. What was the theme of 'World Immunization Week 2017' observed from 24-30 April 2017?

1. 'Inclusive Immunisation'
2. 'NextGen Immunisation'
3. 'Widening Vaccine Delivery'
4. 'Vaccines Work'

Answer – **4. 'Vaccines Work'**

Explanation :

World Immunization Week 2017 was observed across the globe between 24 April and 30 April 2017. The theme for the 2017 World Immunization Week was 'Vaccines Work'. Its objective is to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals and raise awareness about the critical importance of full immunization throughout life.

164. Ilir Meta has been elected as President of which country?

1. Greece
2. Montenegro
3. Albania
4. Georgia

Answer – **3. Albania**

Explanation :

With the support of the center-left majority, the speaker of Albania's parliament, former premier Ilir Meta, was elected President of Albania on April 28, 2017 amid an opposition boycott. Meta received 87 votes in favour and two against in the 140-seat assembly.

165. On April 28, 2017, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said that all the existing asset reconstruction companies (ARCs) must have a minimum Net Owned Fund (NOF) of Rs _____ crore by March 2019

1. Rs. 25 Crore
2. Rs. 50 Crore
3. Rs. 100 Crore
4. Rs. 125 Crore

Answer – 3. Rs. 100 Crore

Explanation :

Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs) buy out non-performing assets (NPAs) and manages it to make it profitable. In the current scenario, Central Govt. and RBI are envisaging an important role for ARCs in dealing with stressed assets in the system.

166. Global Mobile Internet Conference (GMIC) 2017 was held on April 27, 2017 in:

1. Moscow, Russia
2. Durban, South Africa
3. Bangkok, Thailand
4. Beijing, China

Answer – 4. Beijing, China

Explanation :

The Global Mobile Internet Conference (GMIC), organized by the Great Wall Association (GWA) was held from 27th April to the 29th April 2017 at the China National Convention Center (CNCC) in Beijing, China.

167. India's first electric taxi project will be launched in _____ on May 24, 2017

1. Nagpur
2. Jaipur
3. Varanasi
4. Kolkata

Answer – 1. Nagpur

Explanation :

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has said that India's first electric taxi project will be launched in Nagpur on 24 May, 2017. Auto manufacturer Mahindra and Mahindra will be providing 200 taxis for the project.

168. Who among the following became the first Indian actor to deliver TED speech in Vancouver, Canada?

1. Salman Khan
2. Ranbir Kapoor

3. Ranveer Singh
4. Shah Rukh Khan

Answer – **4. Shah Rukh Khan**

Explanation :

Shah Rukh Khan partnered with TED to host the Hindi version of the famous talk show. He spoke out on various issues beginning from his stardom to the changes in the world. Shah Rukh has also delivered some motivational and inspirational speeches earlier when he was conferred with honorary doctorate from the University of Edinburgh and Hyderabad Maulana Azad National Urdu University.

169. Union Cabinet has decided to impose a ban on the use of red beacons at top vehicles of government officials and VIPs. This rule will be effective from:

1. September 1, 2017
2. August 1, 2017
3. July 1, 2017
4. May 1, 2017

Answer – **4. May 1, 2017**

The ban also applies to vehicles of Prime Minister, President, Vice-President, Chief Justice of India, Chief Ministers of States, Central and State Cabinet ministers, Judges of High Courts and Supreme Court and all bureaucrats. Beacons will be allowed only for emergency vehicles viz. ambulances and fire brigades as well as for police and army vehicles.

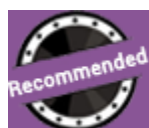
170. Which Central American country became the first country in the world to ban metal mining?

1. Honduras
2. Costa Rica
3. Guatemala
4. El Salvador

Answer – **4. El Salvador**

Explanation :

The El Salvador legislature passed the ban with support from a broad union. The law entered into force after being signed by President Salvador Sanchez Ceren. The law bans "prospection, exploration, exploitation, extraction or processing of metallic minerals in El Salvador.



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