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1. **Nicos Anastasiades, who was on an official visit to India in April 2017, is the President of:**

1. Cyprus
2. Belgium
3. Austria
4. Sweden
5. Finland

Answer - **1. Cyprus**

**Explanation :**

Nicos Anastasiades, the President of Cyprus was on an official visit to India from 25-30 April 2017. He held delegation level talks with Indian President Pranab Mukherjee, Vice-President Hamid Ansari, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj.

2. **Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a commemorative stamp on the \_\_\_\_\_ birth anniversary of Saint Ramanujacharya on May 1, 2017 in New Delhi**

1. 800<sup>th</sup>
2. 900<sup>th</sup>
3. 1000<sup>th</sup>
4. 1100<sup>th</sup>
5. 1200<sup>th</sup>

Answer - **3. 1000<sup>th</sup>**

**Explanation :**

The central message of Saint Ramanujacharya's life was inclusive society, religion and philosophy. Ramanujacharya saw manifestation of God in human beings and saw all devotees of God as equal.

3. **Which state became first Indian state to use Automated Weather Stations?**

1. Gujarat
2. Maharashtra
3. Uttar Pradesh
4. Uttarakhand
5. Odisha

Answer - **2. Maharashtra**

**Explanation :**

Maharashtra Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis has inaugurated the state's first automatic weather station at Dongargaon in Nagpur. The state government will install 2,065 weather stations across the state on a public private partnership (PPP) mode in 2017 and 1000 in next year.

4. **Who among the following has been chosen for the prestigious Indian National Science Academy (INSA) medal for the Young Scientist Award for the year 2017?**

1. Sanjay Pratihari
2. Naresh Lodha

3. Murari Tripathi
4. Prateek Desai
5. Sanket Joshi

Answer - **1. Sanjay Pratihari**

**Explanation :**

Dr. Sanjay Pratihari of Department of Chemical Sciences, Tezpur University, has been awarded the prestigious Indian National Science Academy (INSA) Medal for Young Scientist Award for the year 2017, for his excellent contribution to multi-metal complexes, theoretical understanding, selective sensing of Hg<sup>2+</sup> ions and important applications in agriculture.

**5. Which tennis player has won the Barcelona Open title for a record 10th time?**

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

Answer - **2. Rafael Nadal**

**Explanation :**

On April 30, 2017, Spanish professional tennis player, Rafael Nadal beat Dominic Thiem of Austria in the final to win the Barcelona Open for a record 10th time. This victory also marked Nadal's 71st tournament win in his career.

**6. Every year, 'World Asthma Day' is observed on:**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> May
2. 1<sup>st</sup> May
3. First Sunday of May
4. First Monday of May
5. First Tuesday of May

Answer - **5. First Tuesday of May**

**Explanation :**

World Asthma Day is an annual event organized by the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) to improve asthma awareness and care around the world. World Asthma Day takes place on the first Tuesday of May.

**7. Who among the following has been selected for the 'Transformative Chief Minister Award' in recognition for his role in advancing the US-India partnership at the state level?**

1. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu
2. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani
3. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis
4. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
5. Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal

Answer - **1. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu**

**Explanation :**

The award by the US-India Business Council would be presented to Naidu during the USIBC West Coast Summit in the Silicon Valley on May 8, 2017. The summit will convene 150 industry leaders from sectors such as information technology, banking, food processing, healthcare, clean energy, digital payments and manufacturing.

8. **On May 1, 2017, India's second tallest flag pole was inaugurated in which district of Maharashtra?**

1. Jalna
2. Dhule
3. Aurangabad
4. Kolhapur
5. Ahmednagar

Answer - **4. Kolhapur**

**Explanation :**

300-foot flag post, said to be the country's second-tallest, was inaugurated at Kolhapur in western Maharashtra on May 1, 2017. State revenue minister and district guardian minister Chandrakant Patil inaugurated the flag post installed in Police Garden, located opposite the office of Kolhapur Superintendent of Police, by hoisting the tricolour on the occasion of Maharashtra Day.

9. **Which State Government has launched ambulance service for injured and ill cows?**

1. Uttar Pradesh
2. Maharashtra
3. Gujarat
4. Rajasthan
5. Bihar

Answer - **1. Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

Uttar Pradesh Government has started an ambulance service for cows. The 'Gauvansh Chikitsa Mobile Vans' service was flagged by Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on May 2, 2017. The ambulance will rescue injured and ill cows and then take them to 'gau shalas' or a veterinary clinic for treatment.

10. **Reserve Bank of India has fixed the rate of interest on the Floating Rate Bonds, 2024 (FRB 2024) for the half year May 7, 2017 to November 6, 2017 at:**

1. 6.20%
2. 6.30%
3. 6.40%
4. 6.50%
5. 6.60%

Answer - **2. 6.30%**

**Explanation :**

This rate is the average rate of the implicit yields (computed by considering 365 days in a year) at the cut-off prices of the last three auctions of Government of India 182 day Treasury Bills held up to May 7, 2017.

11. **Which among the following became the first city in the world to get its own Microsoft-designed font?**

1. Paris
2. London
3. Berlin
4. Bangkok
5. Dubai

Answer - **5. Dubai**

**Explanation :**

The font, now available to more than 100 million users of Microsoft Office 365 around the world, is the first font to be created by a city and named after it. The font has been designed for more than 180 countries and 23 languages integrating Arabic and Latin typefaces.

**12. Who among the following has been honoured by Tamil Nadu State Government with "Avvaiyar Award" for 2017?**

1. Padma Venkataraman
2. Vaidehi Chinappa
3. Shruti Iyer
4. Srilata Venkatesh
5. Sherlyn Joyce

Answer - **1. Padma Venkataraman**

**Explanation :**

On May 2, 2017, Tamil Nadu State Government honoured social worker Padma Venkataraman with the states "Avvaiyar Award" for 2017. Padma Venkataraman is the daughter of former President of India, the late R Venkataraman. This award has been given to her for her efforts in the areas of women's welfare and rehabilitation of leprosy-affected persons for the past 30 years.

**13. Which portal has been launched by Government to allow people to check electro-magnetic radiation (EMF) compliance status of mobile towers?**

1. 'Tarang Prasadhan'
2. 'Tarang Mahiti'
3. 'Tarang Sanchar'
4. 'Tarang Jaanch'
5. 'Tarang Suchna'

Answer - **3. 'Tarang Sanchar'**

**Explanation :**

To clear 'myths and misconceptions' about radiation from mobile phone towers, the government has launched a portal, 'Tarang Sanchar', to allow people to check electro-magnetic radiation (EMF) compliance status of mobile towers. Detailed information about any tower site, if requested, will be sent on email to the users.

**14. Ueli Steck, who passed away on April 30, 2017, was a renowned:**

1. Novel Writer
2. Football Player
3. Mountaineer
4. Formula 1 Driver
5. Hollywood Film Director

Answer - **3. Mountaineer**

**Explanation :**

One of the world's most renowned mountain climbers, Ueli Steck from Switzerland, has been killed in a mountaineering accident near Mt. Everest in Nepal. Steck was 40, and one of the most celebrated climber. He was killed after falling to the foot of Mt. Nuptse.

**15. Which among the following has become the first state to switch to the January-December financial year from the existing April-March cycle?**

1. Gujarat
2. Madhya Pradesh
3. Goa
4. Karnataka

5. Maharashtra

Answer - **2. Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

Madhya Pradesh state cabinet in its meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan decided to shift the financial year to January-December. So, now the Budget session of the next financial year will be held either in December 2017 or January 2018.

**16. United Nations marked the first 'World Tuna Day' on which date?**

1. 29<sup>th</sup> April

2. 30<sup>th</sup> April

3. 1<sup>st</sup> May

4. 2<sup>nd</sup> May

5. 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Answer - **4. 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**Explanation :**

The United Nations is marking the first World Tuna Day with calls to conserve one of the globe's most popular fish to be caught and eaten. The General Assembly established World Tuna Day in December to reinforce its importance to nations around the globe.

**17. On May 2, 2017, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged-off Western Railways' first Humsafar Express between:**

1. Ahmedabad – Chennai

2. Ahmedabad – Kolkata

3. Surat – Chennai

4. Surat – Kolkata

5. Vadodara – Chennai

Answer - **1. Ahmedabad – Chennai**

**Explanation :**

On May 2, 2017, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged-off Western Railways' first Humsafar Express between Ahmedabad and Chennai at a function held in Udvada town in Valsad district of Gujarat. Full-fledged operations of the train will start from May 8, 2017 from Ahmedabad and from May 10, 2017 from Chennai.

**18. As per a latest report titled 'Illicit Financial Flows to and from Developing Countries: 2005-2014' compiled by US-based think tank Global Financial Integrity (GFI), an estimated \$\_\_\_\_\_ billion in black money entered India during 2005-2014**

1. \$370 billion

2. \$470 billion

3. \$570 billion

4. \$670 billion

5. \$770 billion

Answer - **5. \$770 billion**

**Explanation :**

The report stated that during 2014 alone, the inflow of black money was about \$101 billion while the outflow was \$ 23 billion. The inflow of \$ 770 billion was 14% of India's total international trade of \$ 5,500 billion during the 10-year period.



19. **Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) of the Parliament?**

1. Rajen Gohain
2. Rameswar Teli
3. Ranjeet Ranjan
4. Janak Ram
5. Mallikarjun Kharge

Answer - **5. Mallikarjun Kharge**

**Explanation :**

Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge is the new chairman of the 21-member Public Accounts Committee of Parliament. Kharge replaces Congress leader K V Thomas whose term ended on April 30, 2017. The Parliamentary panel, which is headed by an opposition leader, has a majority of its members from the ruling NDA.

20. **Which among the following has been adjudged as Cleanest City in Swachh Survekshan 2017?**

1. Surat, Gujarat
2. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
3. Amritsar, Punjab
4. Pune, Maharashtra,
5. Kochi, Kerala

Answer - **2. Indore Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

On May 4, 2017, Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu released 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Swachh Survekshan which ranked 434 Indian cities on various cleanliness parameters. Indore in Madhya Pradesh emerged as the cleanest city and Gonda in Uttar Pradesh ranked at the bottom as the dirtiest city.

21. **On May 3, 2017, Union cabinet gave its approval for the declaration of \_\_\_\_\_ as International Airport.**

1. Dibrugarh Airport in Assam
2. Bhagalpur Airport in Bihar
3. Bilaspur Airport in Chhattisgarh
4. Shimla Airport in Himachal Pradesh
5. Vijayawada Airport in Andhra Pradesh

Answer - **5. Vijayawada Airport in Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

This decision will improve air connectivity to Vijayawada, offering more options of services to air travellers. It will also help in promoting tourism in Andhra Pradesh. The decision was taken on account of repeated demands from airline operators and surge in passenger traffic.

22. **Which financial organisation has stated that Indian economy will grow 7.4 % in 2017-18 and 7.6% in 2018-19?**

1. International Monetary Fund (IMF)
2. World Bank
3. New Development Bank

4.Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

5.Asian Development Bank

Answer - **5.Asian Development Bank**

**Explanation :**

Asian Development Bank has stated that the Indian economy will grow 7.4 per cent this fiscal and 7.6 per cent in the next as the bankruptcy and GST laws will help create a more business-friendly environment.

23. **Which state assembly has passed a resolution to declare River Narmada as a living entity?**

1.Gujarat

2.Maharashtra

3.Madhya Pradesh

4.Chhattisgarh

5.Rajasthan

Answer - **3.Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

The resolution introduced by Madhya Pradesh Environment Minister Antar Singh Arya stated that river Narmada is the lifeline of Madhya Pradesh and the government is compelled to protect the legal rights of the river as a living entity

24. **As per the latest FIFA rankings released on May 4, 2017, Indian national football team has ranked at \_\_\_\_\_ position**

1.60<sup>th</sup> position

2.70<sup>th</sup> position

3.80<sup>th</sup> position

4.90<sup>th</sup> position

5.100<sup>th</sup> position

Answer - **5.100<sup>th</sup> position**

**Explanation :**

The last time India had been in the top 100 was in 1996, with the 94th spot in February 1996 being the country's best ever FIFA ranking. In latest rankings Brazil has ranked 1<sup>st</sup> followed by Argentina and Germany at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> positions respectively.

25. **eVIN project of Union Health Ministry has become global best practise in immunisation. Abbreviation eVIN stands for:**

1.Electronic Vaccine Information Network

2.Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network

3.Electronic Vaccine Intimation Network

4.Electronic Vaccine Immunisation Network

5.Electronic Vaccine Internalisation Network

Answer - **2.Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network**

**Explanation :**

eVIN (Electronic Vaccine Intelligence Network) is an indigenously developed technology system that digitizes vaccine stocks and monitors the temperature of the cold chain through a smart phone application. Currently it is being implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in 12 states of India.



**26. India has opened its first private small arms manufacturing plant at Malanpur, Madhya Pradesh in a joint venture with \_\_\_\_\_**

1. France
2. Russia
3. US
4. Israel
5. Germany

**Answer - 4. Israel**

**Explanation :**

The plant has been setup as a joint venture between Indian defence conglomerate Punj Lloyd and Israel Weapons Industries (IWI). The plant will manufacture weapons like X95 assault rifle, Galil sniper, Tavor assault rifle, Negev light machine gun and the Ace assault rifle

**27. 27th Session of the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) Working Group is being held from 1st to 12th of May 2017 at the UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) in:**

1. Paris, France
2. London, UK
3. Geneva, Switzerland
4. New York, US
5. Berlin, Germany

**Answer - 3. Geneva, Switzerland**

**Explanation :**

Universal Periodic Review is a process through which human rights records of all United Nations' Member States are reviewed. This review process is conducted under the auspices of UN Human Rights Council. India's National Report for the UPR-III was reviewed on the May 4, 2017. India was represented by Mukul Rohatgi - the Attorney General of India.

**28. Which company has launched 'Express Wi-Fi' service in four states of India?**

1. Reliance Jio
2. Vodafone
3. Google
4. Apple
5. Facebook

**Answer - 5. Facebook**

**Explanation :**

Express Wi-Fi by Facebook has been launched in India. Facebook has revealed that the service has been in testing since 2015 with various ISPs. It is now commercially available via nearly 700 hotspots across four states - Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Meghalaya.

**29. The South Asia Satellite (GSAT-9) was successfully launched on May 5, 2017, by ISRO from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. GSAT-9 is equipped with how many transponders?**

1. 10 transponders
2. 12 transponders
3. 14 transponders
4. 16 transponders
5. 18 transponders

**Answer - 2. 12 transponder**

**Explanation :**

GSAT-9 is a geosynchronous communications and meteorology satellite developed by Indian



Space Research Organisation (ISRO). South Asia Satellite will improve disaster and telecommunication links between India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Maldives.

30. In a first of its kind transaction in India, \_\_\_\_\_ enabled end to end trade financing for one of its clients by applying the blockchain technology

1. Yes Bank
2. IDFC Bank
3. Kotak Mahindra Bank
4. Bandhan Bank
5. Axis Bank

Answer - **3. Kotak Mahindra Bank**

**Explanation :**

By utilising the blockchain technology, time for processing the letter of credit (LC) reduced from 20-30 days to few hours. For this transaction Kotak Mahindra Bank had partnered with Deloitte. JP Morgan - Singapore was the partner bank.

31. Maharashtra Health Minister Deepak Sawant has announced that the state has tied up with World Health Organisation (WHO) for eradication of:

1. Chickenpox
2. Viral Hepatitis
3. Rubella
4. Viral Meningitis
5. Viral Pneumonia

Answer - **3. Rubella**

**Explanation :**

The vaccination drive for Rubella will start from March 2018 under which, children in Maharashtra aged between 9 months to 15 years, will be vaccinated for Rubella. Rubella is an infection among humans which is caused by the rubella virus.

32. Who among the following has won the prestigious 2016 Wisden-MCC (Melbourne Cricket Council) Cricket Photograph of the Year?

1. Munatazir Sheikh
2. Bilal Khan
3. Imtiyaz Ahmed
4. Saqib Majeed
5. Ejaz Mansuri

Answer - **4. Saqib Majeed**

**Explanation :**

Saqib Majeed, a Srinagar-based freelance photographer has won the prestigious 2016 Wisden-MCC (Melbourne Cricket Council) Cricket Photograph of the Year. He won this award for a stunning image, which captured boys playing cricket in the Nishat Gardens in Srinagar.

33. Leila Seth, the first woman judge of the \_\_\_\_\_ High Court passed away on May 5, 2017

1. Allahabad High Court
2. Delhi High Court
3. Chennai High Court
4. Mumbai High Court
5. Patna High Court

Answer - **2. Delhi High Court**

**Explanation :**

Leila Seth, the first woman judge of the Delhi high court, died of cardiac arrest at her Noida home on May 5, 2017. She was the first woman to have topped the London Bar exam. She was also one of the three members of the Justice Verma Committee which was constituted in 2012 to recommend amendments to the Criminal Law for criminals accused of committing sexual assault against women.

**34. Which State will introduce boat ambulance service in four districts where people face difficulties in getting health service?**

- 1.Kerala
- 2.Andhra Pradesh
- 3.Odisha
- 4.Tamil Nadu
- 5.West Bengal

Answer - **3.Odisha**

**Explanation :**

The boat ambulance service will be available in the districts of Koraput, Malkangiri, Kendrapara and Kalahandi where people face problems in availing 108 ambulance services due to intervening large water bodies in the form of rivers and dams disrupting road communication.

**35. India will organise cultural festival in \_\_\_\_\_ from 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to mark 156th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore**

- 1.France
- 2.Egypt
- 3.UK
- 4.Japan
- 5.Bangladesh

Answer - **2.Egypt**

**Explanation :**

Maulana Azad Centre for Indian Culture (MACIC), the cultural wing of the Indian Embassy in Cairo will organise this festival from 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May 2017, which will feature a dance show, film screening, a play and painting competition.

**36. Which among the following is an ambitious sub-regional transport project aimed at creating seamless connectivity between 4 Asian countries?**

- 1.BBIN (Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)
- 2.BBIM (Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Myanmar) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)
- 3.BMIN (Bangladesh-Myanmar-India-Nepal) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)
- 4.CBIN (China-Bhutan-India-Nepal) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)
- 5.BBIC (Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-China) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)

Answer - **1.BBIN (Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal) Motor Vehicles Agreement (MVA)**

**Explanation :**

The BBIN, is promoted by India and aimed at creating seamless connectivity between the four countries for enhanced sub-regional trade and movement of people. On April 29, 2017, Bhutan announced that it will not be able to ratify the plan before it addresses some of concerns raised domestically over the project.

**37. Which country has won 26th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey tournament by defeating Australia in the final match?**

1. India
2. Great Britain
3. Bangladesh
4. Pakistan
5. Malaysia

**Answer - 2. Great Britain**

**Explanation :**

Great Britain has won 26th edition of the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup Hockey tournament by defeating Australia in the final match by 4-3. The final match was held on May 6, 2017 in Ipoh, Malaysia. Great Britain has won the Azlan Shah Cup after a gap of 23 years.

**38. Ustad Rais Khan who passed away in Pakistan on May 6, 2017, was an exponent of which musical instrument?**

1. Tabla
2. Shehnai
3. Sitar
4. Flute
5. Sarod

**Answer - 3. Sitar**

**Explanation :**

India-born legendary sitar player Ustad Rais Khan passed away in Pakistan on May 6, 2017. He was 77. He was reportedly diagnosed with an ailment and had been bedridden for quite some time. He belonged to the Mewati Gharana of Indian classical music.

**39. The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has shifted its strategic anti-Maoist command headquarters to \_\_\_\_\_ from Kolkata to bring focus on combing operations in Chhattisgarh**

1. Raipur
2. Simga
3. Tilda Newra
4. Birgaon
5. Arang

**Answer - 1. Raipur**

**Explanation :**

The move is in line with the Centre's plan to redeploy its forces from almost peaceful West Bengal to Maoist hotbeds of Abujmad in Chhattisgarh. A meeting of chief ministers of 10 Maoist-hit states was held on May 8, 2017.

**40. On May 7, 2018, which two countries started 'Eager Lion', an annual military exercise in which about 7,400 troops from more than 20 nations will take part?**

1. Israel and US
2. Jordan and US
3. Germany and France
4. France and US
5. Lebanon and US

**Answer - 2. Jordan and US**

**Explanation :**

The manoeuvres would include border security, cyber-defence, and "command and control"



exercises to bolster coordination in response to threats including "terrorism". Troops from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Gulf region - including from Britain, Japan, Kenya and Saudi Arabia - are taking part in the exercise.

**41. Who among the following became the first person to win the MTV Movie and TV Awards' new gender-neutral Best Actor in a Movie award?**

1. Kate Winslet
2. Carey Mulligan
3. Keira Knightley
4. Emma Watson
5. Sophie Winkleman

**Answer - 4. Emma Watson**

**Explanation :**

On May 7, 2017, actress, Emma Watson became the first person to win the MTV Movie and TV Awards' new gender-neutral Best Actor in a Movie award for her performance as Belle in "Beauty and the Beast."

**42. Which new strategy has been announced by Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh to wipe out left-wing terror?**

1. SANKALP
2. SAMADHAN
3. PRATIKAAR
4. NIVARAN
5. CHAKRAVYUH

**Answer - 2. SAMADHAN**

**Explanation :**

Components of SAMADHAN strategy are, S – Smart Leadership, A – Aggressive Strategy, M – Motivation and Training, A – Actionable Intelligence, D - Dashboard KPIs and KRAs, H – Harnessing Technology, A – Action Plan for each Theatre, N – No access to financing.

**43. 29th series of \_\_\_\_\_ Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) had begun on May 9, 2017**

1. India-Indonesia
2. India-Maldives
3. India-Sri Lanka
4. India-Japan
5. India-Bangladesh

**Answer - 1. India-Indonesia**

**Explanation :**

The Indonesian Naval Ship KRI Sutedi Senoputra has arrived at Haddo Wharf, Port Blair to mark the commencement of the 29th series of IND-INDO CORPAT. Apart from securing the trade sea route, the Coordinated Patrol also serves to enhance mutual understanding and interoperability between the two navies.

**44. Which country has been unanimously elected as the President of UN-Habitat for next two years?**

- 1.China
- 2.India
- 3.Brazil
- 4.Russia
- 5.Sweden

**Answer - 2.India**

**Explanation :**

India has been unanimously elected as the President of UN-Habitat for next two years. In the past, India held the presidency of UN-Habitat in 1988 and 2007.

**45. 50th annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors was held from 4<sup>th</sup>– 7<sup>th</sup>May 2017 in:**

- 1.Philippines
- 2.Singapore
- 3.Japan
- 4.Thailand
- 5.Vietnam

**Answer - 3.Japan**

**Explanation :**

Theme of 50th annual meeting of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) Board of Governors was "Building Together the Prosperity of Asia". On May 6, 2017, Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley, embarked on a 3-day visit to Japan. Mr. Jaitley attended the annual Meeting of Board of Governors' of Asian Development Bank in Yokohama, Japan and met Japanese leaders.

**46. India has embarked on an ambitious Rs 10,000-crore \_\_\_\_\_ Mission to explore and harness mineral resources beneath the ocean floor.**

- 1.Blue Water Mission
- 2.Deep Ocean Mission
- 3.Aqua Horizon Mission
- 4.Sea Mineral Mission
- 5.Samudra Manthan Mission

**Answer - 2.Deep Ocean Mission**

**Explanation :**

This proposed inter-ministerial and interdisciplinary project is expected to begin from December 2017. It is intended to harness ocean resources in a "responsible way" and could turn out to be a transformative step for the prosperity and security of the nation.

**47. Central Govt. has set-up a high-level task force to fine tune jobs data so that the government can frame policies to spur employment. This task force is headed by:**

- 1.Hasmukh Adhia
- 2.Anupriya Patel
- 3.S S Mundra
- 4.Arvind Subramanian
- 5.Arvind Panagariya

**Answer - 5.Arvind Panagariya**

**Explanation :**

The task force will recommend solutions which can be implemented in a time-bound manner.

Other members of this task force are labour secretary Sathiyavathy, chief statistician TCA Ananth, Pulak Ghosh of Niti Aayog and Teamlease chief Manish Sabharwal.

48. **Moon Jae-in has been elected as President of which Asian country?**

1. Vietnam
2. Cambodia
3. Laos
4. South Korea
5. Thailand

Answer - **4. South Korea**

**Explanation :**

Moon Jae-in is the son of refugees from North Korea, Mr Moon served in South Korea's Special Forces before becoming a human rights lawyer. He was jailed in the 1970s for leading protests against military ruler Park Chung-hee.

49. **Indian Railways will float global tenders to acquire EoTT system to run trains without guards. Abbreviation EoTT stands for:**

1. End of Train Transit
2. End of Train Telemetry
3. Evolution of Train Transit
4. Evolution of Train Telemetry
5. Evolution of Train Topography

Answer - **2. End of Train Telemetry**

**Explanation :**

The Indian Railways will float global tenders worth over Rs 100 crore for acquiring sophisticated equipment to run 1000 trains without guards. The End of Train Telemetry (EoTT) equipment is used to establish communication between the locomotive driver and the last wagon of the train to ensure that the train is running with all coaches/wagons as a complete unit.

50. **The National Basketball Association (NBA) -the governing body of Basketball in US inaugurated its first ever academy in India in:**

1. Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh
2. Pune, Maharashtra
3. Gandhinagar, Gujarat
4. Kochi, Kerala
5. Kolkata, West Bengal

Answer - **1. Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

21 boys in the age group of 12 to 17 years who were selected through a 3-month nationwide basketball talent search comprise the first batch of academy. The selected boys will receive scholarships and will be provided training at the academy.

51. **What was the 2017 theme of 'World Migratory Bird Day' observed on second weekend of May 2017?**

1. 'Their Future is Our Future – A Healthy Planet for Migratory Birds and People'
2. 'Stop the Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds'
3. 'Networking for migratory birds'
4. 'Destination Flyways: Migratory Birds and Tourism'
5. 'Energy – make it bird-friendly!'

Answer - **1. 'Their Future is Our Future – A Healthy Planet for Migratory Birds and People'**

**People'.**

**Explanation :**

In 2006, the United Nations established World Migratory Bird Day to be held on the second weekend of May every year. The event was founded as an effort of the UN's Agreement on the Conservation of African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbirds to raise awareness of the migratory linkages between regions of the globe.

**52. Which among the following has been ranked world's most affordable tech city as per Savills Tech Cities 2017 rankings?**

1. Bengaluru, India
2. Buenos Aires, Argentina
3. Copenhagen, Denmark
4. Cape Town, South Africa
5. Santiago, Chile

**Answer - 1. Bengaluru**

**Explanation :**

As per Savills Tech Cities 2017 rankings, Bengaluru has been adjudged as the most affordable tech city having the lowest cost of living out of 22 tech cities across the world. The mainstream weekly residential rent in Bengaluru is \$236 which is much cheaper as compared to all 22 tech cities average of \$368.

**53. Who among the following has been appointed as United Nations' new humanitarian aid chief by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres?**

1. Stephen Whittam
2. Joel Breeze
3. Mark Lowcock
4. Nigel Clive
5. John Artherton

**Answer - 3. Mark Lowcock**

**Explanation :**

Mark Lowcock, the head of Britain's International Development Department, has been appointed as United Nations' new humanitarian aid chief by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. Mr. Lowcock will replace Stephen O'Brien. Lowcock will be the 4<sup>th</sup> British national to hold post of UN Humanitarian Chief since year 2007.

**54. Which among the following metro services has announced to employ 23 members from the transgender community?**

1. Bengaluru Metro
2. Delhi Metro
3. Noida Metro
4. Kochi Metro
5. Kolkata Metro

**Answer - 4. Kochi Metro**

**Explanation :**

Kochi Metro is set to formally appoint transgenders for jobs. Out of the 530 Kudumbasree workers at 11 stations in Kochi Metro's Aluva-Palrivattom corridor, 23 will be from the transgender community. The duties allotted to transgenders will range from handling the ticket counter to housekeeping works.



**55. In May 2017, which stealth frigate of Indian Navy sailed to UK to mark 'UK India Year of Culture' and the 200th anniversary of Britain's Indian-made warship HMS Trincomalee?**

1. INS Trishul
2. INS Tarkash
3. INS Teg
4. INS Tabar
5. INS Trikand

**Answer - 2. INS Tarkash**

**Explanation :**

INS Tarkash had arrived at its final docking point in Britain - on the river Thames at West India Docks in London's Canary Wharf - to mark UK India Year of Culture and the 200th anniversary of Britain's Indian-made warship HMS Trincomalee, the world's oldest warship which was built at the Bombay Dockyard in 1817.

**56. Which internet-based interface has been launched by Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Ministry for welfare and development of agricultural stakeholders in India?**

1. e-Krishi Samvad
2. e-Krishi Charcha
3. e-Krishi Nivaran
4. e-Krishi Samadhan
5. e-Krishi Mitr

**Answer - 1. e-Krishi Samvad**

**Explanation :**

On May 11, 2017, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Radha Mohan Singh, launched e-Krishi Samvad at Krishi Bhawan in New Delhi for welfare and development of agricultural stakeholders in India. e-Krishi Samvad is internet-based interface that will provide actionable and effective solutions to the problems faced by farmers and stakeholders in the agriculture sector.

**57. Which city will host biggest ever International Yoga Day event on the June 21, 2017?**

1. Varanasi
2. Nagpur
3. Kochi
4. Jaipur
5. Ahmedabad

**Answer - 5. Ahmedabad**

**Explanation :**

This announcement has been made by Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev. About 5 lakh people will participate in the event. Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani will inaugurate the event on the first day. BJP President Amit Shah will remain present at the concluding ceremony.

**58. Which among the following has become the first state to introduce a logo for vehicles driven by persons with hearing impairment?**

1. Telangana
2. Karnataka
3. Punjab
4. Haryana
5. Andhra Pradesh

**Answer - 1. Telangana**

**Explanation :**

The logo was designed by a Hyderabad-based man, who is also the first person to obtain a driving license in the 'hearing impaired' category. The Centre had earlier allowed the grant of licenses to hearing impaired persons if they passed regular driving tests.

**59. Which former Indian cricketer has been recently awarded an honorary life membership to the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)?**

1. Javagal Srinath
2. Anil Kumble
3. VVS Laxman
4. Venkatesh Prasad
5. Ajay Jadeja

Answer - **3. VVS Laxman**

**Explanation :**

VVS Laxman had a highly successful career in which he played 134 Test matches and 86 One-Day Internationals. Known for numerous match-winning and match-saving innings, Laxman scored 8,781 Test runs at an average of 45.97, and over 2,338 One-Day International runs at an average of 30.76.

**60. Hubert Minnis has been elected as new Prime Minister of:**

1. Cuba
2. Argentina
3. Bahamas
4. Mexico
5. Peru

Answer - **3. Bahamas**

**Explanation :**

Hubert Minnis of the Free National Movement (FNM) has been elected as the new Prime Minister of Bahamas, defeating Perry Christie's Progressive Liberal Party. Minnis was campaigning on a platform for change, seeking to impose term limits on the Prime Minister and promote Bahamian ownership in the economy.

**61. Who among the following has been elected as the Chairman of FIFA Governance committee?**

1. Justice Mukul Mudgal
2. Justice Avinadh Gaur
3. Justice Anath Parekh
4. Justice Vishwas Rao
5. Justice Manish Oswal

Answer - **1. Justice Mukul Mudgal**

**Explanation :**

Justice Mudgal, who until now served as the Deputy Chairman of the committee after being appointed in May last year during the FIFA Congress in Mexico, will take the office for four years effective immediately.

**62. On May 11, 2017, India test fired 'Spyder' surface-to-air-missile at a test range in Odisha. What is the strike range of 'Spyder'?**

1. 15 km
2. 25 km
3. 35 km



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4.45 km

5.55 km

Answer - **1.15 km**

### Explanation :

'Spyder' defence system comprises two missiles - Surface-to-air Python and Derby. It has been acquired from Israel. It can strike enemy targets within a range of 15 km and at heights between 20-and-9,000 metres.

63. **Which among the following will be the first Indian city to get electric radio cabs?**

1.Nagpur

2.Hyderabad

3.Bengaluru

4.Surat

5.Kolkata

Answer - **1.Nagpur**

### Explanation :

With India's pledge to go all electric by 2030, Nagpur will be the first city in the country to get electric cabs. The service will start from May 26, 2017. The pilot project will start with 200 e-taxis provided by Mahindra and Mahindra.

64. **On May 13, 2017, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister, Mr. J P Nadda launched new Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine(PCV), for Pneumonia in:**

1.Rajasthan

2.Madhya Pradesh

3.Chhattisgarh

4.Gujarat

5.Himachal Pradesh

Answer - **5.Himachal Pradesh**

### Explanation :

Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV) has been launched under Indian Government's Universal Immunization Programme (UIP). Under Phase – I, this vaccine has been launched in entire state of Himachal Pradesh as well as 6 districts of Uttar Pradesh and 17 districts of Bihar.

65. **14th International Vesak Day celebration was held in which Asian country?**

1.China

2.Sri Lanka

3.Nepal

4.Bhutan

5.Thailand

Answer - **2.Sri Lanka**

### Explanation :

14<sup>th</sup> edition of United Nations Vesak Day celebration was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka from 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Sri Lanka hosted this celebration for the first time. Large number of local and foreign delegates participated in this celebration. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was the chief guest for the 14th International Vesak Day celebration in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

66. **Who among the following has been appointed by World Health Organisation (WHO) as its goodwill ambassador for hepatitis in South-East Asia region to boost awareness and intensify action to arrest the epidemic?**

1. Shah Rukh Khan
2. Amitabh Bachchan
3. Salman Khan
4. Ranbir Kapoor
5. Irfan Khan

Answer - **2. Amitabh Bachchan**

**Explanation :**

This association between WHO and Amitabh Bachchan is expected to help strengthen WHO's efforts in reducing the high numbers of premature deaths and illnesses from viral hepatitis which is not only causing hardships to individuals and families, but also impacting health and development across the South-East Asia region.

67. **Mauno Koivisto, who passed away on May 12, 2017, was the former President of:**

1. Norway
2. Finland
3. Sweden
4. Switzerland
5. Denmark

Answer - **2. Finland**

**Explanation :**

Finland's first leftist president, Mauno Koivisto who oversaw Finland's entry into European Union, passed away on May 12, 2017, at the age of 93. He became Finland's ninth president in 1982, and remained in office for two terms till 1994.

68. **Which state has secured first rank on this year's Public Affairs Index (PAI), compiled on basis of a survey by Bengaluru-based think-tank Public Affairs Centre (PAC)?**

1. Tamil Nadu
2. Karnataka
3. Kerala
4. Telanagana
5. Uttarakhand

Answer - **3. Kerala**

**Explanation :**

In the overall rankings of large states, Kerala was followed by Tamil Nadu at second position and Gujarat at third position. This year's bottom three large states - Bihar (18<sup>th</sup>), Jharkhand (17<sup>th</sup>) and Odisha (16<sup>th</sup>) – ranked at the same position even in 2016.

69. **India has ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in World Bank's electricity accessibility ranking for the current year**

1. 56<sup>th</sup>
2. 46<sup>th</sup>
3. 36<sup>th</sup>
4. 26<sup>th</sup>
5. 16<sup>th</sup>

Answer - **4. 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Explanation :** India has ranked 26<sup>th</sup> in World Bank's electricity accessibility ranking for the current year. This marks a remarkable jump of 73 places from 99<sup>th</sup> rank in 2014. This improvement has been on

account of several initiatives taken by Indian Govt.

70. **Govardhan Eco Village, set up by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in adjoining \_\_\_\_\_ district, has won 'Smart Village' award for being a sustainable project in rural Maharashtra.**

- 1.Yavatmal
- 2.Ratnagiri
- 3.Thane
- 4.Nashik
- 5.Solapur

Answer - **3.Thane**

**Explanation :**

The award, "Smart Village," has been instituted by the India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO), which also gives awards in various other categories. The award was received by Nimai Lila Das, Chief Sustainability Officer of Govardhan Eco Village, in New Delhi on May 13, 2017.

71. **Which State Govt. has formed 'Maa' committee to keep a check on the quality of mid-day meal being served in primary schools?**

- 1.Uttar Pradesh
- 2.Rajasthan
- 3.Jharkhand
- 4.Tamil Nadu
- 5.Punjab

Answer - **1.Uttar Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

In view of a number of complaints related to quality of mid-day meal being served in primary schools, Uttar Pradesh State Government has formed 'Maa' committee in every school. It will be a committee of six mothers, from all sections of society, whose students are studying in that school. From cleanliness in kitchen, to quality of food being served to children, they will keep an eye on minute details.

72. **Who among the following has been conferred with the first Bhairon Singh Shekhawat Lifetime Achievement Honour in Public Service by President Pranab Mukherjee?**

- 1.Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani
- 2.Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje
- 3.Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister
- 4.Jharkhand Chief Minister Raghubar Das
- 5.Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling

Answer – **5.Sikkim Chief Minister Pawan Kumar Chamling**

**Explanation:**

The award was conferred during the first Bhairon Singh Shekhawat memorial lecture delivered by the President. Chamling was first elected to power in 1994 and has continued to be Chief Minister of Sikkim for 22 years.

73. **\_\_\_\_\_, a 44-year-old Nepalese mountaineer has broken her own world record for the most Everest summits by a woman after scaling the world's tallest peak for the eighth time.**

- 1.Baruna Thapa
- 2.Lhakpa Sherpa
- 3.Bandita Mahat
- 4.Latika Karki

5. Lekha Tamang

Answer – **2. Lhakpa Sherpa**

**Explanation :**

Lhakpa Sherpa, the mother of three, conquered Mt Everest for the eighth time from Tibetan side. Without having any formal training on mountain climbing, Lhakpa, who grew up with 11 siblings, first climbed Mt Everest from Nepal side in 2000. She wants to climb Mt Everest for 10 times.

**74. Who among the following became the first Indian to win a race in the GP3 Series in Barcelona, Spain?**

1. Arjun Maini

2. Vibhor Mehta

3. Shehryar Dastoor

4. Niketan Mongia

5. Piyush Chawla

Answer – **1. Arjun Maini**

**Explanation :**

Arjun Maini drives for Jenzer Motorsports and is supported by JK Racing and TVS. Following this win, Arjun moved to third place in the driver's championship standings. Nirei Fukuzumi of Japan is at the first place.

**75. Which Formula 1 racing driver recently won Spanish Grand Prix?**

1. Nico Roberg

2. Sebastian Vettel

3. Daniel Ricciardo

4. Lewis Hamilton

5. Carlos Sainz

Answer – **4. Lewis Hamilton**

**Explanation :**

Lewis Hamilton has won Formula 1 Spanish Grand Prix. It is Hamilton's 55th career win and second win of the season. Runner-up of Spanish Grand Prix is Sebastian Vettel.

**76. Union Minister for Chemical and Fertilizers, Ananth Kumar has announced that two centres of the Central Institute of Plastics Engineering and Technology (CIPET) will be set up in:**

1. Haryana

2. Punjab

3. Andhra Pradesh

4. Telangana

5. Chhattisgarh

Answer - **1. Haryana**

**Explanation :**

These centres will help to meet industry requirements for plastic engineers and technicians. As the technology is required in all sectors from agriculture to space exploration, these centres will help make the country self-sufficient in this field. Mr. Kumar mentioned that a plastic park will be set up over a 75 acre land in Panipat at a cost of Rs 1,500 crore, while a pharma park will be set in over a 100 acre land in Karnal.

**77. Which two entities will jointly inspect the excavation being carried out at an archaeological site in Haryana's Fatehabad district to verify claims of it being the oldest civilisation in the world?**

1. ISRO and DRDO

- 2.DRDO and NASA
- 3.NASA and ISRO
- 4.ISRO and European Space Agency
- 5.NASA and Archaeological Survey of India

Answer - **3.NASA and ISRO**

**Explanation :**

Archaeologists have recovered artefacts pre-dating the Harappan Civilisation from the site, located in village Kunal in Fatehabad district. NASA and ISRO inspection is likely to be done by October 2017.

**78. Indian has ranked \_\_\_\_\_ among 40 countries on 'Renewable Energy Country Attractiveness Index' 2017 released by Ernst and Young (EY)**

- 1.2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2.3<sup>rd</sup>
- 3.4<sup>th</sup>
- 4.5<sup>th</sup>
- 5.6<sup>th</sup>

Answer - **1.2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Explanation :**

India maintained its upward trajectory on the index on account of Central Government's programme to build 175 GW in renewable energy generation by year 2022. This initiative is in direction to realise a larger vision wherein renewable energy will account for 40% of installed capacity by year 2040.

**79. India has launched the process to export 'Ujala' to \_\_\_\_\_with affordable 'Made in India' LED bulbs.**

- 1.Russia
- 2.United Kingdom
- 3.Spain
- 4.Italy
- 5.South Africa

Answer - **2.United Kingdom**

**Explanation :**

Ujala is globally one of the largest efficiency programmes and is being run by Energy Efficiency Services Ltd, an energy services company promoted by Indian state-run power majors. Through this initiative, the government plans to replace all 770 million inefficient incandescent and CFL (compact fluorescent lamps in the country with LED (light emitting diode) bulbs.

**80. Edouard Philippe has been named as Prime Minister of which European country?**

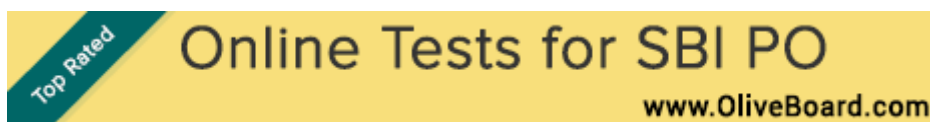
- 1.Belgium
- 2.Switzerland
- 3.Austria
- 4.France
- 5.Portugal

Answer - **4.France**

**Explanation :**

France's centrist president, Emmanuel Macron, has appointed a prime minister from the right to lead his bid for a parliamentary majority in June's elections and push through his plans to loosen strict labour laws. Édouard Philippe, the mayor of the Normandy port town Le Havre, comes from Les Républicains, the party that was headed by Nicolas Sarkozy until last year.





81. **On May 15, 2017, SpaceX launched a communications satellite for which mobile broadband company?**

1. AT&T
2. Inmarsat
3. Verizon
4. Virgin Media
5. Windstream

Answer - **2. Inmarsat**

**Explanation :**

Inmarsat-5 F4 satellite, built by Boeing, blasted off atop a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida, US on May 15, 2017. SpaceX confirmed that the satellite was successfully deployed to a distant, geostationary orbit. This satellite is the fourth in Inmarsat's Global Xpress (GX) constellation, aimed at providing high-speed mobile broadband service.

82. **Which date is observed as 'National Dengue Day' in India?**

1. 16<sup>th</sup> May
2. 17<sup>th</sup> May
3. 18<sup>th</sup> May
4. 19<sup>th</sup> May
5. 20<sup>th</sup> May

Answer - **1. 16<sup>th</sup> May**

**Explanation :**

National Dengue Day is observed on 16th of May by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), Government of India. The aim of this day is to control Dengue by creating awareness and initiating preventive actions.

83. **Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the proposal to establish Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in which state with 100% outlay of central government?**

1. Sikkim
2. Assam
3. Meghalaya
4. Tripura
5. Manipur

Answer - **2. Assam**

**Explanation :**

IARI-Assam would be a Post-Graduate Institute of higher learning in agricultural education covering all sectors of agriculture. The institute will work on the agrarian challenges and complexities of North Eastern India.

84. **India's first Aquatic Rainbow Technology Park, an ultra modern exclusive facility for ornamental fish equipped with multi-species hatchery and live feed culture units will come up at:**

1. Visakhapatnam
2. Mumbai
3. Chennai

- 4.Kolkata
- 5.Bhubaneswar

Answer - **3.Chennai**

**Explanation :**

The Rs 10 crore facility, being funded by the Tamil Nadu Innovation Initiatives of the state government, would be equipped with advanced infrastructure and technical expertise for boosting production of high value ornamental fish species.

85. **As per the report of a survey carried out by the Quality Council of India, \_\_\_\_\_ has been adjudged as the cleanest railway station among busiest stations in India**

- 1.Visakhapatnam Railway Station
- 2.Jammu Railway Station
- 3.Secunderabad Railway Station
- 4.Surat Railway Station
- 5.Varanasi Railway Station

Answer - **1.Visakhapatnam Railway Station**

**Explanation :**

As per the report of a survey carried out by the Quality Council of India, Visakhapatnam railway station in Andhra Pradesh has been adjudged as the cleanest, whereas Darbhanga railway station in Bihar is the dirtiest among busiest stations in India. The report of the survey was released by Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu on May 17, 2017.

86. **Indian scientist \_\_\_\_\_ has won the prestigious Dan David prize for his contribution in the field of astronomy.**

- 1.Nikesh Dixit
- 2.Suresh Mohan
- 3.Rakesh Reddy
- 4.Shrinivas Kulkarni
- 5.Manikandan Iyer

Answer - **4.Shrinivas Kulkarni**

**Explanation :**

Shrinivas Kulkarni is a professor of astrophysics and planetary science at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena. Prof. Kulkarni is a pioneer and leading figure in time-domain astrophysics across the electromagnetic spectrum who built and conducted the Palomar Transient Factory, a large-area survey of the night sky in search of variable and transient phenomena.

87. **Who among the following has been given the additional charge of Environment Ministry, due to the sudden demise of Anil Madhav Dave.?**

- 1.Rajnath Singh
- 2.Harsh Vardhan
- 3.Prakash Javadekar
- 4.Smriti Irani
- 5.Nitin Gadkari

Answer - **2.Harsh Vardhan**

**Explanation :**

President Pranab Mukherjee, as advised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has directed that Cabinet Minister Harsh Vardhan shall be assigned the charge of the Ministry of Environment,

Forest and Climate Change, in addition to his exiting portfolios.

**88. What was the 2017 theme of 'World Hypertension Day, observed on May 17, 2017?**

1. 'Know Your Numbers'
2. 'Yoga for preventing Hypertension'
3. 'Eat right to prevent Hypertension'
4. 'Work-Life balance to prevent Hypertension'
5. 'Preventive measures against Hypertension'

Answer - **1. 'Know Your Numbers'**

**Explanation :**

World Hypertension Day is a day designated and initiated by The World Hypertension League (WHL), which is itself an umbrella to organizations of 85 national hypertension societies and leagues. The day was initiated to increase the awareness of hypertension. This was especially important because of the lack of appropriate knowledge among hypertensive patients.

**89. On May 14, 2017, Mahmoud Abbas arrived in India for a 4-day official visit. Mahmoud Abbas is the President of:**

1. Palestine
2. Egypt
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Kuwait
5. Oman

Answer - **1. Palestine**

**Explanation :**

During the course of his visit, Mr. Abbas held extensive talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on key bilateral, regional and international issues including the Middle East peace process. On May 16, 2017, India and Palestine signed 5 MoUs.

**90. A team of doctors in Pune has successfully performed country's first \_\_\_\_\_ transplant on a 21-year-old woman**

1. Cornea transplant
2. Lung transplant
3. Pancreas transplant
4. Bone marrow transplant
5. Uterus Transplant

Answer - **5. Uterus Transplant**

**Explanation :**

The woman, who suffers from congenital absence of uterus since birth, was fitted with her mother's womb so that she can conceive normally. The minimally invasive retrieval of the womb carried out mainly through key hole surgery and its subsequent transplant performed only through open surgery took nine hours.

**91. India has ranked at which position on health care index in Lancet medical journal's report titled 'Global Burden of Disease'?**

1. 154<sup>th</sup>
2. 144<sup>th</sup>
3. 134<sup>th</sup>
4. 124<sup>th</sup>
5. 114<sup>th</sup>

Answer - **1. 154<sup>th</sup>**

**Explanation :**

India's index score was 44.8, which marks an improvement of 14.1 points as compared to 1990. However, India has underperformed in treating tuberculosis, diabetes, rheumatic heart diseases and chronic kidney disease.

**92. 'SIMBEX-17' was the bilateral exercise between navies of which two countries?**

1. India and Australia
2. India and Singapore
3. Australia and China
4. China and Singapore
5. India and Sri Lanka

Answer - **2. India and Singapore**

**Explanation :**

Indian Naval Ships Shivalik, Sahyadri, Jyoti and Kamorta and one P8-I Maritime Patrol and Anti-Submarine Warfare Aircraft participated in "SIMBEX-17" bilateral Naval Exercise between Navies of the Republic of Singapore and India held in South China Sea.

**93. Which among the following has become the first private airline to get a licence to fly under UDAN, the government's regional connectivity scheme?**

1. Turbo Megha Airways
2. Air Odisha
3. Deccan Air
4. SpiceJet
5. Indigo

Answer - **1. Turbo Megha Airways**

**Explanation :**

Turbo Megha Airways is a Hyderabad-based airline which flies as TruJet. It is one of the five operators who have been awarded a total of 128 routes under the UDAN scheme. The airline will use three ATR-72 aircraft, and will add more planes later.

**94. Which among the following entity has received 2014 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize?**

1. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
2. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
3. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
4. United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
5. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

Answer - **2. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**

**Explanation :**

On May 18, 2017, Former Prime Minister of India, Manmohan Singh presented the 2014 Indira Gandhi Peace Prize to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) at a function in New Delhi. The prize was announced in the year 2014 by the jury headed by the Vice President M. Hamid Ansari.

**95. Who among the following is the author of the book 'Metaphysics, Morals and Politics'?**

1. Prof. Girish Deshmukh
2. Prof. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay
3. Prof. Laxmikanth Rajan
4. Prof. Mahesh Mishra
5. Prof. Rajiv Kumar Dhumal

Answer - **2. Prof. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay**

**Explanation :**

President Pranab Mukherjee received the first copy of book 'Metaphysics, Morals and Politics' from Prof. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay on May 18, 2017 in Kolkata, West Bengal. In 1961, as a state scholar of the Government of West Bengal, Prof. Mukhopadhyay joined as a research scholar at the London School of Economics and began his Ph.D. research on T.H. Green, the 19th century English idealist political philosopher.

**96. Which State Government has announced to develop Bhindawas Bird Sanctuary as a beautiful tourist resort?**

1. Madhya Pradesh
2. Haryana
3. Gujarat
4. Rajasthan
5. Kerala

Answer - **2. Haryana**

**Explanation :**

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced that Bhindawas Bird Sanctuary in Jhajjar would be developed as a beautiful tourist resort where more facilities would be provided to tap into the huge tourism potential it holds.

**97. Annual Joint Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Exercise conducted by Indian Navy's Western Naval Command, commenced on May 18, 2017 at:**

1. Karwar, Karnataka
2. Okha, Gujarat
3. Panaji, Goa
4. Porbandar, Gujarat
5. Mumbai, Maharashtra

Answer - **1. Karwar, Karnataka**

**Explanation :**

Named as "KARAVALI KARUNYA", the exercise, which involves both professional exchange and actual disaster response mechanisms is set on a Tsunami disaster scenario and will continue till 20 May, 2017.

**98. G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meet was held from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017 in:**

1. Portugal
2. Germany
3. Italy
4. France
5. Spain

Answer - **2. Germany**

**Explanation :**

G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meet was held in Bad Neuenahr, Germany from 18-19 May 2017. Germany chaired the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers' Meet, as it currently holds the G20 presidency. The meeting focused on the theme "Towards an Inclusive Future – Shaping the World of Work".

**99. Indian men's archery team beat \_\_\_\_\_ to win the gold medal in the World Cup in Shanghai**

1. China
2. Argentina



3. Brazil
4. Colombia
5. Germany

Answer - **4. Colombia**

**Explanation :**

The Indian men's compound team defeated Colombia to win gold on the penultimate day of the archery World Cup stage 1 championship in Shanghai, China on May 20, 2017. India was represented by Abhishek Verma, Chinna Raju Srither and Amanjeet Singh.

**100. What was the theme for 'World Metrology Day' celebrated on May 20, 2017?**

1. "Measurements for Navigation"
2. "Measurements for Aviation"
3. "Measurements for Transport"
4. "Measurements for Engineering"
5. "Measurements for Architecture"

Answer - **3. "Measurements for Transport"**

**Explanation :**

Metrology is the scientific study of measurement. World Metrology Day is an annual celebration to mark the signing of the Metre Convention on May 20, 1875, by representatives of 17 nations. This Convention set the framework for global collaboration in the science of measurement and in its industrial, commercial and societal applications.

**101. Who among the following Indian peacekeepers will be honored posthumously with UN medal?**

1. Brijesh Thapa and Private Ravi Kumar
2. Brijesh Thapa and Akhilendra Singh
3. Akhilendra Singh and Private Ravi Kumar
4. Brijesh Thapa and Baldev Tomar
5. Baldev Tomar and Private Ravi Kumar

Answer - **1. Brijesh Thapa and Private Ravi Kumar**

**Explanation :**

Two Indian peacekeepers, Rifleman Brijesh Thapa and Private Ravi Kumar are among the 117 military, police and civilian personnel to be honoured with the prestigious Dag Hammarskjold Medal by the United Nations posthumously for their courage and sacrifice in the line of duty.

**102. On May 22, 2017, Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu flagged off India's first high-speed and feature rich train 'Tejas Express' that will run between:**

1. Mumbai and New Delhi
2. Mumbai and Goa
3. New Delhi and Varanasi
4. New Delhi and Chennai
5. Kolkata and Chennai

Answer - **2. Mumbai and Goa**

**Explanation :**

The new premium train will run five days a week between Mumbai and Karmali in Goa. During the monsoon season, it will run three days a week. The 20-coach modern train has executive

class and chair class with the coaches having tea and coffee vending machines, magazines and snacks tables.

103. **Azraq refugee camp in \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first refugee camp in the world to be powered by renewable energy**

- 1.Syria
- 2.Lebanon
- 3.Turkey
- 4.Jordan
- 5.Egypt

Answer - **4.Jordan**

**Explanation :**

UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, has switched on Azraq's new two-megawatt solar photovoltaic plant. It will provide clean energy free of charge to some 20,000 Syrian refugees living in shelters that have been linked up to the electricity grid. The grid is due to be expanded to all 36,000 refugees currently residing in the camp by early next year.

104. **Which life insurance company has announced the launch of Artificial Intelligence-based insurance email bot 'SPOK'?**

- 1.ICICI Prudential
- 2.HDFC Life
- 3.Birla Sun Life
- 4.Bharti Axa
- 5.Edelweiss Tokio

Answer - **2.HDFC Life**

**Explanation:**

HDFC Life has announced the launch of an artificial intelligence-based application named 'SPOK' that can automatically read, understand, categorise, prioritise and respond to customer emails within milliseconds. The deployment of SPOK will improve customer experience, while providing the support staff with the bandwidth to focus on customer satisfaction.

105. **Bollywood actress, \_\_\_\_\_ has received the 'International Humanitarian Award' at the second annual Asian Voice Charity Awards.**

- 1.Katrina Kaif
- 2.Deepika Padukone
- 3.Jacqueline Fernandez
- 4.Priyanka Chopra
- 5.Aishwarya Rai

Answer - **3.Jacquelin Fernandez**

**Explanation:**

Jacqueline has been given this award for her humanitarian work in India and abroad. Since past five years, she has been closely working with a non-profit organisation called 'Habitat for Humanity' which builds affordable houses for poor. These awards have been instituted by Asian Voice, leading British Asian news weekly.

106. **\_\_\_\_\_, a 43-year-old UK entrepreneur has become the first India-born woman to be elected as a councillor to a ward in the UK**

- 1.Rehana Ameer
- 2.Malti Pathak
- 3.Sheela Patel
- 4.Mahrukh Dastoor



5.Neha Chakraborty

Answer - **1.Rehana Ameer**

**Explanation:**

Rehana Ameer, who was born and raised in Chennai, contested from Vintry ward in the City of London County as an independent candidate. She was elected as a councillor to the Court of Common Council, becoming the first India-born woman to be elected to the City of London Corporation.

**107. Which team won the final match of Federation Cup football tournament, held on May 21, 2017 in Cuttack, Odisha?**

- 1.Mohun Bagan
- 2.Aizawl FC
- 3.Shillong Lajong FC
- 4.Bengaluru FC
- 5.Mumbai FC

Answer - **4.Bengaluru FC**

**Explanation:**

On May 21, 2017, Bengaluru FC beat Mohun Bagan 2-0 to be crowned the Federation Cup champions at the Barabati Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha. This victory will bring solace for Bengaluru FC, who finished at fourth position in the I-League.

**108. Mumbai Indians (MI) won the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2017 title by defeating \_\_\_\_\_ in the final match.**

- 1.Rising Pune Supergiant (RPS)
- 2.Delhi Daredevils
- 3.Kolkata Knight Riders
- 4.Kings XI Punjab
- 5.Sunrisers Hyderabad

Answer - **1.Rising Pune Supergiant (RPS)**

**Explanation:**

On May 21, 2017, Mumbai Indians (MI) defeated Rising Pune Supergiant (RPS) in the Grand Finale by a margin of 1 run to win the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2017 title. This final match of IPL 2017 was played at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Hyderabad.

**109. Which State Government has decided to form 'good morning' squads to monitor and prevent open defecation in villages and districts across the state?**

- 1.Uttar Pradesh
- 2.Gujarat
- 3.Rajasthan
- 4.Maharashtra
- 5.Karnataka

Answer - **4.Maharashtra**

**Explanation :**

These squads will comprise representatives of local bodies, self-help groups, NGOs, students and social workers working in the area of sanitation and cleanliness. These squads have been asked to keep an eye on the areas where this practice is prevalent and to ensure that locals have access to toilets there.

110. According to data released by the International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF), India has emerged as the \_\_\_\_\_ largest stainless steel producer in the world after China.

1. second largest
2. third largest
3. fourth largest
4. fifth largest
5. sixth largest

Answer - **1. second largest**

**Explanation :**

India overtook Japan as the second-largest producer in 2016, according to data released by the International Stainless Steel Forum (ISSF). India's stainless steel production rose to 3.32 million tonne in 2016 showing an impressive growth of about 9% over 3 million tonne it produced in 2015.

111. 2nd India-OPEC Institutional Dialogue was held on May 22, 2017 in:

1. Dubai, UAE
2. Vienna, Austria
3. Toronto, Canada
4. Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
5. Tehran, Iran

Answer - **2. Vienna, Austria**

**Explanation:**

On May 22, 2017, Dharmendra Pradhan - Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Petroleum and Natural Gas, co-chaired the 2nd India-OPEC Institutional Dialogue at the OPEC headquarters in Vienna, Austria. Mr. Pradhan held a one-to-one meeting with Mr. Mohammad Sanusi Barkindo - Secretary General of OPEC.

112. Japan is going to build a World War – II museum in which Indian state?

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Tripura
3. Mizoram
4. Manipur
5. Meghalaya

Answer - **4. Manipur**

**Explanation:**

Japan is going to build a war museum at the hillock at Maiba Lokpa in Bishnupur district, Manipur, where a Japanese camp was located during World War II. About 70,000 Japanese soldiers had died in battles from March to June 1944 in Imphal and Kohima.

113. Which private sector bank has launched a new trading platform called "Selfie" for customers?

1. IndusInd Bank
2. Federal Bank
3. Yes Bank
4. IDFC Bank
5. Bandhan Bank

Answer - **2. Federal Bank**

**Explanation:**

Federal Bank, in association with Geojit, has launched a new trading platform called "Selfie" for customers. Designed and managed by Geojit, the trading platform will give its users absolute

control over their investments with timely research inputs to make sound investment decisions.

**114. Who among the following has won this year's WWF International President's Award for his efforts to change attitudes towards nature?**

1. Abishek Jindal
2. Rohan Chakravarty
3. Neeraj Patel
4. Shankar Reddy
5. Tejas Khandwe

Answer - **2. Rohan Chakravarty**

**Explanation:**

The award is the top accolade given by WWF to recognise leadership in young conservationists who are under the age of 30 from around the world. The award ceremony was held recently in Manado, Indonesia. Avid bird watcher, Rohan Chakravarty draws cartoons centred on conservation issues under the banner of Green Humour, a comic strip that is being distributed internationally.

**115. Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh, recently released the book 'India 2017 Yearbook'. Who is the author of this book?**

1. Anuj Divekar
2. Parthiv Madhok
3. Abhijit Jalan
4. Rajiv Mehrishi
5. Madhav Iyer

Answer - **4. Rajiv Mehrishi**

**Explanation:**

The Union Home Minister, Rajnath Singh has released the book 'India 2017 Yearbook' authored by the Union Home Secretary, Rajiv Mehrishi. The book is a comprehensive compendium of all data and facts related to the Indian Union, including geographical information.

**116. On May 24, 2017, Union Minister of State for Communications (Independent Charge), Shri Manoj Sinha launched satellite phone service of which telecom operator?**

1. Reliance Jio
2. BSNL
3. Airtel
4. Ideal Cellular
5. Vodafone

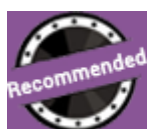
Answer - **2. BSNL**

**Explanation :**

In the first phase, this service will be provided to agencies handling a disaster, state police, railways, Border Security Force and other government agencies. In the later phase, people travelling in flight and on ships will be able to use this service. BSNL's satellite phone service will be enabled by INMARSAT which has a constellation of geostationary communication satellites.

**117. Swachh Bharat App" has been launched in \_\_\_\_\_ under Ministry of Culture by the Minister of State (I/C) for Culture & Tourism Dr. Mahesh Sharma**

1. National Museum, Delhi
2. Taj Mahal
3. Red Fort
4. Mysore Palace



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5. Indian Museum, Kolkata

**Answer - 1. National Museum, Delhi**

**Explanation :**

At present, this App is available for Android Mobile phones. When you are in the Museum it will deliver you the message about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and ask you to report the garbage around you. All you need is to enable the Bluetooth of your mobile device. Even if you do not have the App installed then also you will be delivered the message by Google about the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan which will give you the link to install the App. Once you start the App it will ask to take photograph of the garbage and write the comment and just submit. It will be reported to the authority on the backend.

**118. Which among the following nation ratified the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Pact on May 22, 2017?**

1. Kenya
2. Nauru
3. Algeria
4. Morocco
5. Somalia

**Answer - 2. Nauru**

**Explanation :**

The world's smallest nation, Nauru has ratified the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Framework Pact. Aaron Cook, Nauru's Commerce, Industry and Environment Minister handed over the ratification document to Union Finance, Defence and Corporate Affairs Minister Arun Jaitley on May 22, 2017.

**119. 3rd Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting was held on 21-22 May 2017 in:**

1. Wellington, New Zealand
2. Colombo, Sri Lanka
3. Hanoi, Vietnam
4. Dhaka, Bangladesh
5. Kathmandu, Nepal

**Answer - 3. Hanoi, Vietnam**

**Explanation :**

Trade Ministers of all 16 RCEP countries participated in this meeting. Indian delegation to this meeting was led by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. As Philippines is currently holding the Presidency of ASEAN, the RCEP Inter-sessional Ministerial Meeting was chaired by Ramon Lopez - Trade Minister and Industry Minister of Philippines.

**120. On May 22, 2017, which police force, officially inducted world's first operational robot police officer 'Robocop'?**

1. Dubai Police
2. Beijing Police
3. London Police
4. New York Police

5.Tokyo Police

Answer - **1.Dubai Police**

**Explanation :**

The Robocop – standing 1.7 metres tall and weighing 100 kilograms – is equipped with an emotion detector which can recognise gestures and hand signals from up to 1.5 metres away. It can detect a person's emotions and facial expressions, and can change its own expression and greetings accordingly to put people at ease. The Robocop will use facial recognition software to help human police officers identify and catch offenders, as well as broadcast live video feeds.

**121. Who among the following has been voted as the new Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO)?**

1.Dr. David Nabarro

2.Dr. Nicolas Costner

3.Dr. Dr. Sania Nishtar

4.Dr. Tedros

5.Dr. Marcos

Answer -4.Dr. Tedros

**Explanation :**

On May 23, 2017, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus of Ethiopia was voted as the new Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO). He is the first African ever to hold this post. Dr Tedros replaces Dr Margaret Chan of China, who has held this post from 2006.

**122. \_\_\_\_\_ and IFFCO have rolled out their first set of co-branded debit cards for farmers as part of a novel initiative to push digitalisation and cashless economy.**

1.State Bank of India

2.Punjab National Bank

3.Bank of Baroda

4.Syndicate Bank

5.Corporation Bank

Answer - **3.Bank of Baroda**

**Explanation :**

In February 2017, Bank of Baroda and IFFCO had entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in this regard. The co-branded debit cards, with inbuilt overdraft of Rs. 2,500 in special savings bank account, could be used for purchase of various agri products at IFFCO sale counters.

**123. On May 10, 2017, \_\_\_\_\_, the world's largest aircraft, successfully completed a test flight by flying for a total of 180 minutes in Cardington, UK.**

1.Airlander 4

2.Airlander 6

3.Airlander 8

4.Airlander 10

5.Airlander 12

Answer - **4.Airlander 10**

**Explanation :**

The hybrid aircraft dubbed the Airlander 10 combines technology from airplanes, helicopters and airships. It is designed to fly at altitudes of 6,100 meters for up to five days when manned. With a length of 92 metres, it is the largest aircraft currently flying.

**124. Who among the following has won the coveted International Cricketer of the Year award at the CEAT Cricket Rating (CCR) International awards 2017?**

1. Virat Kohli
2. R Ashwin
3. Rohit Sharma
4. Chris Gayle
5. Brendon McCullum

Answer - **2.R Ashwin**

**Explanation :**

The award was presented to Ashwin by former India skipper Sunil Gavaskar and Harsh Goenka, Chairman of RPG Enterprises, at a function held at the Cricket Club of India. Ashwin has taken 99 wickets in the past 12 months.

**125. Who is the author of the book "Winning like Virat: Think & Succeed like Kohli"?**

1. Rajdeep Sardesai
2. Shekhar Gupta
3. Harsha Bhogle
4. Abhirup Bhattacharya
5. Charu Sharma

Answer - **4.Abhirup Bhattacharya**

**Explanation :**

The Book titled "Winning like Virat: Think & Succeed like Kohli" by Abhirup Bhattacharya unravels the secrets of Virat Kohli's consistent form, while attempting to decode his philosophy towards life.

**126. Which State Govt. has launched e-plant clinics for reaching out to the farmers and take the technological innovations and research to the field?**

1. Andhra Pradesh
2. Telangana
3. Punjab
4. Haryana
5. Jammu & Kashmir

Answer - **5.Jammu & Kashmir**

**Explanation :**

Jammu and Kashmir Agriculture Minister Ghulam Nabi Lone Hanjura battled for making farmers aware of the latest technologies to enhance production in the sector. He made the remarks while launching the e-plant clinics, a workshop organised by Department of Agriculture in collaboration with Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International (CABI), South Asia in Jammu.

**127. India's first underwater rail tunnel has been completed ahead of schedule. This tunnel has been built under which river?**

1. Hooghly River
2. Ganga River
3. Narmada River
4. Sabarmati River
5. Godavari River

Answer - **1.Hooghly River**

**Explanation :**

Engineers and employees of Afcons Transstunnelstroy and Kolkata Metro Railway Corporation Ltd, the two entities implementing the East West Metro have completed boring the country's first

tunnel under the Hooghly river for establishing metro link between Howrah and Kolkata. Rachna, a giant tunnel-boring machine (TBM), was deployed to dig the underwater tunnel that runs a length of 502 metres under the river.

128. **As per UN Habitat data, Mumbai ranks \_\_\_\_\_ in the list of 10 most densely populated cities in the world.**

- 1.second
- 2.third
- 3.fourth
- 4.fifth
- 5.sixth

Answer - **1.second**

**Explanation :**

Dhaka tops the list with 44500 people per sq km density while Mumbai with 31700 ranks second in the list of 10 most densely populated cities in the world. Kota in Rajasthan is world's 7th most densely populated city.

129. **Which among the following banks has launched a national hackathon for developers, startups and students to come up with innovative ideas and solutions for the banking sector?**

- 1.HDFC Bank
- 2.ICICI Bank
- 3.Bank of Baroda
- 4.State Bank of India
- 5.Axis Bank

Answer - **4.State Bank of India**

**Explanation :**

The hackathon, named 'Code For Bank', will focus on the business value, driven by technologies like predictive analytics, fin-tech/blockchain, digital payments, IoT (Internet of Things), artificial intelligence, machine learning, BOTS and robotic process automation.

130. **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has allowed up to \_\_\_\_\_ % of vegetable fats in chocolates**

- 1.3%
- 2.4%
- 3.5%
- 4.6%
- 5.7%

Answer - **3.5%**

**Explanation :**

Solvent Extractors Association, a premier vegetable oil Association, said FSSAI has issued notification dated 15th May, 2017, permitting addition of vegetable fats (from sal, kokum, mango kernel, palm oil, mahua oil dhupa, phulwara, dharambe, etc) to a maximum 5 per cent of the finished product.

131. **Which among the following is the highest ranked Indian firm in 2017 Forbes 'Global 2000' list?**

- 1.State Bank of India
- 2.Airtel
- 3.Reliance Industries Ltd.



4.LIC of India

5.ONGC

Answer - **3.Reliance Industries Ltd.**

**Explanation :**

Reliance Industries ranked 106<sup>th</sup> on 2017 Forbes 'Global 2000' list. Among Indian companies, Reliance Industries was followed State Bank of India at 244 and ONGC at 246. Indian private sector banks HDFC Bank (258), ICICI Bank (310), Axis Bank (463) and Kotak Mahindra Bank (744) are among the top 20 Indian companies in the overall list

**132. Who among the following has been appointed as the new Chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India(IAMAI)?**

1.Deepen Shah

2.Nikhil Shukla

3.Maitosh Kangre

4.Rajan Anandan

5.Madhukar Bhojak

Answer - **4.Rajan Anandan**

**Explanation :**

Google's vice-president for South East Asia and India, Rajan Anandan has been appointed new chairman of Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI). He took over charge from FreeCharge's co-founder and chief executive officer Kunal Shah.

**133. Omar Hegazy of \_\_\_\_\_ has become the first amputee to swim across the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba in under nine hours.**

1.Jordan

2.Lebanon

3.UAE

4.Egypt

5.Saudi Arabia

Answer - **4.Egypt**

**Explanation :**

Omar Hegazy an Egyptian adventurer has become the first amputee to swim from Egypt to Jordan, crossing a 20-kilometre (12.4 miles) stretch of the Red Sea's Gulf of Aqaba last month in under nine hours. Omar Hegazy, a 26-year-old banker, lost his left leg two years ago in a motorcycle accident.

**134. On May 26, 2017, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest river bridge, the Dhola-Sadiya bridge. What is the length of this bridge?**

1.7.15 km

2.9.15 km

3.11.15 km

4.13.15 km

5.15.15 km

Answer - **2.9.15 km**

**Explanation :**

9.15 km long Dhola-Sadiya Bridge is longer than the Bandra-Worli Sea Link (5.6 km) in Mumbai. It has been built at a cost of about Rs 2,056 crore over river Lohit, a tributary of the Brahmaputra. This bridge has been named after late legendary singer Bhupen Hazarika. Sadiya was the birth place of Bhupen Hazarika.



**135. On May 26, 2017, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for an Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) in which district of Assam?**

1. Dhemaji district
2. Dibrugarh district
3. Jorhat district
4. Tezpur district
5. Nalbari district

Answer - **1. Dhemaji district**

**Explanation :**

On May 26, 2017, PM Modi laid the foundation stone for an Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) at Gogamukh in Dhemaji district of Assam. PM Modi also announced the launch of the new scheme SAMPADA (Scheme for Agro-Marine Processing and Development of Agro-Processing Clusters) which will bring value addition of agriculture produce and will thereby increase farmers' income.

**136. Chief Minister of which state has launched a 'Shivar Samwad Sabha' to reach out to farmers in the state and address their issues?**

1. Maharashtra
2. Punjab
3. Haryana
4. Telangana
5. Andhra Pradesh

Answer - **1. Maharashtra**

**Explanation :**

The four-day initiative is being launched amid the rising resentment among farmers across the state over delay in procurement of tur this year. Nearly 4,000 elected representatives of the party will participate in the campaign and hold meetings with farmers at various locations.

**137. Taj Mahal has secured \_\_\_\_\_ position on Traveller's Choice list of top 10 Global Landmarks.**

1. 4<sup>th</sup> position
2. 5<sup>th</sup> position
3. 6<sup>th</sup> position
4. 7<sup>th</sup> position
5. 8<sup>th</sup> position

Answer - **2. 5<sup>th</sup> position**

**Explanation :**

Taj Mahal is the only Indian monument which has featured in the list of top 10 Global Landmarks, compiled by Traveller's Choice. It has secured 5<sup>th</sup> position on this list. In the list of top Asian Landmarks, Taj Mahal secured second position.

**138. As per "fDi Report 2017", compiled by fDi intelligence, a division of the Financial Times, which country has retained its position as world's top greenfield Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) destination for the second consecutive year?**

1. Japan
2. US

- 3.China
- 4.Singapore
- 5.India

Answer - **5.India**

**Explanation :**

Attracting \$62.3 billion FDI inflows in 2016, India remained much ahead of China and the US. Attracting \$59 billion FDI inflows, China surpassed US and became the second biggest country for FDI by capital investment. US attracted \$48 billion FDI inflows.

**139. Former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) \_\_\_\_\_, credited for wiping off Khalistan terrorism from Punjab, passed away on May 26, 2017.**

- 1.NK Sabharwal
- 2.VJ Arora
- 3.KPS Gill
- 4.PV Dosanjh
- 5.PN Rana

Answer - **3.KPS Gill**

**Explanation :**

Former Punjab Director General of Police (DGP) Kanwar Pal Singh Gill passed away at the age of 82 due to cardiac arrhythmia. Popularly known as the 'Lion of Punjab', Gill served twice as the DGP of Punjab and is credited for wiping off Khalistan terrorism from Punjab.

**140. Who among the following is the author of the book "Marching with a Billion- Analysing Narendra Modi's Government at Midterm"?**

- 1.Pruthvish Purohit
- 2.Ashish Acharya
- 3.Deepak Prabhu
- 4.Uday Mahurkar
- 5.Rasanand Nayak

Answer - **4.Uday Mahurkar**

**Explanation :**

The President of India, Pranab Mukherjee received the first copies of books 'Mann Ki Baat: A Social Revolution on Radio' and 'Marching with a Billion- Analysing Narendra Modis Government at Midterm' from Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker of the Lok Sabha. The book 'Mann Ki Baat: A Social Revolution on Radio' is a compilation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's addresses to the nation on radio every month under the programme 'Mann Ki Baat'.

**141. 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meetings of the African Development Bank (AfDB) were held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in:**

- 1.Kochi, Kerala
- 2.Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- 3.Kolkata, West Bengal
- 4.Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- 5.Bengaluru, Karnataka

Answer - **2.Gandhinagar, Gujarat**

**Explanation :**

This is the first time that the Annual Meetings of AfDB were held in India. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meetings of AfDB. Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of AfDB (comprising Finance Ministers of countries) and number of official, knowledge, and side events were held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**142. Which among the following has earned the distinction of becoming India's first city with electric mass mobility system?**

1. Bhopal
2. Kanpur
3. Jaipur
4. Nagpur
5. Hyderabad

Answer - **4. Nagpur**

**Explanation :**

On May 26, 2017, Nagpur earned the distinction of becoming India's first city with electric mass mobility system as Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis along with Union Surface Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari flagged off taxi aggregator Ola's electronic vehicle (EV) services in the city.

**143. 'India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference' was held on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in:**

1. Suva, Fiji
2. Sydney, Australia
3. Male, Maldives
4. Port Louis, Mauritius
5. Funafuti, Tuvalu

Answer - **1. Suva, Fiji**

**Explanation :**

India's Ministry of External Affairs hosted the 'India-Pacific Islands Sustainable Development Conference' in Suva, Fiji, on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The conference was inaugurated by Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum, the Acting Prime Minister of Fiji.

**144. Apple has opened its first Southeast Asia store in which country?**

1. Indonesia
2. Thailand
3. Malaysia
4. Singapore
5. Philippines

Answer - **4. Singapore**

**Explanation :**

Apple opened its first Southeast Asia store in Singapore on May 28, 2017, drawing hundreds of excited fans to the swanky two-storey site in the city's upmarket shopping district. Located on the affluent Orchard Road, the new shop is expected to be one of the most popular Apple stores in the world according to the US tech giant.

**145. How much amount, as Line of Credit has been extended by Indian to Mauritius for various projects?**

1. USD 500 million
2. USD 600 million
3. USD 700 million
4. USD 800 million
5. USD 900 million

Answer - **1. USD 500 million**

**Explanation :**

India has announced USD 500 Million assistance in form of Line of Credit to Mauritius, which will

be used for various projects. This Line of Credit (LOC) agreement was signed between SBM Mauritius Infrastructure Development Co. Ltd and Export-Import Bank of India.

**146. Who among the following flagged off Heritage Line of Delhi Metro on May 28, 2017?**

1. Arvind Kejriwal and Anil Baijal
2. Venkaiah Naidu and Anil Baijal
3. Arvind Kejriwal and Venkaiah Naidu
4. Suresh Prabhu and Anil Baijal
5. Suresh Prabhu and Arvind Kejriwal

**Answer - 3. Arvind Kejriwal and Venkaiah Naidu**

**Explanation :**

On May 28, 2017, Delhi Chief Minister, Arvind Kejriwal and Union Urban Development Minister, M Venkaiah Naidu flagged off Heritage Line of Delhi Metro through video conferencing at Metro Bhawan in Delhi. Union Minister of Science and Technology, Harsh Vardhan was also present at the event.

**147. Construction of European Extremely Large Telescope (ELT), has begun in:**

1. Argentina
2. Morocco
3. Ireland
4. Chile
5. Peru

**Answer - 4. Chile**

**Explanation :**

Located on a 3,000 meter-high mountain in the middle of the Atacama desert, ELT is due to begin operating in 2024. The size of the ELT has the potential to transform our understanding of the universe, with its main mirror that will measure some 39 meters (43 yards) across.

**148. Which among the following company has overtaken Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) to become India's most profitable public sector undertaking (PSU)?**

1. LIC of India
2. IOC
3. State Bank of India
4. SAIL
5. BHEL

**Answer - 2. IOC**

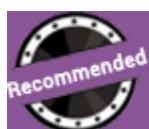
**Explanation :**

Indian Oil Corp (IOC) has overtaken Oil and Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) to become India's most profitable public sector undertaking (PSU). For financial year ended March 31, 2017, IOC posted a net profit of Rs 19,106.40 crore, which marks a 70% jump from previous year.

**149. Which city's police department has received the Federation of Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) Smart Police Award for the year 2017?**

1. Indore
2. Varanasi
3. Pune
4. Kochi
5. Surat

**Answer - 3. Pune**



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### Explanation :

As many as 133 police and security establishments in the country had taken part in the competition for the FICCI Smart Policing Award 2017. Pune city police got the award for their initiatives on women and cyber security.

**150. Union Defence Minister Arun Jaitley has inaugurated a first-of-its-kind Aeronautical Test Range (ATR), which will be used to test the country's first unmanned aircraft, in the \_\_\_\_\_ district of Karnataka**

1. Udupi district
2. Chitradurga district
3. Dharwad district
4. Kolar district
5. Bidar district

Answer - **2. Chitradurga district**

### Explanation :

The facility, which is spread across an area of 4,200 acres, will be the leading test centre for the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) that has been using the Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd airport in Bengaluru to test fly the Tejas combat aircraft so far.

**151. Which among the following country has won Sudirman Cup badminton championship?**

1. China
2. Malaysia
3. Japan
4. Russia
5. South Korea

Answer - **5. South Korea**

### Explanation :

On May 28, 2017, South Korea defeated China to win badminton's Sudirman Cup for the first time in 14 years. The South Koreans claimed their fourth cup in the world mixed teams competition with a charged 21-17, 21-13 win by Choi Sol-Gyu and ChaeYoo-Jung in the mixed doubles match.

**152. 43rd G7 summit was held on May 26–27, 2017 in which country?**

1. France
2. Italy
3. Germany
4. Canada
5. Japan

Answer - **2. Italy**

### Explanation :

43rd G7 summit was held on May 26–27, 2017 in Taormina, Sicily, Italy. The summit was attended by leaders of G7 countries viz. US, UK, Germany, France, Italy, Japan and Canada as well as the representatives of European Union.

153. **Who among the following has been awarded Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar for the year 2016?**

1. Suresh Rajshekhar
2. Satyabrata Rout
3. Jayesh Sheth
4. Siddhesh Gajjar
5. Mrugesh Pathak

Answer - **2. Satyabrata Rout**

**Explanation :**

Satyabrata Rout has been given this award for developing a unique method of teaching and practising direction and design, which has been achieved through a long and continuous work experience with eminent theatre practitioners and scholars.

154. **On May 29, 2017, Union Human Resource Development Minister Shri Prakash Javadekar launched an Anti-Ragging Mobile App introduced by:**

1. CBSE
2. UGC
3. IGNOU
4. NCERT
5. IIT - Kharagpur

Answer - **2. UGC**

**Explanation :**

This app will work on android system on which students can log in and register their complaints immediately. Accordingly all concerned will be informed immediately and action will start immediately.

155. **Tropical cyclone named \_\_\_\_\_ developed in the Bay of Bengal in last week of May 2017.**

1. 'Pora'
2. 'Kora'
3. 'Mora'
4. 'Dora'
5. 'Nora'

Answer - **3. 'Mora'**

**Explanation :**

A deep depression in the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a tropical cyclone named 'Mora'. It is a second cyclone in the Bay of Bengal after Maarutha. The tropical Cyclone Mora is likely to hit Bangladesh coast in next 24 hours and expected to cause heavy rains in West Bengal and North East Indian states.

156. **'Reang' is a scheduled tribe of which Indian State?**

1. Manipur
2. Meghalaya
3. Assam
4. Tripura
5. Nagaland

Answer - **4. Tripura**

**Explanation :**

In an attempt to document and preserve the cultural and social diversity of the Reang, a unique and detailed publication by Lincoln Reang, titled 'Mapping with respect to Particularly Vulnerable



Tribal Groups in Tripura', is being published by the Tribal Research and Cultural Institute, Government of Tripura.

**157. On May 30, 2017, who among the following Bollywood actor launched Drinking Water and Sanitation Ministry's 'Darwaza Band' campaign for promotion of toilet usage across the country?**

1. Shah Rukh Khan
2. Amitabh Bachchan
3. Salaman Khan
4. Amir Khan
5. Ranveer Singh

Answer - **2. Amitabh Bachchan**

**Explanation :**

This campaign is an initiative of the Union Drinking Water and Sanitation Ministry and is supported by the World Bank. It has been rolled out countrywide immediately after the launch. The objective of the campaign is to encourage behaviour change in men who have toilets but are not using them.

**158. As per 'India Development Report' released by World Bank on May 29, 2017, India ranks \_\_\_\_\_ among 131 countries in terms of women participation in the workforce.**

1. 130th
2. 125th
3. 120<sup>th</sup>
4. 115th
5. 110<sup>th</sup>

Answer - **3. 120<sup>th</sup>**

**Explanation :**

As per the report, participation level of women in Indian workforce has been dropping since year 2005, despite having 42% women who are graduates. Report has estimated that if women participation increased, India's potential GDP growth rate can rise by one percentage point.

**159. 'Zan - or Women's - TV' is a women's television channel launched in:**

1. Bangladesh
2. Pakistan
3. Saudi Arabia
4. Afghanistan
5. Oman

Answer - **4. Afghanistan**

**Explanation :**

Women in Afghanistan now have their own television channel. Zan - or Women's - TV began airing this month, with a staff of all female presenters and producers. This development is being seen as a groundbreaking step for women's rights, in a country still dominated by men.

**160. Which Bollywood actress will be honoured with the Dadasaheb Phalke Academy Award for being an international icon?**

1. Deepika Padukone
2. Katrina Kaif
3. Priyanka Chopra
4. Sonam Kapoor
5. Aishwarya Rai

Answer - **3. Priyanka Chopra**

**Explanation :**

Priyanka Chopra will be given the award under the newly introduced 'Internationally Acclaimed Actress' category at a ceremony in Mumbai on June 1, 2017. Celebrities like Anil Kapoor, Kapil Sharma, Juhi Chawla and Nitesh Tiwari, among others, are expected to attend the event.

**161. Who among the following has been unanimously appointed as the Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia for a five year term?**

1. Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi
2. Syed Shahnawaz Hussain
3. Najma Heptulla
4. Nausheen Siddiqui
5. Farooq Ali

Answer - **3. Najma Heptulla**

**Explanation :**

Manipur Governor Najma Heptulla has been unanimously appointed as the Chancellor (Amir-e-Jamia) of Jamia Millia Islamia for a five year term by the University's Court (Anjuman). She succeeds Lt. Gen. (Retd.) M.A. Zaki, who will complete his five-year term this month.

Appointment of Najma Heptulla was confirmed by Tala Ahmad, the Vice-Chancellor of Jamia Millia Islamia.

**162. The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS) with an operational name of NavIC is currently being tested for its accuracy and is most likely to be available in the market for public use by year:**

1. 2018
2. 2019
3. 2020
4. 2021
5. 2022

Answer - **1. 2018**

**Explanation :**

NavIC ('Navigation with Indian Constellation' whose Hindi meaning is 'sailor' or 'navigator'), the name given by PM Narendra Modi after the launch of IRNSS-1G, is designed to provide accurate position information to users within the country. Though American GPS with 24 satellites in a constellation has wider reach and covers the entire world, NavIC with seven satellites covers only India and its surroundings but is more accurate than the American system.

**163. New office building of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO), Sankhyiki Bhawan in New Delhi was inaugurated on May 30, 2017. Who is the current Union Minister for Statistics & Programme Implementation?**

1. Piyush Goyal
2. Ananth Kumar
3. D.V. Sadananda Gowda
4. Venkaiah Naidu
5. Prakash Javadekar

Answer - **3. D.V. Sadananda Gowda**

**Explanation :**

At the new building, all divisions of NSSO are under one roof. This will improve coordination of various tasks at a very closer level and will thereby result in faster and better output.

**164. Union Ministry of Earth Sciences has announced that India is all set to launch 'Deep Ocean Mission' by:**

1. July 2017
2. November 2017
3. January 2018
4. April 2018
5. June 2018

**Answer - 3. January 2018**

**Explanation :**

M Rajeevan, Secretary of Ministry of Earth Sciences has announced that India is all set to launch 'Deep Ocean Mission' by January 2018. 'Deep Ocean Mission' will improve India's position in ocean research field. Seven premier science agencies including NIO, ISRO and DRDO will participate in this venture.

**165. Which among the following country will become first in the world to run all government ports on green energy?**

1. China
2. India
3. South Africa
4. France
5. UK

**Answer - 2. India**

**Explanation :**

All 12 major domestic ports in India will soon switch to renewable energy to meet their entire power requirements. Indian Government is planning to install 150 mw of solar power and 50 mw wind power generation capacity by year 2019.

**166. New one rupee notes with a multicoloured look will soon be put in circulation by the Reserve Bank of India. The colour of One Rupee currency note shall be predominantly \_\_\_\_\_ on obverse and reverse in combination with others.**

1. red-blue
2. pink-green
3. orange-blue
4. magenta-green
5. grey-orange

**Answer - 2. pink-green**

**Explanation :**

The Reserve Bank of India will soon put into circulation currency notes in one rupee denomination. The existing currency notes in this denomination in circulation will also continue to be legal tender.

**167. Who among the following has been announced as the recipient of the 2017 PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in the Short Story?**

1. Chetan Bhagat
2. Arundhati Roy
3. Amitav Ghosh
4. Jhumpa Lahiri
5. Vikram Seth

**Answer - 4. Jhumpa Lahiri**

**Explanation :**

The PEN/Malamud Award for Excellence in Short Fiction was established by Bernard Malamud's family to honor excellence in the art of short fiction

**168. What was the theme for 'World No Tobacco Day' 2017, observed on May 31, 2017?**

1. 'Get Ready for Plain Packaging'
2. 'Stop illicit trade of tobacco products'
3. 'Tobacco – a threat to development'
4. 'Raise taxes on tobacco'
5. 'Ban tobacco advertising'

Answer - **3. "Tobacco – a threat to development"**

**Explanation :**

World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) is observed around the world every year on May 31. It is intended to encourage a 24-hour period of abstinence from all forms of tobacco consumption around the globe. The day is further intended to draw attention to the widespread prevalence of tobacco use and its negative health effects.

**169. Who among the following Indian Cricketers have featured in this year's ESPN World Fame 100 list?**

1. Virat Kohli
2. M S Dhoni
3. Suresh Raina
4. Yuvraj Singh
5. All of the above

Answer - **5. All of the above**

**Explanation :**

Virat Kohli ranked 13th, which marks a drop from his previous year rank at 8<sup>th</sup> position. M S Dhoni's too slipped by one spot to 15<sup>th</sup> from last year's 14<sup>th</sup> rank. Yuvraj Singh and Suresh Raina ranked 90th and 95th respectively.

**170. Which private sector bank has launched a new trading platform called "Selfie" for customers?**

1. IndusInd Bank
2. Federal Bank
3. Yes Bank
4. IDFC Bank
5. Bandhan Bank

Answer - **2. Federal Bank**

**Explanation:**

Federal Bank, in association with Geojit, has launched a new trading platform called "Selfie" for customers. Designed and managed by Geojit, the trading platform will give its users absolute control over their investments with timely research inputs to make sound investment decisions.

