

Current Affairs January Questions & Answers PDF 2017

1. **Name the two new Hindi writers who have been conferred with the 2016 Bharatiya Jnanpith Navlekhan Award ?**

- A. Tasneem Khan and Upasana
- B. Vishnu Nagar and Govind Prasad
- C. Shraddha and Ghyansham Devansh
- D. Madhusudan Anan and Om Nischal

Answer – **C. Shraddha and Ghyansham Devansh**

Explanation:

Bharatiya Jnanpith has conferred two new Hindi writers, Shraddha and Ghyansham Kumar Devansh, with the 2016 Bharatiya Jnanpith Navlekhan Award on December 29, 2016 for their first creation. A selection panel chaired by eminent poet Vishnu Nagar named Shraddha for her short story, Hawa Mein Phadphadati Chitthi and Devansh for his poem Akash Mein Deh.

2. **Petronet, India's largest LNG importer, has signed an agreement with which country on December 30 to set up \$950 million Liquefied Natural Gas import project in that country?**

- A. Kyrgyzstan
- B. Afghanistan
- C. Pakistan
- D. Bangladesh

Answer – **D. Bangladesh**

Explanation:

India's largest LNG importer Petronet has signed an MoU with Petrobangla on December 30, 2016, to set up \$950 million liquefied natural gas import project of 7.5 million tonnes a year in Bangladesh. The MoU was signed between Petronet LNG CEO and Managing Director Prabhat Singh and Petrobangla secretary Syed Ashfaquzzaman. It also includes laying a 26-Km pipeline to connect the LNG project to the consumption markets

3. **How much financial benefit would be provided to the pregnant women in rural areas as announced by PM Modi?**

- A. Rs. 2500
- B. Rs. 4000
- C. Rs. 5500
- D. Rs. 6000

Answer – **D.Rs. 6000**

Explanation:

A sum of Rs 6000 would be deposited in the account of pregnant and lactating women in above 650 rural districts to meet medical expenses. The scheme would initially be implemented in form of a pilot project in 53 districts, with the amount of Rs 4,000

4. **Name the new health scheme launched by Andhra Pradesh Government for the Above Poverty Line families of the state on January 1, 2017?**

- A.Arogya Swasthiya Bima Yojana
- B.Suraksha Bima Yojana
- C.Arogya Raksha Scheme
- D.State Government Health Scheme

Answer – **C.Arogya Raksha Scheme**

Explanation:

Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh launched a new health scheme, Arogya Raksha Scheme on January 1, 2017 at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram in Vijayawada to provide the medical treatment to the people of the Above Poverty Line at Rs. 1200 premium per annum.

5. **Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Union Public Service Commission with effect from January 4, 2017?**

- A.R. M. Bathew
- B.David R. Syiemlieh
- C.F. W. Robertson
- D.D P Agrawal

Answer – **B.David R. Syiemlieh**

Explanation:

President Pranab Mukherjee has appointed Prof. David R. Syiemlieh, to perform the duties of the post of Chairman of Union Public Service Commission, with effect from the forenoon of January 4, 2017 till further orders or till completion of his term as member on 21.01.2018, whichever is earlier. Prof. David is currently, a member of the Union Public Service Commission.

6. **In which state is the world's largest 11-day Gala Festival "Bargarh Dhanua Jatra" organized?**

- A.Odisha
- B.Karnataka
- C.Tamil Nadu
- D.Andhra Pradesh

Answer – **A.Odisha**

Explanation:

The World famous 11-day gala festival Bargarh Dhanua Jatra began on 2 January 2017 in western Odisha. All rituals were performed before Goddess Samaleswari, the presiding deity of the event. Dhanu Jatra is an annual drama-based open air theatrical performance celebrated in and around Bargarh city spanning over an area of 6 km radius. It is considered to be the world's largest open air theatrical festival.

7. **Sports Ministry constituted a committee on January 2, 2017 to suggest improvements in the National Sports Development Code. Who will be the head of the Committee?**

- A. Mani Shankar Aiyar
- B. Ajay Maken
- C. Injeti Srinivas
- D. Mr Vijay Goel

Answer – **C. Injeti Srinivas**

Explanation:

The Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Mr Vijay Goel constituted a committee on January 2, 2017, to suggest improvements in the National Sports Development Code functioning of sports federations. The committee, which will be chaired by Sports Secretary, Injeti Srinivas, will submit its report within one month on the basis of suggestions and feedback given in these meetings so that sports bodies act according to the public expectations for the promotion of sports in the country.

8. **India's first 700 MW Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) will have its trial run in which state?**

- A. Haryana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Punjab
- D. Rajasthan

Answer – **B. Gujarat**

Explanation:

The trial run of India's first 700 MW Pressurized Heavy Water Reactor (PHWR) at Kakrapar, Gujarat, is expected to take place in middle of 2017. India's atomic power plant operator NPCIL is building four 700 MW PHWRs, two each at Kakrapar Atomic Power Station (KAPS) in Gujarat and Rajasthan Atomic Power Station (RAPS) in Rajasthan.

9. **Who has been appointed as the 9th UN Secretary General?**

- A. Antonio Guterres

- B.Kurt Waldheim
- C.Javier Perez de Cuellar
- D.Boutros Boutros-Ghali

Answer – **A.Antonio Guterres**

Explanation:

Portuguese politician and diplomat Antonio Guterres (67) took charge as the UN Secretary General, world's top diplomat. He succeeded Ban Ki-moon and shall have five-year term. Antonio Guterres was Prime Minister of Portugal from 1995 to 2002. He was the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) from June 2005 to December 2015.

10. Who has been elected as the new president of Haiti?

- A.Jovenel Moise
- B.Jean-Bertrand
- C.Jacques Rousseau
- D.Robert Labrousse

Answer – **A.Jovenel Moise**

Explanation:

Jovenel Moise has been elected as the President of Haiti. The electoral tribunal officially declared the winner on 3 January 2017. Jovenel Moise is a businessman from Haiti capital city of Port-au-Prince and is related to banana export business. Mr. Moise who is from Bald Heads Party (PHTK) has won 55.6% of the total votes casted. Jude Celestin remained at the second spot in the race of Presidential election with only 19.5% votes.

11. Which state has launched first of its kind 24 X 7 call-center facility for the forest department of the state?

- A.Maharashtra
- B.Tamil Nadu
- C.Kerala
- D.West Bengal

Answer **A.Maharashtra**

Explanation:

India's first state-wide call centre facility the Maharashtra forest department launched by Maharashtra state Forest Minister forest minister Sudhir Mungantiwar at Goregaon in Mumbai on January 6, 2017. State government soon will launch 24×7 toll free number 1926 to complaints or get information about a variety of issues related to forests and wildlife. The forest department selected SAAR IT Solutions Pvt Ltd in for this helpline service till August 2017.

12. **Suvidha Prepaid Card service has been launched by which bank?**

- A. Vijaya Bank
- B. Dena Bank
- C. Canara Bank
- D. UCO Bank

Answer – **D. UCO Bank**

Explanation: Kolkata based UCO Bank has launched its prepaid card 'UCO Suvidha' by R.K. Takkar, MD & CEO, UCO Bank, and Executive Directors, Charan Singh and G. Subramania Iyer. The prepaid card can be used for cash withdrawals, purchase at Points of Sale (POS) or over the Internet. The prepaid card offers the flexibility to load/ reload amount as and when required and is targeted at corporates, government departments, institutions and other organisations.

13. **Which States/UT Government has recently launched Good Samaritan Policy for encouraging people to help accident victims?**

- A. Puducherry
- B. New Delhi
- C. Gujarat
- D. Andhra Pradesh

Answer – **B. New Delhi**

Explanation:

The Delhi government has approved 'Good Samaritan Policy' to encourage people to help accident victims. Delhi government approved 'Good Samaritan Policy' under which monetary incentive of Rs 2,000 and appreciation certificate will be given to people who help road accident victims in the national capital.

14. **Which country has decided to switch off its FM radio network and completely convert to digital signals?**

- A. Sweden
- B. Finland
- C. Norway
- D. Germany

Answer – **C. Norway**

Explanation:

The Norwegian government will become the world's first country to shut down its FM network from January 11, 2017 to digital will save money and allow national radio stations to invest more in radio content. FM Radios are replaced with Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB) technology. Other countries are also considering making a similar shift, including Denmark, Switzerland and the United Kingdom

15. **Who won the winner of 2017 Qatar Open title ?**

- A.Rafael Nadal
- B.Roger Federer
- C.Andy Murray
- D.Novak Djokovic

Answer – **D.Novak Djokovic**

Explanation:

Serbian Tennis Ace Novak Djokovic defeated Andy Murray to defend his Qatar Open title, however the Britain star Murray stays at number one in ATP Singles Ranking. Currently Djokovic ranked number two defeated the number one by 6-3 5-7 6-4 which also end the Briton's winning streak of 28 consecutive ATP Tour matches.

16. **Name the App launched by IRCTC to book tickets faster.**

- A.IRCTC Fast Book
- B.IRCTC Rail Connect
- C.IRCTC Rail Ticket
- D.IRCTC Fast Ticket

Answer – **B.IRCTC Rail Connect**

Explanation:

IRCTC Limited will launch a new ticketing App which will have several features added on the existing one for faster booking of tickets. Existing IRCTC Connect will now become IRCTC Rail Connect to facilitate booking of train tickets in a faster and easier way. IRCTC, which handles online train ticket bookings, will formally unveil the IRCTC Rail Connect App.

17. **How much amount has been announced by the Reserve Bank of India to provide to Nepal Rastra Bank in Rs 100 denomination note?**

- A.Rs.75 million
- B.Rs.1 billion
- C.Rs. 1.5 billion
- D.Rs. 90 million

Answer – **B.Rs.1 billion**

Explanation:

India's central Bank RBI has decided to provide Rs 1 billion in Rs 100 denomination notes to Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB) to ease the acute shortage of Rs 100 notes faced by the landlocked nation. In the wake of demonetization RBI has asked the NRB to wait till the situation normalizes. RBI provides Rs 6 billion exchange facility to Nepal every year. After the Indian government's move to demonetize Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 notes the NRB had also lowered exchange limit of Indian banknotes in Nepal.

18. **Where was 350th Prakash Utsav organized to mark the birth anniversary of Guru Gobind Singh?**

- A.Patna
- B.Bhopal
- C.Mumbai
- D.Amritsar

Answer – **A.Patna**

Explanation:

The 350th Guru Gobind Singh Jayanti was celebrated across the world on January 5, 2017. Marking the occasion, a huge festival known as Prakash Utsav also known as Prakash Parv has been organized in Patna, Bihar– the birth place of the Guru. The festival which is celebrated every year in Patna is attended by nearly 5 lakh devotees each year. The festival has been organized at the city's iconic, sprawling Gandhi Maidan.

19. **Who has been nominated for the 4th Yash Chopra Memorial Award?**

- A.Akshay Kumar
- B.Salman Khan
- C.Kapil Sharma
- D.Shah Rukh Khan

Answer – **D.Shah Rukh Khan**

Explanation:

Bollywood actor, Shah Rukh Khan, commonly known as SRK, has been named for the 4th Yash Chopra Memorial Award. The award would be presented to the actor at a function in Mumbai on February 25 2017. The actor will receive Rs 10 lakh, a gold medal, and a certificate as part of the award. Shah Rukh Khan was chosen as the recipient by a four-member jury, consisting of Dr T. Subirami Reddy, Pamela Chopra, Padmini Kolhapure and Boney Kapoor.

20. **Which bank has tied up with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to boost venture capital investment in MSME Sector?**

- A.Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B.Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C.National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
- D.Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)

Answer – **D.Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI)**

Explanation:

Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) has tied up with Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to give a boost to the venture capital ecosystem for MSMEs. LIC and SIDBI signed Contribution Agreements with 7 Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) with an aggregate commitment of Rs 99.50 crore from LIC on January 03 in New Delhi. This is over

and above commitment of Rs 162.75 crore already given to these funds by SIDBI. Commitments made by SIDBI in fiscal years 2015 and 2016 were Rs 314.40 (11 funds) and Rs 606.75 crore (19 funds), respectively.

21. What was the theme of the 14th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2017?

- A.Connecting For a Shared Future
- B.Know India, Understand India
- C.Engaging Diaspora: Connecting Across Generations
- D.Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora

Answer – **D.Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora**

Explanation: The 14th edition of the Pravasi Bhartiya Divas (PBD) Convention 2017 kick started at Jacaranda Hall, BIEC, in Bengaluru, Karnataka on January 7 and would conclude on January 9, 2017. The theme of the three day PBD 2017 was Redefining Engagement with the Indian Diaspora. The main event of the PBD was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on January 8, 2017. Prime Minister of Portugal, Dr Antonio Costa was the Chief Guest of the Convention.

22. Pakistan successfully test fired its first Submarine-Launched Cruise Missile (SLCM) on January 9. Name the missile.

- A.Aurangzeb-2
- B.Abdali-I
- C.Babur-3
- D.Babur-2

Answer – **C.Babur-3**

Explanation:

Pakistan successfully test-fired its first Submarine-Launched Cruise Missile (SLCM), Babur-3, on January 9, 2017 from Indian Ocean. The missile Babur-3 which was fired from an underwater, mobile platform, hit the target with precise accuracy. It is capable of carrying a nuclear warhead up to 450km. Babur-3 is a sea-based variant of Ground Launched Cruise Missile (GLCM) Babur-2, which was successfully tested earlier in December 2016.

23. Name the newly appointed Chairman of Tata Power Co Ltd in place of Cyrus Mistry.

- A.Vikram Desai
- B.Aditya Choudhari
- C.Mohan Sekhar
- D.S Padmanabhan

Answer – **D.S Padmanabhan**

Explanation:

Tata Sons has nominated S Padmanabhan as the Chairman of Tata Power Co Ltd with

immediate effect, in place of Cyrus Mistry who resigned in December 2016. S Padmanabhan was the executive director of operations at the company until 2014. He has been brought back as an additional director on the board in December 2016.

24. Where is the World's Largest Street Light Replacement Programme been launched by the Power Ministry?

- A.Uttar Pradesh
- B.Haryana
- C.New Delhi
- D.Chandigarh

Answer – **C.New Delhi**

Explanation:

Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Power, Coal, New & Renewable Energy and Mines, dedicated the World's Largest Street Light Replacement Programme in New Delhi to the nation on January 9, 2017. The Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) in the South Delhi Municipal Corporation (SDMC) area is a joint venture between the Ministry of Power, Government of India and the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). Under the SLNP, over 2 lakh street lights have been replaced alone in SDMC area which is the largest amount till date in the world.

25. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer of Flipkart on January 9, 2017?

- A.Sanjeev Mohanty
- B.Kalyan Krishnamurthy
- C.Kunal Bahl
- D.Sanjeev Agarwal

Answer – **B.Kalyan Krishnamurthy**

Explanation:

Kalyan Krishnamurthy has been named the new Chief Executive Officer(CEO) of Flipkart on January 9, 2017. He will replace Sachin Bansal who will retain his position and work closely with Binny Bansal to drive businesses in areas such as fintech, private brands, business-to-business services, and logistics.

26. Which state has recently launched its own e-wallet Tokapoisa.in to enable the residents perform digital transaction?

- A.Arunachal Pradesh
- B.West Bengal
- C.Sikkim
- D.Assam

Answer – **D.Assam**

Explanation:

The Assam government will be shortly launching its indigenously-developed e-Wallet, Tokapoisa.in. Aim: To enable the people of the state for hassle-free online transactions in local language. The mobile application Tokapoisa.in has been developed by the Assam Electronics Development Corp. Ltd. Besides being an e-Wallet, it will be a virtual payment terminal.

27. Which bank has recently introduced a humanoid robot IRA for easy service to customers?

- A.Citi Bank
- B.HDFC Bank
- C.ICICI Bank
- D.Andhra Bank

Answer – **B.HDFC Bank**

Explanation:

India's second largest private sector lender HDFC Bank has launched a human shaped robot named IRA at its Mumbai branch to help the assist the customers in banking activities. Initially the role of the robot will be limited to that of receptionist that will greet the customers entering the bank and display the services and banking facilities like withdrawal, deposit, forex, fixed deposits and demat. The robot would also be installed with the map of the bank branch with a button "Take me there" to help the customers in easy service.

28. The Ministry of Defence has planned to set up its Defence Unit in which of the following state at a cost of Rs. 1500 crore?

- A.Goa
- B.Jammu & Kashmir
- C.Himachal Pradesh
- D.Madhya Pradesh

Answer – **D.Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation :

The Union Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Narendra Singh Tomar announced on January 31, 2017 that the Ministry of Defence is set to open its Defence Unit in Morena district of Madhya Pradesh. The unit would be set up in Kailaras and Sabalgarh tehsil areas and span over 969.735 hectare of land at a cost of Rs. 1500 crore.

29. Who has been named as the new brand ambassador of Smartphone brand Gionee?

- A.MS Dhoni
- B.Ranbir Kapoor

C.Virat Kohli

D.Kapil Sharma

Answer – **C.Virat Kohli**

Explanation:

Smartphone brand Gionee has named Virat Kohli, captain of the Indian cricket team, as their new brand ambassador. Earlier Gionee had roped in actor Alia Bhatt as its brand ambassador. Kohli will be joining her in helping the brand to amplify its presence in India.

30. The India Post Payment Bank has started its pilot services in which of the given cities from January 30, 2017?

A.Raipur and Ranchi

B.Mysore and Gandhinagar

C.Pune and Indore

D.Chennai and Kochi

Answer – **A.Raipur and Ranchi**

Explanation :

India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) started its operations on January 30, 2017 with the pilot services launched in Raipur and Ranchi. The total paid up capital of the bank is Rs. 800 crore and the government has already infused Rs. 275 crore. The main of IPPB is to encourage financial inclusion rather than promoting commercial interests. It would work jointly with the Department of Post to offer the benefits of the government schemes and financial services which is not easily available to rural people and marginal population of urban area.

31. Name the eminent personality honoured by the US Embassy for contribution towards the India-US Partnership on Tuberculosis.

A.Vidya Balan

B.Irfan Khan

C.Amir Khan

D.Amitabh Bachchan

Answer – **D.Amitabh Bachchan**

Explanation:

The Bollywood Actor Amitabh Bachchan was honoured by the US Embassy on January 8, 2017 for his immense contribution to the India-US partnership on tuberculosis (TB). The award was presented by US Ambassador to India Richard R Verma to the 74-year-old actor, who himself was diagnosed TB in 2000. After which he stood in support to combat the disease and became the brand ambassador for the cause. The US and Indian government has been working for over 20 years on tuberculosis.

32. **Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani who passed away on January 8 was the former President of which country?**

- A.Afghanistan
- B.Saudi Arabia
- C.Iran
- D.Israel

Answer – **C.Iran**

Explanation:

Iran's ex-President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a dominant figure in the country's politics since the 1980s, has died at the age of 82. Mr Rafsanjani, president from 1989 to 1997, suffered a heart attack. He played a pivotal role in the 1979 revolution but later in life became a counterpoint to hardline conservatives.

33. **Which state has recently launched India's first Student Startup and Innovation Policy?**

- A.Goa
- B.Gujarat
- C.Himachal Pradesh
- D.Kerala

Answer – **B.Gujarat**

Explanation:

The Gujarat government has introduced India's first Student Startup and Innovation Policy. The policy will support student-led startups & innovations and create an Innovation and Pre-incubation Ecosystem Support (IPIES) across all universities of the state. The Gujarat government would provide Rs 200 crore as State Innovation Fund for the next five years, of which Rs 100 crore will be allocated by the state government and the remaining amount will be created by internal sources, like university funds and CSR funds.

34. **India's largest public wi-fi service has been launched recently in which Indian state?**

- A.Karnataka
- B.Haryana
- C.New Delhi
- D.Maharashtra

Answer – **D.Maharashtra**

Explanation:

Maharashtra Government led by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis launched India's largest Public wifi service, "MumbaiWifi" on January 9, 2017 to digitally empower the residents of the state. Initially 500 wifi hotspots have been launched for the service including office of the

Commissioner of Police, Vidhan Bhawan, Kalanagar in Bandra, Bombay High Court among others. From May 1, 2017, 1200 wifi hotspots will be active.

35. The Indian space agency ISRO has signed a partnership pact with which country's space agency for satellite launch technology?

- A.NASA, USA
- B.JAXA, Japan
- C.CNES, France
- D.CNSA, China

Answer – **C.CNES, France**

Explanation:

ISRO Chairman Kiran Kumar and CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall signed a partnership agreement in satellite launch technology in the presence of visiting French Minister of Foreign Affairs Jean-Marc Ayrault in Bengaluru. Space cooperation between France and India spans over 50 years, this partnership will enable France to benefit from the Indian model of streamlining the costs of space programmes.

36. Who has been crowned as the Miss Universe 2017?

- A.Andrea Tovar
- B.Raquel Pelissier
- C.Iris Mittenaere
- D.Roshmitha Harimurthy

Answer – **C.Iris Mittenaere**

Explanation :

Iris Mittenaere of France was crowned as the Miss Universe 2017 in the international beauty pageant event which was held on January 29, 2017 at the Mall of Asia Arena in Manila, Philippines organized by the Miss Universe Organization. The 24-year-old dental surgery student was crowned by the outgoing winner Pia Wurtzbach from Philippines. Mittenaere is the first European to win the Miss Universe title since 1990.

37. The Biography "Akhada" is based on the life of which Indian Wrestler?

- A.Mohammad Ali Qamar
- B.Hawa Singh
- C.Dara Singh
- D.Mahavir Singh Phogat

Answer – **D.Mahavir Singh Phogat**

Explanation:

Akhada is the authorized biography of Mahavir Singh Phogat, a former wrestler and a coach. The book is written by sports journalist Sourabh Duggal and was released on 21

December 2016 at the Chandigarh Press Club. This book tells the story of a man of tremendous fortitude, of a father who fought against all odds to give his daughters Olympians Geeta Phogat and Babita Kumari.

38. Yana Kudryavtseva of Russia who recently announced her retirement was associated to which sports?

- A. Gymnastics
- B. Tennis
- C. Badminton
- D. Shooting

Answer – **B. A. Gymnastics**

Explanation:

Russian rhythmic gymnast, Yana Alexeyevna Kudryavtseva, announced her retirement at the age of 19, following several leg injuries including a fracture in the left foot during the 2016 World Cup in Kazan, Russia. During her entire career, she had won 13 All-around World Championships from 2013 to 2015. In 2016 Kudryavtseva had to settle for an All-around Silver medal at the Rio de Janeiro Olympic due to her injury against fellow Russian Margarita Mamun.

39. Who has been sworn in as the President of Nicaragua on January 10, 2017?

- A. Trey Parker
- B. Daniel Ortega
- C. Danny Faure
- D. Luis Guillermo Solís

Answer – **B. Daniel Ortega**

Explanation:

Daniel Ortega was on January 10, 2017 sworn in as the President of Nicaragua for the third consecutive term while his wife, Rosario Murillo was elected as the new vice president. 71-year-old, Ortega, took the oath in Managua in the presence of the presidents of Venezuela, Bolivia and Taiwan. Former Sandinista guerrilla fighter, Ortega has been President of Nicaragua since 2007.

40. What is the revised GDP growth estimate for India by the World Bank for 2016-17 fiscal ending March 31, 2017?

- A. 7.4 Percent
- B. 6.8 Percent
- C. 7 Percent
- D. 7.5 Percent

Answer – **C. 7 Percent**

Explanation:

The World Bank on January 11, 2017 cut the India's GDP growth for 2016-17 fiscal ending on March 31, 2017 to 7 percent from its previous estimate of 7.6 percent due to demonetization. The bank cited the immediate withdrawal of a large volume of currency in circulation and subsequent replacement with new notes as the main reason behind the deceleration of the GDP growth rate.

41. Who is the author of the new cyber vocabulary book Cyber Pathshala that was relased by the HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar on January 10, 2017?

- A.Amitabh Sinha
- B.Ravikant Garg
- C.Amit Shah
- D.Tarun Vijay

Answer – D.Tarun Vijay

Explanation: Union HRD Minister Prakash Javadekar released a book on cyber vocabulary named Cyber Pathshala authored by BJP leader and writer Tarun Vijay on January 10, 2017 at World Book Fair at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The book presents an innovative way of learning the alphabets by relating them to popular terms related to demonetisation for instance, A for ATM, B for BHIM (Bharat Interface for Money), C for cashless, D for Demonetisation etc.

42. When is the National Youth Day observed?

- A.January 12
- B.January 13
- C.January 11
- D.January 10

Answer – A.January 12

Explanation:

National Youth Day also known as Yuva Diwas is celebrated every year with the great joy and enthusiasm in India on January 12 since 1985 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda, the maker of the modern India. This year January 12, 2017 marks the 154th birth anniversary of most respected spiritual leader, Swami Vivekananda.

43. The Supreme Court on January 10, 2017 directed which state to pay Rs.500 crore as compensation to 5,000 victims of Endosulfan poisoning in the state?

- A.Kerala
- B.West Bengal
- C.Andhra Pradesh
- D.Assam

Answer – A.Kerala

Explanation:

The state government of Kerala has been directed by the Supreme Court on January 10, 2017 to pay Rs.500 crore as compensation to 5,000 victims suffering various types of deformities, health issues and other complication due to the use of Endosulfan pesticides in the state. The apex court also instructed the state to set up such treatment centers that can provide long term treatment to those suffering from health complications due to the poisoning. The victims mostly include newborns and their families.

44. Government Policy Think Tank NITI Aayog has estimated the GDP growth rate of India to _____ for 2016-17?

- A.6.8 percent
- B.8 percent
- C.7.6 percent
- D.7 percent

Answer – B.8 percent

Explanation:

NITI Aayog has projected the GDP growth rate of 8 Percent for 2016-17 based .on the appraisal document for the Twelfth Five-Year Plan. The estimate does not take into account the impact of demonetization. The policy think tank laid that overcoming the lack of reforms in land acquisition, labour, skill development and simplification of regulatory cum administrative procedures can lead to growth prospect of above 8 percent.

45. With which country India has signed an MoU on January 11, 2017 to provide Line of Credit for USD 100 million for agricultural mechanism?

- A.Kenya
- B.Portugal
- C.Russia
- D.Vietnam

Answer – A.Kenya

Explanation:

The President of Kenya, Uhuru Kenyatta paid a state visit to India from January 10-12, 2017. During the meeting the two leaders discussed issues of bilateral, regional and international interest. After delegation level talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta in New Delhi on January 11, 2017, MoU was signed for cooperation in the agriculture sector and allied sector.

46. In which city was the 2017 International Conference on Disability Communication (ICDC) held?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Indore
- C. Chennai
- D. Mumbai

Answer – **D. Mumbai**

Explanation:

The 3 day international conference on Disability Communication ICDC-2017 held at Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini in Mumbai, Maharashtra from January 9-11, 2017 with curriculum outline of disability communication for the University of Mumbai. The aim of the conference was to build a foundation for the master's degree in Disability communication and the main area of interest is accessibility for those who want to deal with disability communication and explore in this field.

47. Which state has introduced electoral roll printed in Urdu for the upcoming elections in February 2017 in its constituencies for the benefit of the Muslim community?

- A. Goa
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Punjab

Answer – **C. Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

The State Election Commission (SEC) of Uttar Pradesh has decided to include, for the first time, voter's list printed in Urdu which was so far only printed in Hindi and English. In Uttar Pradesh about 46 constituencies in 22 districts will have voters' list printed in Urdu as well as Hindi & English, where Assembly elections will be held in February 2017. But in case of a dispute, the Hindi version of the rolls will be held as valid. The state has at least 30 percent of Muslim voters mostly in Western UP who will be benefitted from this move. Well versed staff in Urdu would also be deployed at voting centres so that they could guide the voters and help them get the required information.

48. Kerala has launched its first solar-powered boat on January 12, 2017. What is the name of that boat?

- A. Dhruv
- B. Bhim
- C. Arjun
- D. Aditya

Answer – **D. Aditya**

Explanation:

The Chief Minister of Kerala, Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated the first solar-powered boat of the state water transport department, "Aditya" on January 12, 2017 at a function held in Vaikom boat Jetty in Kerala. The 75 seating capacity boat has been built by Kochi-based NavAlt Pvt Ltd. The construction of the Rs 1.50-crore boat took nearly two years and will do service between Vaikom and Thavanakkadavu. The boat is 20 metre long and 7 metre wide. It can travel at a speed of 14 km per hour and is less expensive while do not cause pollution.

49. Where is the Katasraj Hindu Temple situated?

- A. Malaysia
- B. Bangladesh
- C. Pakistan
- D. Nepal

Answer – **C. Pakistan**

Explanation:

Katasraj Mandir is a Hindu temple complex situated in Katas village near Choa Saidanshah in the Chakwal district of Punjab Province in Pakistan. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif inaugurated the renovation of the Katas Raj Hindu temple on January 11, 2017 as a part of the policy to establish Pakistan's identity as a minority-friendly country

50. Name the guided rocket system that was successfully test-fired by India on January 12, 2017 off Odisha coast?

- A. Dhruv II
- B. Shiva I
- C. Pinaka II
- D. Pinaka I

Answer – **C. Pinaka II**

Explanation:

India successfully test-fired the Guided Pinaka Rocket from Launch Complex-III of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) launch pad at Chandipur off coast Odisha. The Guided Pinaka or Pinaka rocket mark-II has evolved from Pinaka Mark-I. Pinaka rocket mark-I is equipped with a navigation, guidance and control kit. The modified version has considerably enhanced the strike range and accuracy of Pinaka.

51. India's first multi-sports museum, Fanatic Sports Museum (FSM), has been inaugurated in which place on January 29, 2017?

- A. Chennai
- B. Pune
- C. New Delhi

D.Kolkata

Answer – **D.Kolkata**

Explanation :

India's first multi-sports museum, Fanatic Sports Museum (FSM), was inaugurated on January 29, 2017 at the Ecospace in New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata jointly by Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly, Abhinav Bindra, Deepa Malik and Devendra Jhalaria. The museum, spread over 6700 square feet, has been launched jointly by sports historian Boria Majumdar and industrialist from Kolkata, Harshavardhan Neotia. It is a first of its kind museum in India and is inspired by the MCC Museum at Lord's and the IOC Museum in Lausanne.

52. Who has been conferred with the highest US civilian honour, Presidential Medal of Freedom, on January 12, 2017 by President Barak Obama?

A.Paul Ryan

B.Joe Biden

C.Jacob Lew

D.John Kerry

Answer – **B.Joe Biden**

Explanation:

President Barack Obama on January 12, 2017 presented the Presidential Medal of Freedom (the highest US civilian honour) to the Vice President of US Joe Biden. The vice-president had no idea that he will be getting the award and the award came as a surprise to him.

53. Which Indian boxer has become the first female boxer to enter into professional boxing?

A.Pinki Rani

B.Kavita Goyat

C.Mary Kom

D.Sarita Devi

Answer – **D.Sarita Devi**

Explanation:

Asian games Bronze-Medallist boxer, Sarita Devi is set to become the first ever female boxer from India to step into the world of professional boxing. Former world champion Laishram Sarita Devi will make her professional debut against Zsafia Bedo of Hungary on January 29, 2017 fight night organized by the Indian Boxing Council at Khuman Lampak Sports Complex in Imphal.

54. On January 13, 2017, which country has been appointed to chair the United Nations Group of 77 that looks after the interests of the 134 developing countries?

- A. Norway
- B. Thailand
- C. Ecuador
- D. Egypt

Answer – C. Ecuador

Explanation :

Ecuador was on January 13, 2017 appointed as the new Chairman of the United Nations Group of 77 which promotes the interests of the 134 developing countries it represents at the United Nations, including China. The country took over from Thailand which focused on how to implement the 17 UN goals for 2030 to promote development and good governance, and preserve the environment.

55. Which Indian bank has signed a pact with the State General Reserve Fund of Oman (SGRF) to fund \$50 million in Oman's private equity fund, Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF)?

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Asian Development bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. State Bank of India

Answer – D. State Bank of India

Explanation :

State Bank of India has signed a pact with the State General Reserve Fund of Oman (SGRF), a Sovereign Wealth Fund to infuse \$50 million in private equity fund Oman India Joint Investment Fund (OIJIF) while the SGRF would infuse \$150 million. The SBI aims at backing the private equity fund for its second offering (Fund II).

56. Lohri is a famous state festival of _____

- A. J & K
- B. Haryana
- C. Assam
- D. Punjab

Answer – D. Punjab

Explanation :

Lohri is a popular Punjabi festival, celebrated by people from the Punjab region of South Asia. The origins of Lohri are many and link the festival to Punjab region. Many people believe the festival commemorates the passing of the winter solstice.

57. **Gujarat defeated which state to win the Ranji Trophy 2017?**

- A.Chennai
- B.Mumbai
- C.Kolkata
- D.Lucknow

Answer – **B.Mumbai**

Explanation :

Gujarat won its maiden Ranji Trophy title on January 14, 2017 by 5 wickets after beating Mumbai at the Holkar Stadium in Indore. Man of the Match: Parthiv Patel. Gujarat scored 47/0 on the final day to create history. This was the highest total run-chase in Ranji Trophy finals. Earlier, the highest was 310 by Hyderabad vs Nawanagar way back in 1937-38.

58. **Surjit Singh Barnala who died on January 14, 2017 at the age of 91 was the former Chief Minister of which state?**

- A.Madhya Pradesh
- B.Punjab
- C.Haryana
- D.Uttar Pradesh

Answer – **B.Punjab**

Explanation :

Former Chief Minister of Punjab, Surjit Singh Barnala passed away on January 14, 2017 at the Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh. He was 91. Barnala served as the Chief Minister of Punjab from 1985 to 1987. He had also served as the governor of Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and the Andaman and Nicobar islands.

59. **What was the theme of the 2017 Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit?**

- A.Economic Development with Vibrant Gujarat
- B.Discovering New Gujarat
- C.Vibrant Gujarat: Connecting India to the World
- D.Transforming Gujarat to Global Business Hub

Answer – **C.Vibrant Gujarat: Connecting India to the World**

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a two day visit to Gujarat from January 9-10, 2017 to inaugurate the eighth edition of the Vibrant Gujarat Global Investors Summit 2017 at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on January 10, 2017. The theme of the three day Summit is "Vibrant Gujarat: Connecting India to the World". The summit was started in 2003 with the aim to attract investment in Gujarat by the then state Chief Minister Shri Narendra Modi.

60. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first international exchange _____ at the IFSC of GIFT City in Gandhinagar on January 9, 2017.

- A. IND-EX
- B. Exchange IND
- C. India VNX
- D. India INX

Answer – **D. India INX**

Explanation :

Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first international exchange –India INX — at the International Financial Service Centre (IFSC) of GIFT City in Gandhinagar. India INX is a wholly owned subsidiary of BSE, Bombay Stock Exchange. It would operate for 22 hours a day allowing international investors and NRIs to trade from anywhere across the globe. India INX is one of the world's most advanced technology platforms with a turn-around-time of 4 micro seconds.

61. Who headed the committee formed by the Ministry of Rural Development to study the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) data that presented its report on January 13, 2017?

- A. Shri Manoranjan Kumar
- B. Rinku Murgai
- C. Shri Sumit Bose
- D. Shri Amarjeet Sinha

Answer – **C. Shri Sumit Bose**

Explanation :

An Expert Group Committee under the Chairmanship of former Finance Secretary Shri Sumit Bose presented its report on the Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) to the Minister of Rural Development, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar on January 13, 2017 for better planning and identification of beneficiaries and for generating priority list of beneficiaries under its programmes. The committee was formed by the ministry to study the objective criteria for allocation of resources to States and identification and prioritization of beneficiaries under various programme using Socio Economic and Caste Census (SECC) data.

62. In which city was the first ABU International Television Dance Festival (AIDF) organized on January 13, 2017?

- A. Chennai
- B. Mumbai
- C. Hyderabad
- D. Guwahati

Answer – **C. Hyderabad**

Explanation :

The first edition of the ABU International Television Dance Festival (AIDF) organized by the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) was held in Hyderabad from January 13 to January 15, 2017. Objective: To create a bridge between young people from different parts of the world through dance. The event showcased the traditional and contemporary dance performances by artistes from over 10 countries across the Asia-Pacific region.

63. The United States has on January 13, 2017 lifted two decade economic embargo against which country?

- A. Kenya
- B. Libya
- C. Egypt
- D. Sudan

Answer – **D. Sudan**

Explanation :

The US President Barack Obama on January 13, 2017 announced to end of a 20-year economic embargo on Sudan by lifting trade and financial sanctions to build up ties with the Sudanese government. The announcement was made based on the efforts by the Government of Sudan to improve the security in the region. However the lifting of the sanctions will be delayed by 180 days to encourage Sudan to take further actions on improving human rights, resolving political divisions and military conflicts.

64. Who has been conferred with The Hindu Prize 2016 at the 7th edition of the Hindu Lit for Life festival 2017?

- A. Pradeep Sebastian
- B. Manjula Padmanabhan
- C. Kiran Doshi
- D. Anil Menon

Answer – **C. Kiran Doshi**

Explanation :

Kiran Doshi won The Hindu Prize 2016 on January 15, 2017 at the 7th edition of The Hindu Lit for Life festival 2017 held in Chennai from January 14-16, 2017. The festival was inaugurated by contemporary artist Gulamohammed Sheikh at Sir Mutha Venkatasubba Rao Concert Hall in Chennai. A retired diplomat and educationist from Gujarat, Kiran Doshi won for his third major work of fiction, Jinnah Often Came to Our House. He was conferred with a citation and a cash prize of Rs. 5 lakh.

65. **Which city in Kerala has been declared as the first Elderly-Friendly City of the state on January 14, 2017?**

- A.Kannur
- B.Kochi
- C.Kozhikode
- D.Kollam

Answer – **C.Kozhikode**

Explanation :

Kozhikode Corporation was declared as the first Elderly-Friendly Corporation in Kerala. The state government has planned to setup Senior citizen's club, Day care centres as a part of Vayomitram project for the welfare of the elder people in the state. Kozhikode Corporation has started to collect basic details of all the senior citizens through its 543 Anganwadis, in 75 wards. Senior citizen's club will be set up under every Anganwadi and it will be running through a ward-level apex committee. The Corporation has allocated Rs. 1.75 crore for the project.

66. **What is the rank of India in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) 2017?**

- A.89
- B.92
- C.54
- D.98

Answer – **B.92**

Explanation :

India dropped to 92nd rank in the Global Talent Competitiveness Index (GTCI) released by INSEAD in partnership with The Adecco Group and the Human Capital Leadership Institute of Singapore (HCLI). Last year India stood at 89. The global index of talent competitiveness measures the ability of the countries to grow, attract and retain talent. The list was topped by Switzerland.

67. **IRDAI on January 16 2017 formed an eight member panel to review life insurance product norms. Who will be the head of the committee?**

- A.Amitabh Chaudhry
- B.Sai Srinivas
- C.Sandeep Bakshi
- D.K S Gopalakrishnan

Answer – **A.Amitabh Chaudhary**

Explanation :

The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has formed a 8 member committee headed by Amitabh Chaudhry, CEO of HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company to review life insurance product regulations on January 16, 2017. The committee

will analysis the existing framework of IRDA-linked and non-linked insurance product regulations. They will review other key aspects like changing economic and insurance market environment, customers' needs and expectations and insurance product flexibility and innovations.

68. Who is the winner of the 2017 Parsvnath Delhi International Chess tournament?

- A.Farrukh Amonatov
- B.R A Pradeep Kumar
- C.Dzhumaev Marat
- D.Diptayan Ghosh

Answer – **A.Farrukh Amonatov**

Explanation :

Tajikistan's chess player Grandmaster (GM) Farrukh Amonatov won the 15th Parsvnath Delhi International Chess tournament on January 16, 2017. The player scored 8.5 points out of 10 to win after a draw with the Indian counterpart GM Diptayan Ghosh in the 10th and final round who scored 8 to be placed at second position. Dzhumaev Marat of Uzbekistan also scored 8 points at second spot but due to better tie breaker Diptayan Ghosh was declared runner-up

69. An ultra-light weight high-performance watch, RM 50-03, which was inaugurated on January 16, 2017 has been developed using which lightweight element?

- A.Graphite
- B.Beryllium
- C.Graphene
- D.Stainless Steel

Answer – **C.Graphene**

Explanation :

The world's ultralight high-performance mechanical watch RM 50-03 was inaugurated on January 16, 2017 at the 27th edition of the Salon International De La Haute Horlogerie (SIHH) in Geneva. The watch made up of graphene composite has been developed by the University of Manchester, UK in collaboration with the watchmaking brand Richard Mille and McLaren F1. The overall weight of the ultralight watch is 40 grams only and is extremely durable

70. Which country has topped the 2017 Inclusive Development Index among advanced economies?

- A.Luxembourg
- B.Singapore
- C.Switzerland
- D.Norway

Answer – **D.Norway**

Explanation :

WEF released the 2017 Inclusive Development Index of the advanced economies on January 16, 2017. The list has been topped by Norway among 30 advanced economies. Luxembourg is second while Switzerland has been ranked third among 30 advanced economies. Britain was one of the worst countries in the list for employment opportunities, pay, living standards and social inclusion among the advanced economies.

71. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised the GDP growth estimate of India for the current fiscal year to _____ percent from the previous 7.6 percent on January 16, 2017.

- A.6 percent
- B.6.6 percent
- C.7.1 percent
- D.6.3 percent

Answer – **B.6.6 percent**

Explanation :

According to the World Economic Outlook report, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on January 16, 2017 has lowered the India's GDP growth rate for the current fiscal year by one point to 6.6 percent from its previous estimate of 7.6 percent due to the effect of demonetization on consumption and expenditure. IMF also cut India's GDP forecast for 2017-18 by 0.4 points to 7.2 percent as against previous forecast of 7.6 percent. For the year 2018-19, the projected growth rate remained unchanged at 7.7 percent.

72. Who has been signed by the Mercedes as the replacement for recently retired Formula One world champion Nico Rosberg on January 17, 2017?

- A.Kimi Raikkonen
- B.Valtteri Bottas
- C.Mark Ellis
- D.Andy Cowell

Answer – **B.Valtteri Bottas**

Explanation :

Mercedes named the new teammate Valtteri Bottas who replaced Formula One world champion Nico Rosberg on January 17, 2017. Bottas signed one year contract with Mercedes for the 2017 campaign and Rosberg will stay on with Mercedes in an ambassadorial role. Felipe Massa has been persuaded to extend his career by one more season to replace the Finn.

73. In which country, the world's first baby was born using the new three-person IVF technology called pronuclear transfer'?

- A.Mexico
- B.France
- C.Ukraine
- D.Ireland

Answer – A.Mexico

Explanation :

A baby girl was born in Ukraine on January 5, 2017 using the new technique of three-person IVF called 'pronuclear transfer'. The infant is being considered as the world's second baby to be developed using three-person IVF technique. The world's first baby was born Mexico in April 2016. Three-person IVF was legalised in the UK in 2015. The objective of three-person IVF is to create a child free of mitochondrial disease in cases where parents had one such disease.

74. What is the name of the Chinese Robot Journalist who made its debut reporting on January 18, 2017 by writing an article in a second?

- A.Xiao Nan
- B.Clank
- C.Changchang
- D.Tachikomas

Answer – A.Xiao Nan

Explanation :

A first of its kind robot journalist named Xiao Nan on January 18, 2017 made debut in the world of journalism by writing a 300-character-long article in just a second. The article written on the Spring Festival travel rush was published in the Guangzhou-based Southern Metropolis Daily. Wan Xiaojun, a professor at Peking University, leading the team studying and developing such robots informed that the robot is able to write both short stories and longer reports.

75. Mawlynnong village which was named as the Cleanest Village in Asia' in 2003 is located in which state of India ?

- A.Assam
- B.Meghalaya
- C.Manipur
- D.Arunachal Pradesh

Answer – B.Meghalaya

Explanation :

Mawlynnong village in the East Khasi Hills district of the Meghalaya state has become a role

model for cleanliness said by the Secretary of the village. Mawlynnong was awarded the prestigious tag of 'Cleanest Village in Asia' in 2003. Every family in this village have constructed toilets in 1989 and 3 public toilets have been constructed under Swachh Bharat Mission

76. Which state has launched the Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (EDS) on January 19, 2017 under the New Economic Development Policy (NEDP)?

- A.Uttar Pradesh
- B.Mizoram
- C.Maharashtra
- D.Haryana

Answer – **B.Mizoram**

Explanation :

The Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (EDS) was launched under the New Economic Development Policy (NEDP) by Lalmalsawma in Mizoram, Mizoram Chief Secretary on January 19, 2017. The State government has allocated Rs.2 Crore for New Economic Development Policy (NEDP). EDS would be instrumental in the state government's efforts to achieve market economy from subsistence economy. It could be instrumental in implementation of 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations with minimum harm to the environment.

77. Which bank has signed an MoU with India Post Payments Bank(IPPB) on January 17, 2017 to provide technology platform for pilot launch of IPPB?

- A.ICICI Bank
- B.Punjab National Bank
- C.State Bank of India
- D.HDFC Bank

Answer – **B.Punjab National Bank**

Explanation :

New Delhi based Punjab National Bank signed a memorandum of understanding(MoU) with India Post Payments Bank(IPPB) to provide technology platform for pilot launch of IPPB on receipt of regulatory nod from the Reserve Bank of India.

78. Which scheme has been launched by the Union Human Resource Development Ministry on January 18, 2017 for monitoring the elementary education initiative Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)?

- A.ShakSham
- B.ShaGun
- C.SuVidha

D.SamaDhan

Answer – **B.ShaGun**

Explanation :

The Union Human Resource Development Minister Prakash Javadekar launched a dedicated web portal 'ShaGun' on January 18, 2017 for continuous monitoring of the elementary education scheme Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and promote the development of education sector of India. The portal has been developed by World Bank in collaboration with Ministry of Human Resource Development. ShaGun has been coined from the words 'Shala' meaning schools and 'Gunvatta' meaning quality.

79. Which technology giant has partnered with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to become the worldwide sponsor of the Olympic Games through 2028?

A.Microsoft

B.TCS

C.Wipro

D.Alibaba

Answer – **D.Alibaba**

Explanation :

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) and Chinese e-commerce firm Alibaba Group entered into a long-term partnership through 2028 on January 19, 2017 at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. This makes Alibaba the worldwide sponsor of Olympic Games through 2028

80. Donald John Trump has been sworn in as the _____ President of United States of America.

A.42

B.47

C.45

D.49

Answer – **C.45**

Explanation :

Donald Trump took the office as the 45th President of United States of America on January 20, 2017. He has replaced Barack Obama. Trump won the general election on November 8, 2016, against Democratic rival Hillary Clinton. At age 70, he has become the oldest and wealthiest person to assume the presidency and the first president without prior military or governmental service.

81. Which city of Himachal Pradesh has been declared as the second capital of the state on January 19, 2017 by the Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh?

- A.Manali
- B.Dharamsala
- C.Palampur
- D.Kangra

Answer – **B.Dharamsala**

Explanation :

Dharamsala town in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh has been declared as the second capital city of the state by the Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh on January 19, 2017. Dharamsala is located about 250 km from the state capital Shimla, comprising of Kangra, Chamba, Hamirpur and Una districts. With the development has a capital city, the people of all these areas would not have to travel to longer distance to Shimla for their work that ought to be done in the capital city.

82. Who has been appointed as the new director of Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on January 19, 2017?

- A.V.K.Sharma
- B.Alok Kumar Verma
- C.Rakesh Asthana
- D.Pulkit Trivedi

Answer – **B.Alok Kumar Verma**

Explanation :

Delhi Police Commissioner Alok Kumar Verma was appointed as the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on January 19, 2017 by a three member committee headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Justice of India Jagdish Singh Khehar and Congress leader in Lok Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge as members. Alok Kumar Verma will replace the interim director Rakesh Asthana who was appointed since the post was lying vacant after the former director Anil Sinha retired on December 2, 2016.

83. Who is the winner of the 2017 Malaysia Masters Grand Prix Gold women's single title?

- A.Saina Nehwal
- B.PV Sindhu
- C.Jwala Gutta
- D.Ashwini Ponnappa

Answer – **A.Saina Nehwal**

Explanation :

Indian badminton ace Saina Nehwal clinched the 2017 Malaysia Masters Grand Prix

Gold women's single title in the summit clash in Sibuh, Malaysia on January 22, 2017. The top-seeded London Olympics bronze-medallist, defeated 18-year-old Thai Pornpawee Chochuwong, 22-20 22-20.

84. Which bank has launched a contactless credit card facility Wave N Pay on January 21, 2017?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Bank of Baroda
- C. Punjab National Bank
- D. State Bank of India

Answer – **C. Punjab National Bank**

Explanation :

Punjab National Bank (PNB) has launched a Contactless Credit Card named PNB Wave N Pay on January 21, 2017 in New Delhi to further enhance its digitalization initiative. The new card was launched by the Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer of PNB, Usha Ananthasubramanian and is developed on Visa Platinum platform. The customers simply need to waive the card across the terminal to complete the transaction process, without the need to enter any PIN number for transactions up to Rs 2,000. In case of any fraud or misuse, the customer is entitled to get full refund.

85. Which country has launched a 10-year-plan on January 22, 2017 to reduce its dependence on India for vegetable imports?

- A. Sri Lanka
- B. Myanmar
- C. Bangladesh
- D. Nepal

Answer – **D. Nepal**

Explanation :

In a move to decrease dependence on vegetable imports from India, the Nepal Government has launched a 10-year plan on January 22, 2017 to boost domestic production. The 10-year scheme aims to adopt modern farm techniques to boost vegetable productivity in the country and make the country self-reliant in food. According to official data, Nepal is witnessing a continuous rise in the imports of vegetables from India to meet the demand of the citizens. It imports around 25,000 metric tonnes of vegetables worth 55 billion rupees every year from India.

86. A special stamp cover titled "Golden girls of India – Pride of Nation" released by the Indian Postal Department on January 21, 2017 features which Indian sports players?

- A.Mary Kom
- B.Sania Mirza
- C.Dipa Karmakar
- D.Saina Nehwal

Answer – **C.Dipa Karmakar**

Explanation :

The Indian postal department released a special stamp cover titled “Golden girls of India – Pride of Nation” on January 21, 2017 during a district-level philatelic exhibition in Agartala to honor the sporting personalities in the country. The special covers feature the 2016 Olympic medalist gymnast Dipa Karmakar, shuttler PV Sindu and wrestler Sakshi Malik. They were also awarded the nation’s highest sports award Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna in 2016. Besides the three, the cover also depicted the image of Dipa’s coach Bishweshwar Nandi who was awarded the 2016 Dronacharya award

87. Which state has introduced the first of its kind initiative on January 22, 2017 to electronically transmit postal ballot to service voters for the assembly elections 2017?

- A.Himachal Pradesh
- B.Punjab
- C.Uttar Pradesh
- D.Goa

Answer – **D.Goa**

Explanation :

The Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India, Syed Nasim Zaidi on January 22, 2017 informed that the state government of Goa has opted for an initiative involving electronic transmission of postal ballot to service voters in the upcoming assembly polls. This initiative will make Goa the first state in the country to do so. The returning officers will transfer the postal ballots to service voters by electronic means so that the service voters can download it, fill it and send it via e-mail to returning officer.

88. The Reserve bank of India has announced the restructuring of _____ loan will not be treated as Non Performing Asset.

- A.Auto Loan
- B.Home Loan
- C.Start-Up Loan
- D.Education Loan

Answer – **D.Education Loan**

Explanation :

In a bid to encourage banks to provide loans for education, the Reserve Bank of India has

declared that rescheduling the period of payment of education loans due to the inability of the borrower because of unemployment will not be treated as restructured accounts for computing NPAs. Banks can allow three rounds of extension periods, each not more than 6 months, during the entire lifecycle of the education loan, to be applicable only on unemployment/underemployment borrowers.

89. Under the Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana 2017, approved by the government on January 24, 2017, a guaranteed rate of return of _____ per annum would be provided for a period of ten years.

- A.6 Percent
- B.5 Percent
- C.7 Percent
- D.8 Percent

Answer – **D.8 Percent**

Explanation :

As a part of government's commitment for financial inclusion and social security the Union Cabinet has given its post-facto approval to launch Varishtha Pension Bima Yojana 2017 (VPBY 2017) on January 24, 2017. The scheme aims to provide social security to elderly persons aged 60 years during their old age. Under the scheme, an assured pension with guaranteed rate of return of 8% per annum would be provided for a period of ten years. Besides, the nominee would have an option for pension on a monthly / quarterly / halfyearly and annual basis.

90. When is the National Girl Child day celebrated?

- A.January 24
- B.January 22
- C.January 25
- D.January 23

Answer – **A.January 24**

Explanation :

The National Girl Child Day was celebrated on January 24, 2017 at a special function organized by the Ministry of Women & Child Development in New Delhi with focus on celebrating the achievements by nation's daughters during 2016. The Day has been celebrated on January 24 every year since 2008 to raise awareness among people about all the inequalities faced by the girl child and spread the importance of girl child in the society

91. With which country, India signed a White Shipping Agreement on January 19, 2017 in New Delhi on sharing maritime information in Indian Ocean Region (IOR)?

- A.Bangladesh

B. United Kingdom

C. Italy

D. France

Answer – **D. France**

Explanation :

India and France signed White Shipping Agreement on January 19, 2017 in New Delhi to enable information sharing on maritime traffic and maritime domain awareness in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR). The agreement was signed at the second dialogue on maritime cooperation for the Indian Ocean Region between India and France. The agreement aims to enhance the Indo-French maritime security cooperation in the region. The Indo-French dialogue also emphasized on freedom of navigation in IOR and Pacific.

92. **Which country issued its first Green Bonds with a record sale of USD 7.5 billion on January 24, 2017?**

A. Britain

B. France

C. Germany

D. Mauritius

Answer – **B. France**

Explanation :

France on January 24, 2017 issued its first "Green Bonds" with a record sale of worth seven billion euro (USD 7.5 billion) thus leading a significant way towards establishment of a genuine market in renewable energy bonds. The proceeds from the bonds will be used by France to finance projects to address climate change. The 22-year bonds' coupon has been set at 1.75 percent which is same as the interest rate on conventional borrowing for the same time frame. This will enable France to finance expenditure on green projects at the same price as traditional borrowing.

93. **Who has been named for the 2017 Padma Vibhushan award in the field of Art and Music?**

A. Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev

B. Shri K J Yesudas

C. Shri Sharad Pawar

D. Shri Murli Manohar Joshi

Answer – **B. Shri K J Yesudas**

Explanation :

Shri K J Yesudas of Kerala has been named for the Padma Vibhushan award in the field of Art-Music.

94. **Who has been appointed as the new governor of Meghalaya (additional charge) on January 27, 2017?**

- A. Najma A. Heptulla
- B. Mridula Sinha
- C. Banwarilal Purohit
- D. Kaptan Singh Solanki

Answer – **C. Banwarilal Purohit**

Explanation :

Assam governor Banwarilal Purohit was given additional charge of Meghalaya by the centre as the post was lying vacant due to the resignation of Meghalaya governor V Shanmuganathan.

95. **The India Meteorological Department has planned to set up Weather Stations in how many districts by the end of 2019?**

- A. 710 Districts
- B. 660 Districts
- C. 520 Districts
- D. 400 Districts

Answer – **B. 660 Districts**

Explanation :

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has decided to set up weather stations in 660 districts of the country for better and prompt weather forecasting with major focus on rain-fed and non-rain-fed areas to give crop specific advisories. The system would be launched in phased manner. Initially, IMD has planned to set up the system in 130 districts and gradually increase it to 660 by 2019. The plan will be taken at block level after successful functioning at district level. The IMD has also tied up with the Ministry of Agriculture to use the Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in the districts, as weather forecasting observatories.

96. **Deshpande Foundations is set to launch India's largest startup incubation centre in which city of Karnataka by the end of September 2017?**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Hubballi
- C. Mangalore
- D. Mysore

Answer – **B. Hubballi**

Explanation :

Indian-American entrepreneur, philanthropist and venture capitalist Gururaj Deshpande has decided to launch India's largest startup incubation centre at Hubballi (earlier Hubli) in Karnataka. The new incubator centre would be spread over an area of 85,000 sq ft alongside

the new campus of information technology giant Infosys and will be able to house 1,200 people at a time. This will pave way for at least 200 startups.

97. How many Grand Slam Singles Title have been won by tennis player Serena Williams?

- A.24
- B.23
- C.14
- D.17

Answer – **B.23**

Explanation :

Serena Williams won 6-4 6-4 to surpass her elder Sibling Venus Williams in Women's single title at the Australian Open 2017 in Melbourne on January 29, 2017. This is Serena's seventh Australian Open and an Open Era record of 23rd Grand Slam singles title. The American player also outclassed Steffi Graf in the all time list of major winners since the Grand Slams accepted professional players in 1968. Now she only trails all-time leader Margaret Court by one major, who has 24 Grand Slam titles

98. Which country has become the first in the world to pass a bill to completely stop investment in fossil fuel?

- A.Singapore
- B.Ireland
- C.Norway
- D.Switzerland

Answer – **B.Ireland**

Explanation :

Ireland became the world's first country to stop investing in fossil fuels. Ireland has become the first country in the world to divest coal, oil and gas investments from Ireland Strategic Investment Fund. The bill was passed in the Irish parliament by gaining 53 votes out of 90. It was introduced by Deputy Thomas Pringle. The law regarding fully divest public money from fossil fuels expected in the upcoming month. If the bill is enacted, it would force the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund to sell its investment in fossil fuel industries over the next five years.

99. Regarded as the Father of Pac-Man, which famous Japanese business tycoon passed away on January 22, 2017 at the age of 91?

- A.Hiroshi Mikitani
- B.Masayoshi Son
- C.Yamada Nagamasa

D.Masaya Nakamura

Answer – **D.Masaya Nakamura**

Explanation :

Japanese Businessman Masaya Nakamura, who founded the leading video game developing company Namco, died on January 22, 2017. He was 91. Nakamura is considered the Father of Pac-Man. In 1980, he played significant role to introduce the arcade games in Namco. The most successful arcade game developed was Pac-Man by Toru Iwatani. Pac-Man has been named in the Guinness World Records as the world's most successful coin-operated arcade game. He was also awarded the Order of the Rising Sun in 2007 by the Japanese government for his achievements.

100. The General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) has been scheduled to come into effect from _____

A. March 31, 2017

B. April 1, 2017

C. February 1, 2017

D. March 1, 2017

Answer – **B. April 1, 2017**

Explanation:

The General Anti-Avoidance Rule (GAAR) which was scheduled to be implemented from April 1, 2014, will now come into effect from April 1, 2017 (Assessment Year 2018-19).

GAAR contains provision that allows the government to prospectively tax overseas deals involving local assets. In 2012-2013 budget speech, the then Finance Minister Pranab Mukherjee introduced the concept of GAAR to check tax evasion and avoidance.

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