

## Current Affairs February Questions & Answers PDF 2017

1. The World Bank has granted a loan amount worth US \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million for Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP III) in India on February 1, 2017.

A.USD 279.11 million  
B.USD 173.45 million  
C.USD 186.01 million  
D.USD 201.50 million

Answer – **D.USD 201.50 million**

**Explanation :**

The Government of India has signed a USD 201.50 million credit agreement with the World Bank on February 1, 2017 to improve the quality and equity of engineering education across several states in India. The agreement was signed by Raj Kumar, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, on behalf of the Government of India and Junaid Ahmad, Country Director, World Bank India, on behalf of the World Bank. The agreement signed was for the third phase of the Technical Education Quality Improvement Project (TEQIP III).

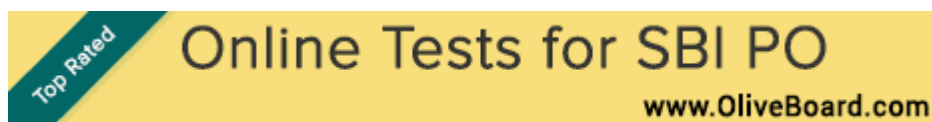
2. Which of the following states have won the eGovernance awards for Excellence under the state category at the CSI -Nihilent eGovernance Awards held in Coimbatore on January 31, 2017?

A.Andhra Pradesh and Telangana  
B.Haryana and Nagaland  
C.Rajasthan and Telangana  
D.Haryana and Rajasthan

Answer – **C.Rajasthan and Telangana**

**Explanation :**

Rajasthan and Telangana are bagged the eGovernance awards for Excellence under the state category at the CSI -Nihilent eGovernance Awards held in Coimbatore on January 31, 2017. Odisha and Nagaland bagged the Award of Recognition for the year 2016. eGovernance Awards are Instituted by the Computer Society of India's (CSI) Special Interest Group with sponsorship from Nihilent Technologies



3. **Which Indian beach has been ranked among the top 10 in the World's Travelers Choice Award-Winning Beaches by TripAdvisor?**

A. Lalaji Bay Beach  
B. Radhanagar Beach  
C. Guitar Island Beach  
D. Ross and Smith Island Beach

Answer – **B. Radhanagar beach**

**Explanation :**

The Radhanagar beach on the Havelock Island in the Andamans and Nicobar Islands has featured among the top 10 in the 'World's Travellers' Choice Award-Winning Beaches' by TripAdvisor. The Radhanagar beach has secured 8th position in the world and 1st spot in Asia. The first spot was gained by Baia do Sancho Fernando de Noronha in Brazil followed by Grace Bay Providenciales in Turks and Caicos at second, while Eagle Beach in Aruba was placed at third position. White Beach, Boracay, Aklan Province was ranked second in Asia while Ngapali Beach, Ngapali, Myanmar was ranked third.

4. **What is the rank of India in the 2017 International Intellectual Property Index released by US Chambers of Commerce's Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC) on February 8, 2017?**

A. 37  
B. 43  
C. 41  
D. 45

Answer – **B. 43**

**Explanation :**

In the 5th Annual International Intellectual Property Index released by US Chambers of Commerce's Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC) on February 8, 2017, India has been ranked very poor at 43rd position out of 45 countries. The 2017 International Intellectual Property Index titled 'The Roots of Innovation' revealed that though India showed slight improvement its performance, still it continued to lag behind the rest of the world in IP protections. Out of a total of 35 points, India could score only 8.75, even below the average score of 15.39. The Index has been topped by United States with a score of 32.6.

5. **The annual Desert Festival is a popular art and cultural festival celebrated in which part of Rajasthan?**

A. Jaipur

- B.Jodhpur
- C.Ajmer
- D.Jaisalmer

Answer – **D.Jaisalmer**

**Explanation :**

The three day long International Desert Festival 2017 started with great enthusiasm on 8 February 2017 in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. The festival was inaugurated by Jaisalmer MLA Chhotu Singh Bhati and district collector Matadin Sharma by flagging-off the shobha yatra. The procession traveled from Gadisar Lake to Shaheed Poonam Singh Stadium. Famous folk artists coming from different parts of the country performed as the procession moved further. A cavalcade of 48 camels of Border Security Force (BSF) was the major attraction on first day of the festival.

6. **Centre has extended the tenure of loan under Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission from 15 years to \_\_\_\_\_ years on February 1, 2017?**

- A.20 Years
- B.17 Years
- C.22 Years
- D.19 Years

Answer – **A.20 Years**

**Explanation :**

The Union cabinet led by PM Modi has given its approval on February 1, 2017 to extend the tenure of loans under the Credit Linked Subsidy Scheme (CLSS) under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Mission from the current 15 years to 20 years. Besides the scheme has been introduced for the middle income group (MIG) category and an initial allocation of Rs. 1000 crore has been made at Budgetary Estimate stage in 2017-18 for the proposed CLSS for MIG. For economically weaker sections of society/Lower Income Group (LIG), the scheme has been named as CLSS.

7. **Which Indian Shuttler has been ranked as the World No. 1 player in the latest Junior Badminton World Federation (BWF) ranking on February 2, 2017?**

- A.Aryamann Tandon
- B.Mithun M.
- C.Chirag Sen
- D.Lakshya Sen

Answer – **D.Lakshya Sen**

**Explanation :**

Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen has created history after he attained World No. 1

Rank in the latest Junior Badminton World Federation (BWF) ranking on February 2, 2017. The 15-year-old player is the youngest ever player and the first ever from Uttarakhand to win the title at senior level. Earlier, his brother Chirag Sen was ranked number 2 in the world junior badminton rankings.

**8. Centre has decided to set up smart fencing at which of the following international borders to strengthen the security system?**

- A. India – China International Borders
- B. India-Nepal International Borders
- C. India-Pakistan International Borders
- D. India-Myanmar International Borders

Answer – **C. India-Pakistan International Borders**

**Explanation :**

One of the India's international border, 3,323-km-long India-Pakistan border runs through four states, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan, Punjab and Gujarat. It will have smart fencing soon said by Minister of State for Home Kiren Rijiju on February 3, 2017. The fencing method will have a multi-tier security system in case of any infiltration bid or attempts to cut the fence, security personnel will get an alarm.

**9. The gross NPAs of the Public Sector Banks was \_\_\_\_\_ percent of the gross advances made by the bank in the FY 16.**

- A. 9.83 percent
- B. 8.66 percent
- C. 9.45 percent
- D. 8.42 percent

Answer – **A. 9.83 percent**

**Explanation :**

As per the data released by the Minister of State for Finance Santosh Gangwar in the Lok Sabha on February 3, 2017, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) witnessed a bad loan at 9.83 percent of the gross advances in the financial year (FY) 2015-16, while the bad loans for Private sector banks were capped at 2.70 percent of the advances.

**10. Who among the given has been appointed as the whole time director of IBBI on February 3, 2017?**

- A. Suman Saxena
- B. Navrang Saini
- C. Mukulita Vijaywargiya
- D. All the above

Answer – **D.All the above**

**Explanation :**

Former Deputy CAG Suman Saxena, Mukulita Vijaywargiya and Navrang Saini have been appointed as whole-time members for 5 years or or till completion of 65 years in Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) on February 3, 2017

**11. Which state has recently introduced transgender category in its Board Examination?**

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

Answer –**C.Bihar**

**Explanation :**

The Bihar government has introduced the transgender as a third category to opt for and appear in the Board exams conducted by the Bihar School Examination Board (BSEB). It is for the first time that the Board will conduct the exams for the transgender category in 2017 after it was recognized by Supreme Court in 2014. According to the Board officials, total 18 students have been enrolled this year to appear in the exam. It includes 10 students of Class 12 students and 8 students Class 10.

**12. Who has been named as the new MD & CEO of the National Stock Exchange on February 3, 2017?**

- A.Vishwajeet Rathore
- B.Vikram Limaye
- C.J.K. Garg
- D.Pawan Sinha

Answer –**B.Vikram Limaye**

**Explanation :**

Managing Director of IDFC, Vikram Limaye has been named as the new Managing Director & CEO of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) on February 3, 2017. The position was lying vacant after Chitra Ramakrishna quit the exchange on December 2 citing personal reasons. Thus the stock exchange set up a four-member panel on December 5, to look for the next MD of the bourse. Limaye would be the first NSE CEO from outside the founding team that set up the exchange in the 1990s.



13. What is the theme of the World Cancer Day 2017?

- A. Together We Can
- B. Not Beyond Us
- C. Come Together it is Possible
- D. We Can, I Can

Answer – **D. We Can, I Can**

**Explanation :**

The World Cancer Day is celebrated annually on February 4 to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection and treatment. The theme of 2017 World Cancer Day is We Can, I Can. A special three year campaign has been designed from 2016-2018 to explore ways how everyone collectively or as individuals can do their part to reduce the global burden of cancer. The day was started by Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) to support the goals of the World Cancer Declaration, written in 2008.

14. The World's longest passenger service flight was inaugurated by which country on February 5, 2017?

- A. India
- B. Qatar
- C. United States
- D. Iraq

Answer – **B. Qatar**

**Explanation :**

The Qatar Airways has launched the World's longest scheduled commercial service to ply between Doha to Auckland. The inaugural service of Flight QR920 took off on February 5, 2017 from Doha and will take 16 hours and 20 minutes to travel 14,535 kilometers to reach Auckland in New Zealand.

15. Renowned Pakistani Urdu Novel writer \_\_\_\_\_ passed away on February 4, 2017 in Lahore at the age of 88.

- A. Farhat Ishtiaq
- B. Altaf Fatima
- C. Bano Qudsia
- D. Surayya Baja

Answer – **C. Bano Qudsia**

**Explanation :**

Renowned Urdu novelist and playwright from Pakistan, Bano Qudsia, passed away on February

4, 2017 in Lahore. She was 88. Qudsia was born in Ferozepur, India in 1928 and migrated to Pakistan after partition. She did her masters in Urdu Literature. In 2003 she was awarded Sitara-i-Imtiaz, the third highest civilian award in the State of Pakistan and Hilal-i-Imtiaz, the second highest civilian award in 2010

**16. The first smart police station of Andhra Pradesh has been launched in which city on February 6, 2017?**

- A. Visakhapatnam
- B. Tirupati
- C. Vijayawada
- D. Guntur

Answer - **D. Guntur**

**Explanation :**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inaugurates the State's first Smart Police Station at Nagarampalem in Guntur city in Amaravati on February 6, 2017. The Smart station has been built within two months at a cost of Rs 91 lakh as a pilot project. The Andhra Police administration has formulated plans to build another 100 Smart Police Stations across the state.

**17. Ujjivan Small Finance Bank has launched its 5 pilot branches in which Indian city on February 6, 2017?**

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Chennai
- C. Mysuru
- D. Kochi

Answer – **A. Bengaluru**

**Explanation :**

The Ujjivan Small Finance Bank officially started its operation on February 6, 2017 with 5 pilot branches in Bengaluru. The five pilot branches of the Ujjivan SFB would offer full services to its customers. The Small Finance Bank will test its technology, channels, people and processes for a period of one month as a part of its pilot launch.

**18. With which country, India signed a protocol on February 6, 2017 to amend the existing bilateral taxation treaty for Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion?**

- A. France
- B. Russia
- C. Austria
- D. Germany

Answer – **C.Austria**

**Explanation :**

India and Austria signed a protocol on February 6, 2017 to amend the existing bilateral taxation treaty for Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion. The protocol will broaden the scope of the existing framework of exchange of tax related information. This will help to curb tax evasion and tax avoidance between the two nations as well as enable mutual assistance in relation to collecting taxes.

**19. The India's first social innovation centre the 'Kakatiya Hub For Social Innovation' has been launched in which state on February 6, 2017?**

A.Himachal Pradesh

B.Uttarakhand

C.Telangana

D.Kerala

Answer – **C.Telangana**

**Explanation :**

The Telangana government launched India's first social innovation centre the 'Kakatiya Hub For Social Innovation' in Nizamabad on February 6, 2017. The launch was announced at the one-day Development Dialogue, an international social entrepreneurship ecosystem conference hosted by Kakatiya Sandbox. The social hub has been funded by the Telangana government and will be implemented through Kakatiya Sandbox which is a centre that encourages entrepreneurship and innovation modelled after Deshpande Foundation's Hubli Sandbox.

**20. Which bank has partnered with Fin-tech startup IndiaLends to enable the first time borrowers with no credit history to take loans?**

A.HDFC Bank

B.ICICI Bank

C.IDFC Bank

D.RBL Bank

Answer – **C.IDFC Bank**

**Explanation :**

Private sector lender IDFC Bank has collaborated with fintech startup IndiaLends to enable first time borrowers who do not have a credit history to take loans. Loan requests by salaried applicants without credit history will now be processed on a real time basis. The unique solution is being offered through a tie-up with IndiaLends, a financial technology startup.





**21. Who has been conferred with the Dr B C Roy National Award 2016 for outstanding service in the field of socio medical relief?**

- A. Dr Rakesh Khazanchi
- B. Dr Ramesh Kumar Sharma
- C. Dr P Raghu Ram
- D. Dr M.S. Venkatesh

**Answer – C. Dr P Raghu Ram**

**Explanation :**

Hyderabad based Dr P Raghu Ram, President of Association of Breast Surgeons of India (ABSI) has been honored with the prestigious Dr B C Roy National Award for 'outstanding service in the field of socio medical relief' for the year 2016. The award will be conferred upon Ram by President Pranab Mukherjee on July 1, 2017 which is also observed as National Doctors Day. Dr Ram was honored for his significant contribution towards improving the delivery of breast health care in India and creating the much needed awareness about importance of early detection of breast cancer in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh through a number of initiatives.

**22. Which Indian state has become the first to introduce cashless system for Public Distribution System of food grains?**

- A. Haryana
- B. Gujarat
- C. Karnataka
- D. Maharashtra

**Answer – B. Gujarat**

**Explanation :**

Gujarat has become the first state in India to establish Cashless system for distribution of food grain to the beneficiaries under NFSA (National Food Security Act). The Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ram Vilas Paswan on February 8, 2017 appreciated the efforts of the state government which has installed Aadhaar Enabled Payment System in 17,250 Fair Price Shops (FPS) much before the target of March 31 as decided by the state.

**23. Who is the author of the novel The Golden House?**

- A. Salman Rushdie
- B. Kiran Desai

C.Amitav Ghosh

D.Arundhati Roy

Answer – **A.Salman Rushdie**

**Explanation :**

The Golden House has been authored by Salman Rushdie. It will be released in September 2017. The book will be published in India by Penguin Random House. The novel is a modern day thriller depicting about a mysteriously wealthy family from Bombay that is desperately seeking to forget the tragedy they left behind as they feverishly reinvent themselves in New York City

**24. Which Indian batsman has become the first in the World to score a 300 in a T20 match on February 7, 2017?**

A.Mohit Ahlawat

B.Shreyas Iyer

C.Lokesh Rahul

D.Kuldeep Yadav

Answer – **A.Mohit Ahlawat**

**Explanation :**

21-year-old Mohit Ahlawat became the first batsman in the world to score a 300 in a T20 match on February 7, 2017. While the match had no official status and was only a local match played in Delhi, Ahlawat's knock was one was filled with superlatives and his triple century came in 72 balls.

**25. Who has been sworn-in as the new President of Haiti?**

A.Henri Christophe

B.Michel Martelly

C.Fritz Jean

D.Jovenel Moïse

Answer – **D.Jovenel Moïse**

**Explanation :**

Jovenel Moise has been sworn in as Haiti's new president on February 7, 2017. The 48-year-old banana exporter, who has never held political office, took the oath of office in a ceremony in the capital, Port-au-Prince. His name was recommended by the former president, Michel Martelly.

**26. The first pilot branch of the Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) was launched in which city?**

A.Mysuru

B.Bangalore

- C. Indore
- D. Kolkata

Answer – **A. Mysuru**

**Explanation :**

With the successful operationalization of the two pilot projects of utilizing Head Post Offices as the Passport Seva Kendra, the government has now decided to further launch the programmes in 56 more facilities across India. The Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Posts are working to start the operation of the new centers as early as possible in various states including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Haryana, Jharkhand and West Bengal.

**27. What is the theme of the 2017 BRICS Summit?**

- A. Inclusive Growth: Sustainable Solutions
- B. Building Responsive, Inclusive and Collective Solutions
- C. BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future.
- D. BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Development, Integration and Industrialisation

Answer – **C. BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future**

**Explanation :**

2017 BRICS association of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa to be held in Xiamen, China in September 2017. The summit will be held under the theme "BRICS: Stronger Partnership for a Brighter Future. The 5 key priority area of the summit will be Deepening cooperation, Strengthening global governance, Carrying out people-to-people exchanges, Making institutional improvements and Building broader partnerships.

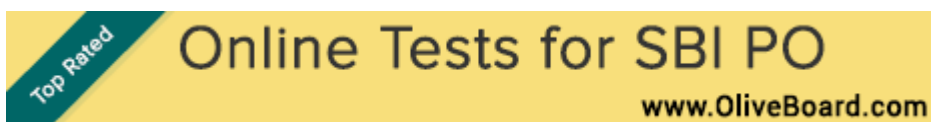
**28. Which Ministry launched the world's first comprehensive Braille atlas for visually impaired on February 10, 2017 in New Delhi?**

- A. Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- B. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C. Ministry of Human Resource Development
- D. Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences

Answer – **D. Ministry of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences**

**Explanation :**

The Union Minister of Science and Technology and Earth Sciences Harsh Vardhan released the world's first comprehensive Braille atlas for nearly 50 lakh visually challenged people in India on February 10, 2017 in New Delhi. This is for the first time that such atlas has been prepared for physically challenged with such minute details. The Braille Atlas has been prepared by National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation (NATMO) under Department of Science & Technology.



29. **When is the International Day of Women and Girls in Science observed?**

- A. February 12
- B. February 10
- C. February 11
- D. February 9

Answer – **C. February 11**

**Explanation :**

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science was observed on February 11, 2017 to recognize the achievements of women in science and inspire and engage women and girls in science. The theme of 2017 International Day of Women and Girls in Science is "Gender, Science and Sustainable Development: The Impact of Media". The main idea is to stress the role that media plays in empowering women and achieving gender equality.

30. **Which singer has been roped in by the United Nations Office on Drugs to campaign against human trafficking under the project "Blue Heart Campaign"?**

- A. Gurdas Maan
- B. Satinder Sartaaj
- C. Jazzy B
- D. Babbu Maan

Answer – **B. Satinder Sartaaj**

**Explanation :**

Folk singer from Punjab Satinder Sartaaj (34) has been selected for the awareness project against human trafficking "Blue Heart Campaign" by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Sartaaj will work with Indian musicians like AR Rahman and Sonu Nigam to spread awareness about the illegal practice through Music to Inspire album.

31. **The Hindustan Motors have signed a deal with French firm Peugeot to sell its car brand "Ambassador" for Rs. \_\_\_\_\_?**

- A. Rs. 80 crore
- B. Rs. 110 crore
- C. Rs. 70 crore
- D. Rs. 90 crore

Answer – **A. Rs. 80 crore**

**Explanation :**

C K Birla Group-owned Hindustan Motors have signed a deal with French carmaker Peugeot SA Group on February 10, 2017 to sell its iconic Indian car brand "Ambassador" to Peugeot

for Rs. 80 crore. The production of Hindustan Ambassador car was discontinued in 2014 as sales dropped continuously and it could not keep up with the new generation of cars in the Indian market. Kolkata based Hindustan Motors would sell the car brand as well as the trademarks and use the proceeds to clear the dues of the employees and lenders.

**32. The five days multinational Aman-17 naval exercise is being held in which country from February 10, 2017 for joint resolve against terrorism and crimes in maritime domain?**

- A. United States
- B. Sri Lanka
- C. Australia
- D. Pakistan

Answer – **D. Pakistan**

**Explanation :**

The five days multinational Aman-17 naval exercise kicked off in Karachi, Pakistan on February 10, 2017 where 37 countries took part. The aim of this multi-national exercise is to display united resolve of the countries against terrorism and crimes in maritime domain. The exercise will also help in enhancing Pakistan Navy's interoperability with regional and extra-regional navies. Aman-17 was inaugurated by Commander of the Pakistani naval fleet Vice Admiral Arifullah Hussaini. Theme: Together for peace.

**33. Who is the head of the committee formed by the government to recommend modalities for setting up of Defence Procurement Organization (DPO) to simplify the defence acquisition process?**

- A. Dr. Mahadeo Prasad Jaiswal
- B. Dr. Ganesan Kannabiran
- C. Dr. Pritam Singh
- D. Dr. G. Raghuram

Answer – **C. Dr. Pritam Singh**

**Explanation :**

The Union Government has planned to set up a Defence Procurement Organisation (DPO) in a move to integrate and streamline the long and complex process of defence acquisitions. A government appointed committee has been made for this headed by former Director of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Lucknow, Dr. Pritam Singh. The organisation would be set up on the recommendation of Dr. Pritam who submitted a report on the modalities of setting up the DPO to Defence Minister Manohar Parrikar on February 9, 2017 and would be established in about 2-3 years. DPO will function under the Defence Ministry.

34. **India's first cashless township has been inaugurated in which state on February 13, 2017?**

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

Answer – **D.Gujarat**

**Explanation :**

India's first cashless township "Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizers and Chemicals (GNFC) township" was inaugurated by Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani on February 13, 2017. Nearly 10,000 residents in GNFC have embraced various digital mode of payments instead of cash. In the township, residents are making cashless payments at shopping centres, schools, colleges, hospital, stadium, laundry and even at tea

35. **In which state was the first edition of the three days National Women's Parliament held?**

- A.Karnataka
- B.Maharashtra
- C.Andhra Pradesh
- D.Assam

Answer – **C.Andhra Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

In a first of its kind initiative, National Women's Parliament was organized by the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in association with MAEER's MIT School of Governance at Pavithra Sangamam in Amravati, Andhra Pradesh with an aim to empower women. The conclave was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi via video conference in the presence of AP Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Speaker of Bangladesh Parliament, Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury.

36. **India defeated which country to win the T20 World Cup for Blind tournament on February 12, 2017?**

- A.Bangladesh
- B.Australia
- C.Pakistan
- D.New Zealand

Answer – **C.Pakistan**

**Explanation :**

India defeated Pakistan by 9 wickets to clinch the T20 World Cup for Blind tournament on February 12, 2017 at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bangalore. Pakistan set a target of 198



runs for India to win. India chased the total with a loss of one wicket and 14 spare balls. India's opening batsman Prakash Jayaramaiah was named as the Man of the Match.

**37. Which movie has won the Best Film award at the 2017 BAFTA awards?**

- A. Fences
- B. Lion
- C. La La Land
- D. Manchester by the Sea

Answer – **C. La La Land**

**Explanation :**

The Movie La La Land won the most awards at the event by winning total five honors including Best Film, Best Director– Damien Chazelle, Best Cinematography-Linus Sandgren, Best Original Music-Justin Hurwitz and Best Actress in a Leading Role-Emma Stone. The 70th British Academy Film Awards commonly known as the BAFTA Awards was held on February 12, 2017 at the Royal Albert Hall in London to honour the best British and international contributions to film in the year 2016. The awards are presented by the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA).

**38. Who has been elected as the new President of Germany to take office on March 19, 2017?**

- A. Wolfgang Schäuble
- B. Frank-Walter Steinmeier
- C. Hermann von Thile
- D. Gustav Noske

Answer – **B. Frank-Walter Steinmeier**

**Explanation :**

Germany's former Foreign Minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier has been elected as the new President of Germany on February 12, 2017. The 61-year old won by 931 votes out of 1,239 valid votes cast by the members of the Federal Assembly. He is due to take office as the 12th Federal President of Germany on 19 March 2017. Steinmeier, a member of the Social Democratic party will succeed incumbent President Joachim Gauck who will step down on March 18 at the age of 77.

**39. Which of the given survey class vessels of Indian Navy has become the first ship to be installed with solar power system?**

- A. INS Sutlej
- B. INS Sandhayak

C.INS Darshak

D.INS Sarvekshak

Answer – **D.INS Sarvekshak**

**Explanation :**

Indian Navy's survey class vessel INS Sarvekshak has become the first ship in India to be fitted with solar power system on board. The ship has been equipped with 18 sheets of solar panel of 300 Watt which is capable of generating 5.4 kW power. As per the Navy, if the system is used even for 25 days in one year, it can repay its costs in less than 10 years. The estimated profit generated by the system during the ship service life of 25 years is Rs. 2.7 crore.

**40. Which programme will be launched by the government in the financial year 2017-18 for recapitalisation of public sector lenders?**

A.Sarvottam 2.0

B.Indradhanush 2.0

C.Bharat 1.0

D.Bhavishya 3.0

Answer – **B.Indradhanush 2.0**

**Explanation :**

Union Government has decided to launch 'Indradhanush 2.0' for recapitalisation of public sector lenders so that the banks remain solvent and fully comply with the global capital adequacy norms namely Basel-III. The Indradhanush 2.0 programme will be finalised by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) after completion of Asset Quality Review (AQR) being undertaken and is likely to be completed by end of March 2017.

**41. The first floating elementary school for drop outs has been inaugurated in which state of India?**

A.Assam

B.Manipur

C.West Bengal

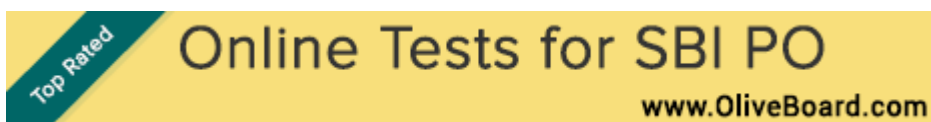
D.Goa

Answer – **B.Manipur**

**Explanation :**

India's first floating elementary school particularly for drop outs has been inaugurated on Loktak lake at Langolsabi Leikai of Champu Khangpok floating village in Manipur on the occasion of World Wetlands Day on February 2, 2017. The school named as Loktak Elementary Floating School has been opened under an initiative of All Loktak Lake Fishermen's Union, Manipur (ALLAFUM) with the support of NGO, People's Resources Development Association (PRDA) under a programme of ActionAid India.





42. **The air exhibition, Aero India 2017 has been organized in which state?**

- A.Karnataka
- B.Tamil Nadu
- C.Haryana
- D.Maharashtra

Answer – **A.Karnataka**

**Explanation :**

The 11th biennial edition of International Aerospace and Defence Exhibition – Aero India 2017 kicked off at the Air Force Station, Yelahanka in Bengaluru, Karnataka on February 14, 2017. The five day event was inaugurated by Defence Minister ManoharParrikar. It has been organized and conducted by the Defence Exhibition Organisation (DEO) and will conclude on February 18, 2017. For the first time in the Aero India event, China will also participate with a five member team. One of the major event of Aero India 2017 on February 14, 2017 was the handing over of Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEW&C) to the Indian Air Force by the Defence Research &Development Organisation (DRDO)

43. **The two day UNESCO Natural Heritage Festival 2017 was held in which state?**

- A.Assam
- B.Goa
- C.Himachal Pradesh
- D.Uttarakhand

Answer – **C.Himachal Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

France based UNESCO organised the two-day Nature Fest at the World Heritage Site Great Himalayan National Park (GNHP) at Sairopa in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh from February 11, 2017.The festival was organised in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and would be attended by prominent conservationists.

44. **How much amount has been allocated by the government to the India Post Payments Bank for the financial year 2017-18?**

- A.Rs.750 crore
- B.Rs.500 crore
- C.Rs.675 crore
- D.Rs.620 crore

Answer – **B.Rs.500 crore**

**Explanation :**

Government has allocated an amount of Rs 500 crore to India Post Payments Bank for the financial year 2017-18 to help it in setting up 650 branches across country by September 2017. As per Output-Outcome Framework for Schemes 2017-18 for the Department of Posts released on February 13, 2017, out of the allocated amount, Rs. 125 crore has been allocated as "capital infusion into corporate entity for India Post Payments Bank" and Rs 375 crore as "grant in aid to India Post Payments Bank (IPPB)"

**45. Who won the 2017 New Zealand Grand Prix on February 12, 2017?**

- A. Jehan Daruvala
- B. Ajith Kumar
- C. Armaan Ebrahim
- D. Karun Chandhok

Answer – **A. Jehan Daruvala**

**Explanation :**

Jehan Daruvala became the first ever Indian to claim the New Zealand Grand Prix at the Chris Amon Circuit in Manfeild, New Zealand on February 12, 2017. With this win, Jehan, a Force India F1 team racing driver, scored 781 points in the Toyota Racing Series having 15-race held in January-February and was placed in fifth position.

**46. South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) has been launched in which Indian city by International Monetary Fund (IMF) on February 13, 2017?**

- A. New Delhi
- B. Mumbai
- C. Bangaluru
- D. Chandigarh

Answer – **A. New Delhi**

**Explanation :**

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) launched its first fully integrated capacity development centre, South Asia Training and Technical Assistance Center (SARTTAC) in New Delhi on February 13, 2017. The SARTTAC was inaugurated by Shaktikanta Das, Secretary of India's Ministry of Finance. SARTTAC will help to assist the local member countries of South Asia including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

**47. The West Bengal government has carved out which town as a separate district from Darjeeling on February 14, 2017?**

- A. Pedong
- B. Sonada
- C. Kurseong

D.Kalimpong

Answer – **D.Kalimpong**

**Explanation :**

West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee declared Kalimpong as 21st district of West Bengal on February 14, 2017. The new district is from Darjeeling. On the same day Banerjee announced two projects for the development of newly created Kalimpong, Rs 220 crore road link project to connect Kalimpong with Sikkim via the old Silk Route and Rs 50 crore water supply project to address Kalimpong's water scarcity problem.

**48. The 2017 Cobra Gold Military Exercise has been organized in which country?**

A.India

B.China

C.United States

D.Thailand

Answer – **D.Thailand**

**Explanation :**

The 2017 Cobra Gold Military Exercise kicked off at the Sattahip Royal Thai Marine Corps Base in Chonburi Province, Thailand on February 14, 2017. Cobra Gold 2017 is the 36th edition of the multinational drill and is co-organized by United States and Thailand. It will expand regional cooperation and collaboration for disaster relief. The ten day exercise would continue till February 24, 2017 and the closing ceremony of the event will take place in Phu Lamyai Training area in Nakhon Ratchasima Province.

**49. Who has been honored with the 'Sportsman of the Year' award at the 2017 Laureus World Awards on February 14, 2017?**

A.Usain Bolt

B.Tyson Gay

C.Asafa Powell

D.Maurice Greene

Answer – **A.Usain Bolt**

**Explanation :**

Jamaica's sprinter Usain Bolt won the 'Sportsman of the Year' award at the Laureus World Awards or the 'Oscar of Sports' held in Monaco on February 14, 2017. Bolt received his award from legendary Michael Johnson. This is the fourth time that the world's greatest sprinter has won the honor. Earlier in 2009, 2010 and 2013 too he won the award. Now he has joined the group of sports personalities like tennis legends Roger Federer and Serena Williams, and surfer Kelly Slater, all of whom has also won the award four times.

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**50. Who has been appointed as the head of UN peacekeeping on February 14, 2017 for a year?**

- A. Herve Ladsous
- B. Jean-Pierre Lacroix
- C. Atul Khare
- D. Jeffrey Feltman

**Answer – B. Jean-Pierre Lacroix**

**Explanation :**

Jean-Pierre Lacroix from France has been appointed as the head of UN peacekeeping for a year pending a review of the world body's functions and structure by the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on February 14, 2017. Lacroix will replace Herve Ladsous. He is currently working as the director for the United Nations at the French foreign ministry.

**51. The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) created a historic record by launching how many satellites in a single mission on February 15, 2017?**

- A. 102
- B. 96
- C. 104
- D. 101

**Answer – C. 104**

**Explanation :**

Setting a new record in the space mission, the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) successfully launched 104 satellites in one go from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh, on February 15, 2017. The satellites were launched on Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle PSLV-C37 which marked its 39th flight. The 104 satellite included a 714 kg Cartosat-2 Series satellite for earth observation, two Indian nano satellites INS-1A and INS-1B and 101 international nano satellites. Of the 101 satellites, 96 of these belong to USA and one each belongs to Israel, Kazakhstan, Netherlands, Switzerland and United Arab Emirates.

**52. What is the rank of India in the Index of Economic Freedom 2017?**

- A. 127
- B. 143
- C. 112
- D. 175

**Answer – B. 143**

**Explanation :**

India has been ranked 143 out of 186 economies in the annual Index of Economic Freedom 2017 released by top US based Think Tank, The Heritage Foundation. The Index measures the



degree of economic freedom in the countries of the world. Hong Kong, Singapore and New Zealand are the top three nations in the Index respectively. India has been placed in the category of "Mostly Unfree" Economies in which the points ranges from 50.0-59.9.

**53. The central government has approved signing of an Air Services Agreement with which country on February 15, 2017 for smooth air services between the two nations?**

- A.Croatia
- B.Rwanda
- C.Serbia
- D.France

Answer – **B.Rwanda**

**Explanation :**

The Cabinet approved the signing of Air Services Agreement between India and Rwanda which will enable the airlines of the two countries to operate services in each others' territory. The Agreement has the potential to better develop the civil aviation sector of both the nations and hence boost greater trade, investment, tourism and cultural exchange between India and Rwanda and also strengthen.

**54. The Reserve Bank of India has raised the limit of Gold Loans by Regional Rural Banks on February 16, 2017 from Rs. 1 Lakh to Rs. \_\_\_\_\_**

- A.Rs. 3 lakh
- B.Rs. 1.5 lakh
- C.Rs. 2 lakh
- D.Rs. 4 lakh

Answer – **C.Rs. 2 lakh**

**Explanation :**

The Reserve Bank of India increased the gold loan limit for RRBs (Regional Rural Banks) to Rs 2 lakh from the current Rs 1 lakh on February 16, 2017 to help the farmers and artisans have access to credit who are willing to pledge gold as collateral. The limit has been doubled for the loans not exceeding 12 months from the date of sanction. Besides, the facility will be available with bullet repayment scheme. Under the scheme, while interest will be charged on a monthly basis on the total outstanding, it will become due for payment along with principal only at the end of 12 months from the date of sanction.

55. **Who has recently been appointed as the global Goodwill Ambassador of the UN Refugee Agency UNHCR?**

- A. Danny Kaye
- B. John Doyle
- C. Neil Gaiman
- D. Novak Djokovic

Answer – **C. Neil Gaiman**

**Explanation :**

The author Neil Gaiman has been appointed as a global Goodwill Ambassador of the UN Refugee Agency, UNHCR by Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees. Aim: To raise awareness about the plight of forcibly displaced people and to generate much needed funds. Neil will play an important role in creating better public understanding and support for refugees. He had been working closely with UNHCR since 2013 and he has supported several fundraising initiatives and UNHCR campaigns and events, including #WithRefugees, the #IBelong campaign to end statelessness, World Refugee Day and the Nansen Refugee Award.

56. **Which payment and technology firm has collaborated with the Airtel Payments Bank to provide payments processing solution for various banking services?**

- A. Visa
- B. Master Card
- C. UnionPay
- D. American Express

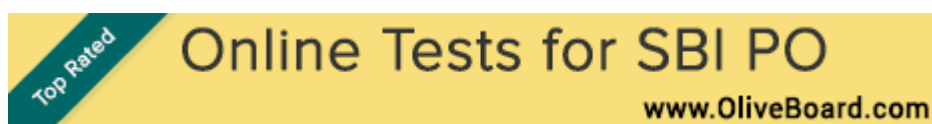
Answer – **B. Mastercard**

**Explanation :**

Leading global payments and technology firm, Mastercard is set to provide payments processing solution to Airtel Payments Bank. The payment processing platform will enable the Airtel Payment Bank in providing various payment services like switching, card management along with support for reconciliation and dispute management processes. As per the announcement by Mastercard on February 17, 2017, Mastercard and Airtel Payments bank have also launched India's first online debit card along with a prepaid card, both of which is accessible through the Myairtel App. The online debit card will enable Airtel Payments Bank customers to make digital payments at over 100,000 online merchants.

57. **Ace shuttler PV Sindhu has been placed at \_\_\_\_\_ position in the Badminton World Federation (BWF) women's single ranking released on February 15, 2017.**

- A. Fourth
- B. Sixth
- C. Third
- D. Fifth



Answer – **D.Fifth**

**Explanation :**

Indian ace shuttler PV Sindhu achieved her career best Badminton World Federation (BWF) women's single ranking by being placed at 5th spot on February 15, 2017. Previously the top seeded player was placed at sixth position. She has moved a place ahead of Akane Yamaguchi of Japan, to attain her career best ranking. The only second Indian to be placed among the top 10 spots is Saina Nehwal who has been placed at No. 9.

**58. Which bank has won the 2017 National MSME Excellence Award on February 10, 2017?**

- A.Canara Bank
- B.Corporation Bank
- C.Dena Bank
- D.Andhra Bank

Answer –**B.Corporation Bank**

**Explanation :**

Mangalore based public sector lender Corporation Bank was awarded the 2017 National MSME Excellence Award on February 10, 2017 at a function in New Delhi. D V Subramanya Varma, General Manager of Corporation Bank received the award from Union Minister of State for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises, Haribhai P Choudhary. The award is instituted by the Federation of Industry, Trade and Services (FITS).

**59. Which renowned Hindi scholar has been named for the 2016 Vyas Samman?**

- A.Surendra Verma
- B.Vishwanath Tripathi
- C.Kamal Kishore Goyenka
- D.Sunita Jain

Answer – **A.Surendra Verma**

**Explanation :**

Renowned Hindi litterateur and playwright Surendra Verma has been selected for 2016 Vyas Samman for his novel Kaatna Shami Ka Vriksha Padma Pankhuri Ki Dhar Se. This novel was published in the year 2010. Mr Verma would be presented a cash prize of Rs. 3.50 lakh a citation and a logo for the prestigious award instituted by K K Birla Foundation. Surendra Verma will be the 26th recipient of the honor.

60. Which country unveiled its plan on February 14, 2017 to build the first city on Mars by 2117?

- A. Russia
- B. Germany
- C. China
- D. United Arab Emirates (UAE)

Answer – **D. United Arab Emirates (UAE)**

**Explanation :**

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has unveiled plans to build the first city on Mars by 2117. The announcement was made by Sheikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai and Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces on the sidelines of the World Government Summit in Dubai on February 14, 2017. As a part of the long term Mars Plan, the UAE engineers presented a virtual presentation depicting a preliminary concept for the city on Mars for guests to explore which is expected to be about the size of Chicago. For the 100-year national project, the UAE government would collaborate with specialised international organisations and scientific institutes.

61. The National Regulatory Authority of which country has been awarded the highest rating by the World Health Organization on February 17, 2017 as functional vaccine regulatory system?

- A. Brazil
- B. Japan
- C. India
- D. Korea

Answer – **C. India**

**Explanation :**

The National Regulatory Authority of India (NRAI), the vaccine regulating authority of India, has been given the highest ratings by global health body World Health Organization for vaccine regulations on February 17, 2017. A team of international experts led by the World Health Organisation, declared that the National Regulatory Authority of India (NRA) and its affiliated institutions meets the WHO Global Benchmarking Tool requirements for a functional vaccine regulatory system. The WHO team of international experts conducted a comprehensive review from February 13 to 17 to measure the maturity of the system in India against WHO NRA Global Benchmarking Tool (GBT)





62. The second ocean sailboat INSV \_\_\_\_\_ was successfully inducted by the Indian Navy on February 18, 2017?

- A.Tarangini
- B.Tarini
- C.Tanvi
- D.Tammana

Answer – **B.Tarini**

**Explanation :**

The second ocean going sailboat of Indian Navy "Tarini" was successfully inducted by the Navy on February 18, 2017 at a ceremony held at the INS Mandovi Boat Pool in presence of Admiral Sunil Lanba, Chief of Naval Staff. It is the second sailboat after INS Mhadei of Indian Navy. INSV Tarini had been conceptualized to promote ocean sailing activities and to encourage women empowerment. Tarini provides a platform for the first Indian circumnavigation of the globe by all women team of the Indian Navy. INSV Tarini has been built by M/s Aquarius Shipyard Pvt Ltd at Divar, Goa. The trials of the newly built INSV Tarini were successfully completed on 30 January 2017.

63. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the final testing of upper stage engine \_\_\_\_\_ for GSLV Mark III rocket on February 17, 2017.

- A.C25
- B.C22
- C.C29
- D.C16

Answer – **A.C25**

**Explanation :**

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted the final ground testing of its indigenously developed Cryogenic Upper Stage engine (C25) for GSLV Mark III rocket at ISRO's Liquid Propulsion Complex at Mahendragiri in Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu on February 17, 2017. The ISRO Chairman AS Kiran Kumar informed that the test was last in the series before going for an actual rocket launch. The engine will be put into use in April 2017. The C25 stage is the most powerful upper stage developed by ISRO and uses Liquid Oxygen and Liquid Hydrogen propellant combination. It will better serve the next generation GSLV rocket to launch 4-tonne class satellite in the Geostationary Transfer Orbit (GTO).

64. **What is the total outlay of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)?**

- A.Rs. 55000 crore
- B.Rs. 50000 crore
- C.Rs. 62000 crore
- D.Rs. 49000 crore

Answer – **B.Rs. 50000 crore**

**Explanation :**

The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi with an outlay of Rs. 50,000 crore over a period of five years (2015-16 to 2019-20). The major objective of the PMKSY is to achieve convergence of investments in irrigation at the field level, expand cultivable area under assured irrigation (Har Khet ko pani), improve on-farm water use efficiency to reduce wastage of water, enhance the adoption of precision-irrigation and other water saving technologies (More crop per drop). In future, the scheme will help deal with the menace of drought as more area will be covered under the irrigation scheme

65. **What is the name of the mobile application launched by Oriental Bank of Commerce on February 19, 2017?**

- A.Oriental Batuaa
- B.Oriental Pocket
- C.Oriental Purse
- D.Oriental Wallet

Answer – **A.Oriental Batuaa**

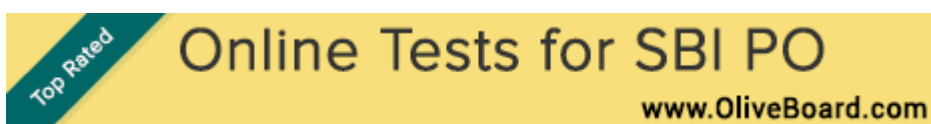
**Explanation :**

The Oriental Bank of Commerce (OBC) launched a series of digital offerings for its customers on February 19, 2017 which also marks the 75th Foundation Day of the bank. The OBC bank introduced a new version of mobile banking in the form of mobile app under the name 'Oriental Batuaa' to provide banking services through app. Besides, OBC also launched two new RuPay cards, Oriental Premium card and Oriental Prepaid Card. The bank also launched two MSME schemes 'Oriental Sanjeevani' and 'Oriental Budget Hotels and Restaurants'.

66. **Which foreign airline became the first international airline to start service in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar International Airport on February 19, 2017?**

- A.AirAsia
- B.Qatar Airways
- C.Emirates Airline
- D.AirChina

Answer – **A.AirAsia**



**Explanation :**

AirAsia became the first foreign airline to begin its operations from Srinagar international airport in Jammu and Kashmir on February 19, 2017. Srinagar has The Sheikh-ul-Alam International Airport since last five years, but no foreign airlines had yet operated services from there. The flight operation by AirAsia is expected to give a boost to tourism in the valley. A Malaysian low-cost airline, AirAsia will operate one flight daily between Delhi and Srinagar initially.

**67. Name the two Indian boxers who have signed multi-year deal with IOS Boxing Promotions on February 18, 2017 to turn professional boxers?**

- A. Vikas Yadav & Satish Kumar
- B. Akhil Kumar & Jitender Kumar
- C. Shiva Thapa & Devendro Singh
- D. Manoj Kumar & Mandeep Jangra

Answer – **B. Akhil Kumar & Jitender Kumar**

**Explanation :**

The former Melbourne Commonwealth Games gold medalist boxer Akhil Kumar and Asian medallist Jitender Kumar signed a multi-year deal with IOS Boxing Promotions on February 18, 2017 confirming turning professional boxers. IOS Boxing Promotions also manages Vijendra Singh's pro boxing career. Akhil Kumar and Jitender Kumar will compete in six bouts in 2017 starting with four-round fights on their debut on April 1. Akhil would be competing in the super lightweight category while Jitender would be seen fighting in the upper featherweight division.

**68. For Chief Justice of India (CJI), Altamas Kabir who died on February 19, 2017 served as \_\_\_\_\_ CJI of India.**

- A. 41
- B. 32
- C. 44
- D. 39

Answer – **D. 39**

**Explanation :**

Former Chief Justice of India (CJI) Altamas Kabir passed away on February 19, 2017 in Kolkata at Apollo Hospital after suffering from kidney ailment. He was 68. He was the 39th Chief Justice of India who held office from September 29, 2012 to July 18, 2013. During his tenure as a Supreme Court judge, Justice Kabir delivered several important judgments,

particularly relating to human rights and election laws. Kabir had also been part of the bench hearing the case of the two Italian Marines who allegedly shot dead two Kerala fishermen, taking them to be pirates.

69. **Who is the author of the book titled Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl?**

- A.Swapan Das Gupta
- B.Ram Kamal Mukherjee.
- C.Harish Iyer
- D.M.J Akbar

Answer – **B.Ram Kamal Mukherjee.**

**Explanation :**

An actor turned politician Hema Malini's journey from an actor and filmmaker to a politician is being chronicled as an authorised biography titled 'Hema Malini: Beyond the Dream Girl'. The biography is written by author-columnist Ram Kamal Mukherjee. The book will be published on her birthday on October 16 by the publisher HarperCollins India.

70. **The 7-day Khajuraho Dance Festival 2017 has been organized in which state?**

- A.Madhya Pradesh
- B.Assam
- C.Arunachal Pradesh
- D.Tamil Nadu

Answer – **A.Madhya Pradesh**

**Explanation :**

The Khajuraho Dance Festival kicked off at Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh from February 20, 2017. The seven day festival will conclude on February 26, 2017. The dance festival is conducted every year by the Madhya Pradesh Kala Parishad. This cultural festival showcases various Indian classical dance styles such as Kathak, Bharathanatyam, Odissi, Kuchipudi, Manipuri and Kathakali with performances of some of the best exponents in the field.

71. **When is the World Day of Social Justice observed?**

- A.February 21
- B.February 20
- C.February 19
- D.February 22

Answer – **B.February 20**

**Explanation :**

Every year, 20th February is observed as World Day of Social Justice to recognize the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment 2017

Theme: "Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work". The United Nations General Assembly has decided to observe 20 February annually, approved on 26 November 2007 and starting in 2009, as the World Day of Social Justice.

**72. Which Pakistani cricket player announced retirement from all forms of international cricket on February 19, 2017?**

- A. Mohammad Amir
- B. Younis Khan
- C. Shahid Afridi
- D. Misbah-ul-Haq

Answer – **C. Shahid Afridi**

**Explanation :**

Legendary Pakistani cricket Shahid Afridi announced his retirement from all forms of international cricket on February 19, 2017 putting an end to 21-year career. Afridi had already quit the Test and ODI cricket earlier but still continued with T20. The 36-year-old star played for Pakistan Twenty20 team at the 2016 world championships in India. After that he stepped down as the captain and continued to play as a player. In Twenty20 international match he played 98 matches with 1,405 runs and 97 wickets.

**73. Chief Minister of Nagaland, \_\_\_\_\_ resigned from the post on February 19, 2017 facing tensions against reservation rule.**

- A. T R Zeliang
- B. Yanthungo Patton
- C. Kiyanilie Peseyie
- D. Tokheho Yepthomi

Answer – **A. T R Zeliang**

**Explanation :**

Nagaland Chief Minister T R Zeliang stepped down from the post on February 19, 2017 facing revolt from his party MLAs against the decision to reserve 33 per cent seats for women in urban local bodies. Accompanied by several of his senior Cabinet colleagues, Zeliang submitted his resignation to the Governor of Nagaland P.B. Acharya who accepted the resignation and asked Zeliang to continue in office till alternative arrangements are made. Tensions were raised in Nagaland after the state government announced that in the Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) election, 33 percent of the seats would be reserved for women. Nagaland Tribes Action Committee (NTAC), an umbrella body of Nagaland's 16 major tribes, demanded resignation of Zeliang.



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**74. Which among the given golf players has been ranked Number 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking released on February 20, 2017?**

- A. Dustin Johnson
- B. Jason Day
- C. Rory McIlroy
- D. Henrik Stenson

**Answer – A. Dustin Johnson**

**Explanation :**

American professional golfer Dustin Hunter Johnson has claimed No 1 Position in Official World Golf Ranking for the first time in his career in the world. This feat comes after he ended up with a world-class performance by winning Genesis Open 2017 at Riviera. Earlier the Golfer bagged the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont Country Club, and finished in a tie for second at 2015 U.S. Open. Johnson became the 20th player to reach the top position since the world ranking began in 1986, culminating Jason Day's 47-week stay at the top.

**75. The Government of Jammu & Kashmir has declared to observe the year 2017 dedicated to which fruit?**

- A. Apple
- B. Cherry
- C. Peach
- D. Strawberry

**Answer – A. Apple**

**Explanation :**

J & K Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has declared 2017 as 'Year of Apple' to promote the famed Kashmiri apples in domestic and foreign markets. She also launched the High Density Apple Plantation Scheme in Srinagar to provide 50% subsidy. The high density plants have a yield of 50-70 metric tonnes per hectare against 10-12 tonnes in case of conventional plants. The government is setting up mega mandies and high-tech cold storage at Jablipora in Anantnag and Aglar in Pulwama to promote apple industry.

**76. The BharatQR code Platform has been developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) jointly with which financial services firm?**

- A. Visa
- B. MasterCard
- C. American Express
- D. All the Above

Answer – **D.All the Above**

**Explanation :**

As part of the less cash economy push BharatQR code Platform has been launched by the Centre. This move will be the first platform with interoperability with low cost. This Platform is jointly developed by – the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), the creator and issuer of RuPay cards, MasterCard, American Express, and Visa. In Bharat QR Platform Quick Response code will be used for storing Card Details and also let the users make Aadhaar-enabled payments and through UPI.

**77. Which ministry has launched the Saathiya Resource Kits on February 20, 2017 to provide information on adolescent related issues?**

- A.Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B.Ministry of Human Resource Development
- C.Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- D.Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer – **D.Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**

**Explanation :**

Union Health Secretary C.K. Mishra has launched “Saathiya Resource Kits” that will provide information on adolescent related issues such as puberty and mental health, among others. The resource kit comprises of an Activity Book, Bhranti-Kranti Game, a Question-Answer Book and a Peer Educator Diary. Under the scheme 1.6 lakh selected communicators have been identified and will be provided knowledge on adolescent health issues among teenagers across the country.

**78. The central government has set the target to bring high-speed digital connectivity to every village by which year?**

- A.2022
- B.2020
- C.2019
- D.2018

Answer – **D.2018**

**Explanation :**

Union government aims to bring high-speed digital connectivity to every village by 2018 and is profound to share proficiency in the area with other nations. Union Department of Telecom, under the Universal Services Obligation (USO) fund, is working to bring high speed broadband to every village in the country by 2018. The Centre is working to bring the game changing impact of technology to all our six lakh villages and the optical fibre network to all rural areas.

79. **Who has been appointed as the first Vice President of Azerbaijan on February 21, 2017?**

- A.Mehriban Aliyeva
- B.Samir Sharifov
- C.Elmar Mammadyarov
- D.Mikayil Jabbarov

Answer – **A.Mehriban Aliyeva**

**Explanation :**

Azerbaijan's president Ilham Aliyev has named his wife Mehriban Aliyeva(52) as Azerbaijan's first vice-president on February 21, 2017. Prior to this, Aliyeva has served previously as a lawmaker and headed a charity. She become the country's first powerful lady and second most powerful person in Azerbaijan.

80. **India defeated which country to win the finals of the ICC Women's World Cup Qualifier 2017 on February 21, 2017?**

- A.South Africa
- B.New Zealand
- C.Pakistan
- D.Bangladesh

Answer – **A.South Africa**

**Explanation :**

Indian Women's team pipped South African Women's by one wicket in a crunch Women's cricket World Cup qualifier final at the P. Sara Oval in Colombo after All round show from Harmanpreet Kaur that helped the side to deliver the victory. South elected to bat first after winning the toss notably Mignon du Preez (40), Lizelle Lee (37), skipper Dane Van Niekerk (37) scored to post decent 244 in 49.4 overs.

81. **Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu unveiled the new fully unreserved train \_\_\_\_\_ for the common man on February 22, 2017.**

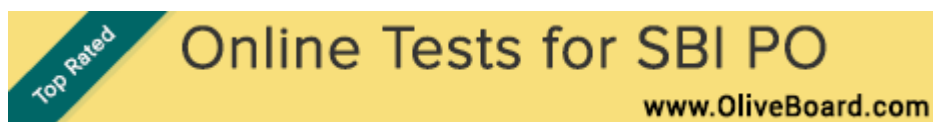
- A.Uday Express
- B.Gareeb Kalyan Express
- C.Antyodaya Express
- D.Hamsafar Express

Answer – **C.Antyodaya Express**

**Explanation :**

Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu had unveiled the new Antyodaya Express, a fully unreserved train for the common man with specially designed colourful coaches. The first Antyodaya Express will be plied between Mumbai and Tatanagar, and the second will be between Ernakulam and Howrah shortly. As stated in the Union budget these Antyodaya was





meant for Aam Aadmi (common man) provided in Antyodaya coaches are similar in first class that will have cushioned seats with aluminium composite panels. The fare structure will be between 10 per cent and 15 per cent more than the regular fare.

**82. With which country India has signed an MoU on February 21, 2017 to enhance railway safety in the Indian Railways?**

- A. Russia
- B. Japan
- C. United States of America
- D. France

**Answer – B. Japan**

**Explanation :**

Indian Railway Board Chairman A.K. Mittal and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan Vice-Minister Hiroshi Tabata has signed Memorandum of Cooperation on February 21, 2017. Aim of the MoU is to enhance railway safety in the Indian Railways with focus on railway track and rolling stock safety. Areas of cooperation include Rail inspection, rail welding and providing automatic railway track safety inspection, maintenance of rolling stock. The Delhi – Mumbai and the Delhi – Howrah lines are will be taken up first for the technology upgrade plan.

**83. Which Indian state is set to launch India's first public registry of sex offenders to check on sex crimes?**

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Kerala
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Haryana

**Answer – B. Kerala**

**Explanation :**

The Kerala government has planned to launch the country's first sex offenders registry which will contain all identification details of sex offenders and would be kept in public domain. A comprehensive victim relief fund will be set-up by the state government to provide interim relief for victims of sex crimes, both children and adults.

84. In the latest estimation of GDP growth for India, the International Monetary Fund has predicted the growth to slow down to \_\_\_\_\_ percent due to demonetization.

- A. 6.9 percent
- B. 7.2 percent
- C. 6.6 percent
- D. 7.5 percent

Answer – **C. 6.6 percent**

**Explanation :**

International Monetary Fund come up with India's growth projection which predicted slow 6.6 per cent in 2016-17 fiscal due to "temporary disruptions" caused by demonetisation. The IMF has noted that demonetisation would have only short term impact on the economy and it would bounce back to its expected growth of more than 8% in the next few years.

85. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) on February 22, 2017?

- A. RS Bachawat
- B. Abhay Manohar Sapre
- C. Balbir Singh Chauhan
- D. N.P. Singh

Answer – **B. Abhay Manohar Sapre**

**Explanation :**

Justice Abhay Manohar Sapre has been appointed as the chairman of Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) on February 22, 2017. Manohar is the successor of Justice Balbir Singh Chauhan. He was nominated by Chief Justice J.S. Khehar. Prior to this, he has served as chief justice of Gauhati High Court and the High Court of Manipur. He also served as judge at Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan High Courts.

86. Astronomers from NASA have discovered seven new Earth-sized exoplanets orbiting around dwarf star called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. TRAPPIST-1
- B. BARNARD'S STAR
- C. LALANDE 21185
- D. GLIESE 623

Answer – **A. TRAPPIST-1**

**Explanation :**

Astronomers have spotted at least seven Earth-sized planets orbiting the same star 40 light-years away from the sun with similar size to earth. This discovery of our solar system have low temperate, meaning they could have water on their surfaces and potentially support life. The seven exoplanets were spotted around dwarf star called TRAPPIST-1. The findings

helps that their mass also indicate that they are rocky planets, rather than being gaseous like Jupiter. Of these seven planets, three of them are in the fit for human habitation of the star, known as TRAPPIST-1e, f and g, and may even have oceans on the surface.

**87. The World Integrated Medicine Forum on Regulation of Homeopathic Medicine was inaugurated in which city on February 23, 2017?**

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

Answer – **D.New Delhi**

**Explanation :**

The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH, Shripad Yesso Naik inaugurated the World Integrated Medicine Forum on Regulation of Homeopathic Medicinal Products: National and Global strategies in New Delhi on February 23, 2017. The two day event that concluded on February 24, 2017 was organized by Ministry of AYUSH and Central Council for Research in Homeopathy (CCRH) and supported by Pharmacopoeia Commission for Indian Medicine & Homeopathy (PCIMH) & Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).

**88. India and ADB Bank has signed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ million loan and grants on February 23, 2017 to develop 800-km Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor.**

- A.271 million
- B.318 million
- C.220 million
- D.375 million

Answer – **D.375 million**

**Explanation :**

The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a 375-million-dollar loans and grants on February 23, 2017 in New Delhi to develop 800-km Visakhapatnam-Chennai Industrial Corridor. The project is the first phase of a planned 2,500-kilometer long East Coast Economic Corridor (ECEC) having total cost of 846 million dollars. The Corridor will enhance development in eastern coast in line with the government's 'Make in India' policy to boost manufacturing by attracting foreign investment and facilitating the establishment of manufacturing hubs



89. **The 112-feet-tall statue of Lord Shiva in Adiyogi form has been unveiled by Prime Minister Modi in which state on February 24, 2017?**

- A. Maharashtra
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Haryana
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer – **B. Tamil Nadu**

**Explanation :**

On the occasion of Mahashivratri, Prime Minister Narendra Modi unveiled a 112-feet-tall Lord Shiva statue at Isha Foundation in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on February 24, 2017. The statue is dedicated to "Adiyogi", an incarnation of Lord Shiva who is considered to be the first of yogis. The statue has been funded by The Isha Foundation and constructed by a team of engineers and designers of the foundation in foothills of Velliangiri mountains in the Western Ghats. The bust of Lord Shiva is made of steel and weighs 500 tonnes. It took 2.5 years to design and eight months to build the statue.

90. **India's first hill station bicycle path has been inaugurated in which hill station on February 25, 2017?**

- A. Darjeeling
- B. Shimla
- C. Manali
- D. Nainital

Answer – **A. Darjeeling**

**Explanation :**

India's first hill station bicycle path was inaugurated in Darjeeling on February 25, 2017. The 20 km long cycle route is developed at an altitude of over 2,000 metres and runs through thick pine forest and Senchal wildlife sanctuary. The path also provides a view of the third-highest mountain in the world, Kanchenjunga. The route starts from near Jorebunglow, south of Darjeeling and ends at a small local eco-village resort in Chatakpur.

91. **How much financial assistance has been approved by India for Bangladesh on February 24, 2017 for the sustainable development of Sylhet city in Bangladesh?**

- A. Taka 199 million
- B. Taka 310 million
- C. Taka 240 million

D.Taka 150 million

Answer – **C.Taka 240 million**

**Explanation :**

India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bangladesh on February 24, 2017 to provide financial assistance to Bangladesh for the sustainable development of Sylhet, a north-eastern Bangladeshi city. Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) three development projects would be taken up in Sylhet. The total cost of the project would be Taka 240 million. The three development projects to be undertaken include: construction of a five-storey Kinder Garten and High School Building; a six-storey cleaner colony building; and for some development work in Dhupa Dighirpar area.

**92. Which bank has launched Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) enabled card on February 23, 2017 to offer prompt service to customers of the bank?**

A.Union Bank of India

B.UCO Bank

C.Canara Bank

D.Dena Bank

Answer – **D.Dena Bank**

**Explanation :**

Dena Bank has unveiled a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) enabled banking card on February 23, 2017 at its Mumbai branch. The RFID card will help the branch manager to identify a valued customer entering the bank having RFID card by displaying the complete information about that customer on the managers desktop. The facility will help the bank branch to take better care of the client's requirement and offer the services promptly.

**93. Who has been conferred with the Best Male Player of the Year Award (2016) by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) on February 23, 2017?**

A.Arthur Van Doren

B.Christian Blasch

C.Danny Kerry

D.John-John Dohmen

Answer – **D.John-John Dohmen**

**Explanation :**

Belgium's Hockey Captain and Olympic silver medalist John-John Dohmen was awarded the Best Male Player of the Year Award (2016) by the International Hockey Federation (FIH) at the gala FIH Hockey Stars Awards Ceremony on February 23, 2017 in Chandigarh. John-John Dohmen is a Belgian international field hockey player and since 2013 he is the captain of the Belgian national team (the "Red Lions"). He has won five national titles, one with Léopold and four with Waterloo. He was named Belgian hockey player of the year for the

season 2008-2009

94. **Which Indian city has been ranked as the richest city of the country by New World Wealth report on February 21, 2017?**

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

Answer – **B.Mumbai**

**Explanation :**

According to the New World Wealth report released on February 21, 2017, Mumbai, the financial capital of India has been named as the Richest Indian city with a total wealth of \$ 820 billion. The South Africa-based market research group, New World Wealth has reported that Mumbai is home to 46,000 millionaires and 28 billionaires. Mumbai is followed by Delhi at second place with a total wealth of \$ 450 billion and having 23,000 millionaires and 18 billionaires. Besides, Bengaluru stands at third place with a total wealth of \$ 320 billion and houses 7,700 millionaires and 8 billionaires.

95. **The state government of Haryana has launched Sex Ratio Monitoring Dashboard to monitor the sex-ratio in which district as part of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' programme?**

- A.Rewari
- B.Panipat
- C.Gurgaon
- D.Ambala

Answer – **B.Panipat**

**Explanation :**

The state government of Haryana has set up an online system called the Sex Ratio Monitoring Dashboard to monitor the sex-ratio in Panipat district as part of the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' programme. The system will have the data of child sex-ratio collected from all villages by the Health and Women and Child Welfare Departments every month. It will also include the data about the critical villages where more attention was required regarding child sex-ratio and important steps needed to be taken to tackle the problem. The dashboard had been developed in association with National Informatics Centre (NIC) as a pilot project. It would act as an effective tool for better coordination between the Health Department and the Women and Child Welfare Departments.



**96. As per the data by the Health Department on February 27, 2017, which state has ranked first in having the least rate of infant mortality?**

- A. Kerala
- B. Bhubaneswar
- C. Puducherry
- D. Goa

**Answer – D. Goa**

**Explanation :**

According to the recent data, infant mortality rate in the country has been registered at 42 deaths of kids per 1000 births while Puducherry was having 11 deaths of children per 1000 babies born said by Director of Health and Family Welfare Services K V Raman on February 27, 2017. Top 3 states : Goa ranked first, followed by Kerala and Puducherry

**97. The 2017 Mobile World Congress (MWC) has been organized in which of the given place?**

- A. Barcelona
- B. Hong-Kong
- C. London
- D. Moscow

**Answer – A. Barcelona**

**Explanation :**

The 2017 Mobile World Congress (MWC) began in Mobile World Capital Barcelona on February 27, 2017 and will conclude on March 2, 2017. MWC is the world's largest gathering for the mobile industry, organised by the GSMA. The global tech industry gathers to get participate in new smartphone launches, VR and AR developments, chipsets and wearables. The GSMA Mobile World Congress is a combination of the world's largest exhibition for the mobile industry and a conference featuring prominent executives representing mobile operators, device manufacturers, technology providers, vendors and content owners from across the world.

**98. E-commerce firm Paytm has unveiled its android app \_\_\_\_\_ to offer a combination of the Mall and Bazaar concepts to Indian consumers for online shopping.**

- A. Mob Mall
- B. Pay Mall
- C. Pay Shop

D. Pay Mart

Answer – **B. Pay Mall**

**Explanation :**

Leading E-Commerce firm, Paytm launched its new application on Android under the name Paytm Mall and a website called paytmall.com on February 27, 2017. The Paytm Mall app aims to offer a combination of the Mall and Bazaar concepts to Indian consumers for online shopping. Paytm Mall will focus on structured categories and brand authorised stores. It will also be focusing on electronics, top fashion brands and FMCG categories. Paytm Mall would also have a section called Paytm 'Bazaar' that will focus on fashion, home furnishing and goods from small sellers.

**99. India's first integrated Heliport has been inaugurated at Rohini in North Delhi on February 28, 2017 at an investment of Rs. \_\_\_\_\_**

A. Rs. 120 crore

B. Rs. 100 crore

C. Rs. 200 crore

D. Rs. 75 crore

Answer – **B. Rs. 100 crore**

**Explanation :**

India's first integrated Heliport was inaugurated by the Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju on February 28, 2017 at Rohini in North Delhi. The Heliport has been built by state-owned Pawan Hans Ltd. Minister of State for Civil Aviation Jayant Sinha, Delhi Lieutenant Governor Anil Baijal and Pawan Hans CMD B P Sharma among others were present at the ceremony. The newly developed heliport has been built over an area of 25 acres with a total investment of Rs. 100 crore. The heliport consists of a terminal building having a capacity of 150 passengers, 4 hangars with the parking capacity of 16 helicopters and 9 parking bays.

**100. According to the Economic Survey Report of OECD released on February 28, 2017, the GDP growth of India is projected at \_\_\_\_\_ percent for the fiscal 2016-17.**

A. 7.6 percent

B. 7.9 percent

C. 7.3 percent

D. 7 percent

Answer – **D. 7 percent**

**Explanation :**

The Economic Survey Report by Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) has estimated the India's GDP growth at 7 percent for 2016-17 on February 28, 2017. Besides, the global think tank has also estimated the growth rate of 7.3 percent for the 2017-18 and 7.7 percent for 2018-19. As per the report, though demonetisation may have



impacted short term growth in 2016-17, but the long term effects would see gains going upward. The forum emphasized the need to increase the revenue from income taxes to provide quality public services for all, to reduce poverty and promote inclusive growth.

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