

Current Affairs December Questions 2016

1. **Name the eminent poet who has been felicitated with the 52nd Jnanpith Award for 2016?**

A.Rehman Rahi
B.Kedarnath Singh
C.Shankha Ghosh
D.Raghuveer Chowdhary

Answer – **C.Shankha Ghosh**

Explanation:

The Jnanpith Selection Board named the eminent modern Bengali poet Shankha Ghosh for the 52nd Jnanpith Award for 2016 on December 23, 2016. His nomination was decided at a meeting of the Jnanpith selection board chaired by writer and scholar Namwar Singh. Shankha Ghosh is a Bengali Indian poet and critic. He is regarded a leading authority on Nobel Laureate Rabindranath Tagore in addition to being one of the most prolific poet, critic and academician.

2. **Which country has become the first in the world to officially authorize the use of “three-parent baby” fertility treatments on December 1, 2016 to enable women with mitochondrial disease to have a healthy child?**

A.Mexico
B.Britain
C.USA
D.Russia

Answer – **B.Britain**

Explanation:

British scientists on December 1, 2016, gave green signal to the use of “three-parent baby” fertility treatments, thus becoming the first in the world to officially introduce the procedures. The technique could enable women with mitochondrial disease to have a healthy child, without the fear of passing on the disease to new born babies with conditions having multiple disabilities and indeed life-limiting impairments.

3. **Which bank has launched a new digital transaction service named SIMsePAY, that allows customers of the bank to do money transfers, pay bills and other mobile banking services, without the need for smart phones or internet ?**

A.RBL Banl
B.ICICI Bank
C.Yes Bank
D.HDFC Bank

Answer – **C.Yes Bank**

Explanation:

Private sector lender Yes Bank has launched a new digital transaction service through mobile phones named SIMsePAY, that allows any account holder to do money transfers, pay utility bills and other mobile banking services, without the need for smart phones or internet.

4. **According to the Central Statistics Office (CSO) the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Indian economy has grown at the rate of _____ in the second quarter of FY17.**

- A.7.1%
- B.7.3%
- C.7.6%
- D.7.5%

Answer – **B.7.3%**

Explanation:

The Central Statistics Office (CSO) has estimated the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Indian economy has grown at the rate of 7.3% in the second quarter of FY17, which is up from the 7.1% recorded in the previous three months.

5. **Which Indian City has been honored with the Best Cities of 2016 Award at the C40 Mayors Summit held in Mexico City from November 30 to December 2, 2016?**

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

Answer – **B.Kolkata**

Explanation:

Kolkata and 10 other cities from across the globe, has been honoured with the Best Cities Of 2016 Award in recognition of its inspiring and innovative programme with regard to solid waste management during the C40 Mayors Summit held in Mexico City from November 30 to December 2, 2016.

6. **In order to mop up extra liquidity from the system in view of demonetisation, the Government and the Reserve Bank on December 2, 2016 has sharply raised the Market Stabilisation Scheme (MSS) from Rs 30,000 crore to Rs. _____?**

- A.Rs. 6 lakh crore
- B.Rs. 10 lakh crore
- C.Rs. 1 lakh crore
- D.Rs. 5 lakh crore

Answer – **A.Rs. 6 lakh crore**

Explanation:

In order to manage the extra liquidity from the system after the demonetisation, government and the Reserve Bank of India has sharply raised the Market Stabilisation Scheme (MSS) ceiling to Rs. 6 lakh crore from Rs. 30,000 crore on December 2, 2016.

7. **What is the projected economic growth prospect for India for the FY17 as estimated by United Nations report, Economic and Social Survey for Asia and the Pacific 2016 ?**

- A.7.1%
- B.7.2%
- C.7.6%
- D.7.5%

Answer – **C. 7.6%**

Explanation:

According to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific's (ESCAP) year-end Report 'Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific 2016', which was released on December 1, 2016, India's economic growth is expected to remain at 7.6 per cent in 2017 as investment regains momentum and the manufacturing base strengthens on the back of structural reforms.

8. **Name the Managing Director (MD) and chief executive of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) who recently resigned from the post owing to personal reasons.**

- A.Chitra Ramkrishna
- B.Renuka Ramnath
- C.Shyam Srinivasan
- D.Vijayalakshmi Iyer

Answer –**A. Chitra Ramkrishna**

Explanation:

Chitra Ramkrishna, Managing Director (MD) and chief executive of the National Stock Exchange of India (NSE) has resigned from her post, even as the country's largest. The NSE board met on December 2, 2016 and accepted her resignation. The board has set up a selection committee to find a replacement for Ramkrishna and has appointed group president J Ravichandran as interim chief executive officer (CEO).

9. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has decided to extend the time for installment of Aadhaar-enabled PoS devices till which date?**

- A.March 29, 2017
- B.February 1, 2017

C.January 30, 2017

D.June 30, 2017

Answer – **D.June 30, 2017**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been decided to extend the time for deployment of Aadhaar-enabled devices till June 30, 2017. The time was extended by six months because of the rate of deployment of acceptance infrastructure has slowed down owing to the mismatch between demand and supply of such Aadhaar-enabled devices

10. Which country has topped the list to be named as the FIFA's Team of the Year 2016?

A.Germany

B.Brazil

C.Argentina

D.India

Answer – **C.Argentina**

Explanation:

Argentina topped in the FIFA's Team of the 2016 Year title with 1634 points. Argentina won 10 wins out of 15 games this season has earned them 179 points this year, to end 2016 with 1634 points. India jumped two places to finish 2016 at 135.This is India's six-year highest annual ranking after 2009 when India finished at 134.

11. According to the 2016 Jane's Defence Budgets Report, released by IHS Markit on December 12, 2016, what is India's position among the global defence spender?

A.Third

B.Fourth

C.Seventh

D.Tenth

Answer – **B.Fourth**

Explanation:

According to the 2016 Jane's Defence Budgets Report, released by research firm IHS Markit on December 12, 2016, India has become the fourth largest defence spender in the world, after US, China, and the UK. India, which is Asia's third-largest economy spent \$50.6 billion in 2016, from previous \$46.6 billion in 2015.

12. The 6th Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference 2016 was held in which Indian city?

A.New Delhi

B.Jaipur

C.Amritsar

D.Kolkata

Answer – **C.Amritsar**

Explanation:

The 6th Heart of Asia Ministerial Conference was jointly inaugurated by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Afghan President Ashraf Ghani in Amritsar, Punjab on December 4, 2016. The theme for this year's conference is 'Addressing Challenges, Achieving Prosperity'.

13. Which country's Scientists have become the first to discover a method of mapping the human thought by using fast functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI)?

A.United Kingdom

B.China

C.United States of America

D.Norway

Answer – **C.United States of America**

Explanation:

A study published in the journal PNAS revealed that American scientists of US National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, for the first time have successfully tracked human thought by imaging rapidly fluctuating brain activity. The scientists made use of fast functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), which measures changes in blood oxygenation associated with higher order brain functions.

14. Scientists from Canada have developed the first biological pacemaker, sinoatrial node (SAN) cardiomyocytes, using which human stem cells?

A.Parafollicular cell

B.Theca lutein cells

C.Corticotropes

D.Pluripotent cells

Answer – **D.Pluripotent cells**

Explanation:

Scientists from the Mc Ewen Centre for Regenerative Medicine, at Toronto, Canada have developed the very first functional pacemaker cells using human stem cells. As per the findings published in the Nature Biotechnology, the scientists generated sinoatrial node (SAN) cardiomyocytes, the biological pacemaker from human pluripotent cells.

15. Which state government on December 25 launched a health insurance scheme 'Atal-Amrit Abhiyan' to provide insurance coverage against several critical illnesses?

A.Odisha

B.Maharashtra

C.Assam

D.Punjab

Answer – **C.Assam**

Explanation:

The state government of Assam on December 25 launched an ambitious health insurance scheme 'Atal-Amrit Abhiyan' which will provide coverage against several critical illnesses. The scheme was launched by Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal at a function in Guwahati, to mark the 92nd birthday of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

16. **What is the name of 12 day annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of UK, that will be conducted in two phase at Mumbai and Goa between December 5 to December 16?**

A.VARUNA 16

B.INDRA 16

C.KONKAN 16

D.UKINDA 16

Answer – **C. KONKAN 16**

Explanation:

The 12 day annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy KONKAN 16 began on December 5, 2016 at Mumbai. The exercise will be conducted in two phases at Mumbai and Goa.

Phase 1: 05 – 09 Dec 16 at Mumbai. Phase 2: 12 – 16 Dec 16 at Goa

17. **Name the Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) which was successfully test-fired by India on December 26, from Dr Abdul Kalam island off the coast of Odisha.**

A.Agni V

B.Agni III

C.Agni I

D.Agni IV

Answer – **A.Agni V**

Explanation:

India successfully test-fired its nuclear-capable, Inter-Continental Ballistic Missile (ICBM), the Agni V, on December 26, from Dr Abdul Kalam island, formerly known as Wheeler Island, off the coast of Odisha. The three-stage, solid propellant surface-to-surface missile was test-fired from a mobile launcher from launch complex-4 of the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at 11:05 am in Balasore district. This was the fourth and final test of the missile.

18. **Which among the following sports has been derecognized as a sport by the center due to its wide dimensions, making it difficult to conduct competitions?**

A.Cheerleading

- B.Aerobics
- C.Yoga
- D.Gymnastics

Answer – **C.Yoga**

Explanation: 15 months after Yoga was declared as a sport in India in September 2015 with the approval from the Prime Minister's Office (PMO), the decision has been reversed and has been once again derecognized as a sport. The sports ministry communicated to all the National Sports Federations and the Sports Authority of India (SAI) that "Yoga can't be termed as a sport."

19. Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu following death of Chief Minister Jayalalithaa.

- A.Nirmala Sitharaman
- B.Satyavani Muthu
- C.O. Panneerselvam
- D.P. Shanmugam

Answer – **C. O. Panneerselvam**

Explanation:

AIADMK leader O. Panneerselvam was sworn in as Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu following death of Chief Minister Jayalalithaa.

65 year old Panneerselvam was administered the oath of office and secrecy by Governor Ch. Vidyasagar Rao at a solemn ceremony held in the Raj Bhavan, Chennai. He will have remaining four years term of the Jayalalithaa Government.

20. Cabinet minister for water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation Uma Bharti has announced to celebrate the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar held on 14th April as which day?

- A.Health Day
- B.Water Day
- C.Conservation Day
- D.Food Day

Answer – **B. Water Day**

Explanation:

Cabinet minister for water resources, river development and Ganga rejuvenation Uma Bharti has announced that his birth day 14th April will be celebrated as "Water Day". 61th Dr. Ambedkar Mahaparinirvan Diwas is celebrated on December 6, 2016 to commemorate the great contribution of the Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar towards the country.

21. **Biju Sishu Surakshya Yojana, a scheme for the care and protection of HIV positive orphan children has been launched by which state?**

- A.Karnataka
- B.Maharashtra
- C.Odisha
- D.West Bengal

Answer – **C.Odisha**

Explanation:

Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik on December 22, launched “Biju Sishu Surakshya Yojana” for care and protection of HIV positive orphan children in the state. Under the scheme, the children would get financial support from the state government for their studies till higher secondary. The state will bear the cost of marriage in case the beneficiary is a girl.

22. **ICRA has forecasted India's gross value added (GVA) growth likely to be at _____ per cent in 2016-17.**

- A.7.0
- B.6.6
- C.6.7
- D.7.1

Answer – **B.6.6**

Explanation:

The domestic rating agency ICRA has forecasted India's gross value added (GVA) growth to be at 6.6 per cent in 2016-17. This is because the economic activity would take more time to normalise due to the government's move to demonetise high-value notes. The report said that the currency liquidity is likely to improve significantly by the end of January 2017, however, the economic activity may take longer to normalize.

23. **Name the famous co-artist, in the team that sketched the national emblem 'Lion Capital of Ashoka', who die at the age of 89 in Indore on December 24?**

- A.Nicola Benedetti
- B.Nandlal Bose
- C.Dinanath Bhargava
- D.Sapekshi Bhargava

Answer – **C.Dinanath Bhargava**

Explanation:

Dinanath Bhargava, a co-artist in the team that sketched the national emblem Lion Capital of Ashoka and decorated the pages of the Constitutions manuscript, died at the age of 89 in Indore on December 24, 2016. Bhargava was suffering from cardiac ailments since past decade.

24. **Which Indian Company has emerged as the first National Supporter to sponsor the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017 to be held from 6 to 28 October 2017?**

- A. Bank of Baroda
- B. Hero MotorCorp
- C. Videocon D2H
- D. Paytm

Answer – **A. Bank of Baroda**

Explanation:

Bank of Baroda has become the first Indian company to sign up as a National Supporter for the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017, which will be held from 6 to 28 October 2017. With the signing of the agreement, Bank of Baroda has claimed the first out of six National Supporter slots for the FIFA U-17 World Cup India 2017. The tournament FIFA will be signing 5 more national supporters ahead of the tournament.

25. **Name the remote sensing satellite launched by ISRO on December 7, 2016 on PSLV-C36 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.**

- A. RESOURCESAT-1
- B. RESOURCESAT-2A
- C. RESOURCESAT-2
- D. RESOURCESAT-1B

Answer – **B. RESOURCESAT-2A**

Explanation:

The Indian Space Research Organisation successfully launched the Remote Sensing Satellite, Resourcesat-2A on December 7, 2016 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh. A Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C36, in its 38th flight, successfully launched the 1235 kg RESOURCESAT-2A Satellite from the first launch pad at Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, situated around 100km from Chennai, at 10.25am.

26. **How much amount has been pledged by India to contribute to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for the year 2016-17?**

- A. \$500,000
- B. \$1,000,000
- C. \$750,000
- D. \$470,000

Answer – **A. \$500,000**

Explanation:

India will contribute \$500,000 to the UN Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) for the year 2016-17 announced by Indian diplomat Anjani Kumar a counsellor at India's UN Mission

at the pledging session held at UN. India giving it's contribution since it was launched in 2006. This fund will be used to provide relief materials to emergency evacuation arises in any countries.

27. Name the mobile App launched by Chandrababu Naidu in Vijayawada on December 6, 2016 to promote digital transaction among people.

- A.Mobile Wallet
- B.Pay Purse
- C.AP Purse
- D.AP Wallet

Answer – **C.AP Purse**

Explanation:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched AP Purse mobile app in Vijayawada on December 6, 2016 to promote digital transaction among people. The application has 13 mobile banking and 10 mobile wallet options. The application can be used to pay bills and carry out cashless transactions.

28. Which Technology Giant has launched its first full-scale Cybersecurity Engagement Centre (CSEC) in India?

- A.Microsoft
- B.SAP
- C.Google
- D.Accenture

Answer – **A.Microsoft**

Explanation:

Technology giant Microsoft has launched its first full-scale Cybersecurity Engagement Centre (CSEC) in Delhi. It is the first such cyber security center of Microsoft to be bulid in India.The centre will offer Microsoft capabilities to promote deeper cybersecurity collaborations with public and private sector organizations in India.

29. Hindi has emerged as the 10th most powerful language on the planet according to the World Economic Forum's Power Language Index Ranking. Which language has been ranked as the most powerful?

- A.English
- B.French
- C.Mandarin
- D.Korean

Answer – **A.English**

Explanation:

Hindi language has been listed at the 10th position in the Power Language Index Ranking by The World Economic Forum (WEF). The list is topped by English which was placed at the 1st position followed by Mandarin at 2nd position followed by French.

30. **The Women and Child Development Ministry has tied up with _____ and _____ to offer wider payment option to buyers to buy products from “Mahila E-haat”.**

- A. Punjab National Bank and State Bank of India
- B. India Post and State Bank of India
- C. ICICI Bank and Punjab National bank
- D. India Post and Yes Bank

Answer – **B. India Post and State Bank of India**

Explanation:

The Women and Child Development Ministry has tied up with India Post and State Bank of India to offer more payment options to buyers and simplify shipping of products bought from “Mahila E-haat”.

31. **Which bank has won the The Best MSME Bank Award 2016 by ASSOCHAM at the fourth SMEs Excellence Award function held in New Delhi ?**

- A. Corporation Bank
- B. UCO Bank
- C. Syndicate Bank
- D. Vijaya Bank

Answer – **A. Corporation Bank**

Explanation:

The Best MSME Bank Award 2016 was given to The Corporation Bank by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) at the fourth SMEs Excellence Award function held in New Delhi. Managing Director and CEO of Corporation Bank, Jai Kumar Garg from the Minister of State for MSME Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary received the award.

32. **Who has been named as the 44th Chief Justice of India succeeding Chief Justice TS Thakur who will retire on January 3, 2017?**

- A. Justice Madan Lokur
- B. Justice Anil R Dave
- C. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar
- D. Justice Ranjan Gogoi

Answer – **C. Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar**

Explanation:

Justice Jagdish Singh Khehar has been recommended as the 44th Chief Justice of India (CJI) and shall succeed Chief Justice TS Thakur who will retire on January 3, 2017. 64 years old Justice Khehar will be sworn in as CJI by the President Pranab Mukherjee on January 4, 2017 and will hold the tenure for over seven months till August 27, 2017.

33. Which High Court on December 7, 2016, declared Triple Talaq as “unconstitutional” and against the rights of Muslim Women?

- A. Delhi High Court
- B. Allahabad High Court
- C. Patna High Court
- D. Mumbai High Court

Answer – **B. Allahabad High Court**

Explanation:

The Allahabad high court on December 7, 2016, passed an order, over the Islamic practice of divorcing a woman by saying the word ‘talaq’ three successive times, that it is completely “unconstitutional” and violates the rights of Muslim Women.

34. Who has been named as the TIME’s Person of the Year 2016 on December 7, 2016?

- A. Hillary Clinton
- B. Narendra Modi
- C. Donald Trump
- D. Mark Zuckerberg

Answer – **C. Donald Trump**

Explanation:

US President elect Donald Trump was chosen as the TIME’s Person of the Year 2016 on December 7, 2016, for his outstanding victory in the US election. According to the Time magazine’s editors, the Republican president-elect had more global impact, “for better or worse,” than any other individual across the past 12 months

35. When is the International Anti-Corruption Day observed?

- A. December 7
- B. December 9
- C. December 10
- D. December 6

Answer – **B. December 9**

Explanation:

International Anti-Corruption Day was observed annually on 9th December since 2003 to raise public awareness of corruption and what people can do to fight it. The 2016 celebration

focuses on corruption as one of the biggest impediments to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

36. Name the cricketer who scored the record breaking score of 359 not out, the highest unbeaten score by an opening batsman, in the First-Class Cricket.

- A.Mukund Parmar
- B.Samit Gohel
- C.Cheteshwar Pujara
- D.Axar Patel

Answer – B.Samit Gohel

Explanation:

Gujarat's opening batsman Samit Gohel made history on December 27 by scoring 359 runs not out during his team's Ranji Trophy quarter-final against Odisha being played in Jaipur and thus taking his team's total to 641. It is the highest unbeaten score by an opening batsman in first-class cricket. The 26-year-old player broke a 117-year-old record by achieving the feat in 723 balls and smashed 45 fours and one six on the way.

37. What is the rank of India in the Global Terrorism Index (GTI),2016?

- A.7
- B.9
- C.4
- D.10

Answer – A.7

Explanation:

According to the Global Terrorism Index (GTI), 2016, released by a Sydney-based think-tank, Institute for Economics & Peace, India has been ranked 7th among top 10 countries which were most impacted by terrorism in 2015. The 2016 index features top 50 countries ranked by the global terrorism index.

38. The world's longest rail tunnel, Gotthard Base Tunnel (GBT) is built in which country?

- A.Japan
- B.France
- C.Switzerland
- D.China

Answer – C.Switzerland

Explanation:

The world's longest rail tunnel, Gotthard Base Tunnel (GBT), began operating on regular basis in Switzerland, on December 11, 2016, to provide service to the passengers. The 57 km

GBT took 17 years to build at a cost of over 12 billion Swiss francs (\$11.8 billion, 11.2 billion euros).

39. Who has been appointed as Non-Executive Chairperson of Mumbai based IDFC Bank with effect from December 9, 2016 up to July 26, 2018?

- A. Rajiv Lall
- B. Anil Bajjal
- C. Vinod Rai
- D. Veena Mankar

Answer – **D. Veena Mankar**

Explanation:

Veena Mankar was appointed as Non-Executive Chairperson of Mumbai based IDFC Bank with effect from December 9, 2016 up to July 26, 2018. She replaced Anil Bajjal who is retired from the board on December 8, 2016.

40. Name the TV Channel launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), on December 9, 2016 to educate and digitally empower millions of Indians in rural areas about cashless transactions.

- A. DigiClass
- B. DigiShala
- C. DigKnow
- D. OnlineEdu

Answer – **B. DigiShala**

Explanation:

Union Minister of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Ravi Shankar Prasad, launched a TV channel named 'DigiShala' on December 9, 2016 to promote cashless transaction in rural areas. DigiShala will digitally empower millions of Indians in rural areas especially farmers, students, Dalits and women and educate them about how to do digital transactions.

41. Who has been appointed as brand ambassador for Tata Motor's commercial vehicle (CV) business unit on December 27?

- A. Lionel Messi
- B. Virat Kohli
- C. Akshay Kumar
- D. Kapil Sharma

Answer – **C. Akshay Kumar**

Explanation:

Bollywood star Akshay Kumar is appointed as brand ambassador for Tata Motor's commercial

vehicle (CV) business unit on December 27, 2016. Akshay will start his role as ambassador for commercial vehicles will be supported by a multi-media campaign which will begin from January 2017.

42. **Rajasthan Government has initiated a project for the conservation of the state bird which is becoming critically endangered. Name the state bird of Rajasthan?**

A. Sarus Crane
B. Pigeon
C. Himalayan Monal
D. Godawn

Answer – **D. Godawn**

Explanation:

The Desert National Park (DNP) in Jaisalmer has records the successful birth of 11 Great Indian Bustards or Godawn. The Great Indian Bustard, popularly known as Godawan, is Rajasthan's state bird. The state government has started "Project Godawan" for its conservation. The Great Indian Bustard was included in the list of "critically endangered" species after its number fell drastically due to poaching and erosion of habitat among other reasons.

43. **India's first Caterpillar Train, an innovative concept that would fly over city's traffic would be launched by which Indian state?**

A. Gujarat
B. Himachal Pradesh
C. Haryana
D. Uttar Pradesh

Answer – **C. Haryana**

Explanation:

Haryana Government has decided to set up a pilot corridor for an innovative concept of "Caterpillar Train" that will fly over city's traffic, in Gurgaon city. The concept of Caterpillar Train, also known as C-Train, was co-developed by an Indian Railways engineer Ashwani Kumar Upadhyaya along with Emil Jacob, both PhD scholars at MIT, for which they won a global award at the MIT in the United States earlier in 2016 for this innovative idea.

44. **With which country India has signed a Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement (N-Pact) on December 9, 2016, in New Delhi?**

A. Russia
B. US
C. Japan
D. Vietnam

Answer – **D.Vietnam**

Explanation:

India and Vietnam signed a Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement (N-Pact) in New Delhi on December 9, 2016, in the presence of Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan and President of Vietnam's National Assembly Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan. The two countries also signed three other agreements: Enhance aviation links, Jointly work in the area of energy efficiency and Promotion of parliamentary cooperation.

45. **Who has won the 2016 Ghana's National Election to become president election?**

- A. John Dramani Mahama
- B. John Atta Mills
- C. Nana Akufo-Addo
- D. Samuel Atta Akyea

Answer – **C.Nana Akufo-Addo**

Explanation:

Opposition leader of Ghana, Nana Akufo-Addo, won the country's national election, to become president elect, defeating President John Mahama. Nana Akufo-Addo leader of New Patriotic Party (NPP) won the election with majority vote of 53.8% while President John Mahama got 44.4%.

46. **Which space agency successfully launched a Kounotori 6 (HTV-6) spacecraft on December 9, 2016, to deliver a space junk collector technology into orbit?**

- A. National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- B. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- C. Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- D. Russian Federal Space Agency (RFSA or Roscosmos)

Answer – **C.Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)**

Explanation:

Japan's space agency, JAXA, on December 9, 2016, successfully launched a spacecraft for the International Space Station (ISS), carrying a large magnetic space junk collector to divert the space junk toward Earth's atmosphere. JAXA designed the 'space junk' collector with the help of a fishnet company.

47. **Name the committee constituted by the Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) to fight against online piracy.**

- A. Uday Sodhi Committee
- B. Salil Kapoor Committee
- C. Ajit Mohan Committee
- D. Ratan Watal Committee

Answer – **C.Ajit Mohan Committee**

Explanation:

Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) has constituted a Ajit Mohan committee to fight against the problem of online piracy and develop suitable business standards and best practices for the digital entertainment industry. Ajit Mohan of Hotstar will be the chairman of the committee while it will be co-chaired by Uday Sodhi of SET India and Salil Kapoor of HOOQ.

48. Which sport has been granted provisional recognition by the International Olympic Committee on December 6, 2016?

- A.Chess
- B.Chearleading
- C.Cricket
- D.Squash

Answer – **B.Chearleading**

Explanation:

The International Olympic Committee's executive board on December 6, 2016, has granted provisional recognition to cheerleading and the martial art of muaythai as Olympic sports. However, the provisional recognition of the two sports will be provided for up to three years, after which they can apply to become a part of the game.

49. Name the severe cyclonic storm that made landfall in Chennai on December 12, 2016, causing severe destruction in the city and neighboring states?

- A.Vardah
- B.Victor
- C.Vivian
- D.Walaka

Answer – **A.Vardah**

Explanation:

The very severe cyclonic storm, Vardah made landfall in Chennai about 3 pm on December 12, 2016, killing seven people in the state. According to the Regional Meteorological Centre, the storm after crossing Chennai and coastal districts of north Tamil Nadu, will move westward and is likely to emerge in Arabian Sea on December 14.

50. German scientists have detected ammonia in which layer of the atmosphere for the first time?

- A.Troposphere
- B.Hydrosphere
- C.Stratosphere

D.Lithosphere

Answer – **A.Troposphere**

Explanation: German

Scientists have detected ammonia in the upper troposphere layers for the first time above India and China. Researchers from the Karlsruhe Institute of Technology analysed satellite data collected between June 2002 to April 2012 and calculated the three-month averages.

51. India's first amphibious bus project "Harike Cruise" was launched in which state on December 12, 2016?

A.Maharashtra

B.Assam

C.Jammu & Kashmir

D.Punjab

Answer – **D.Punjab**

Explanation:

The Punjab government launched first of its kind, amphibious bus project "Harike Cruise" at the Harike wetland near Amritsar on December 12, 2016, almost after two years of announcing the launch. The vehicle, which can run both on land and water, was imported from Swedish automobile company Scania and was reassembled in Goa before being brought to Harike.

52. Who has been appointed as the Global Goodwill Ambassador of UNICEF for the campaign "For Every Child"?

A.Priyanka Chopra

B.Katrina Kaif

C.Vidya Balan

D.Anuska Sharma

Answer – **A.Priyanka Chopra**

Explanation:

Bollywood Actress Priyanka Chopra is appointed as UNICEF Global Goodwill Ambassador for campaign "For Every Child. Chopra would be joined with Jackie Chan, Orlando Bloom and David Beckham to work towards protecting children's rights around the world.

53. Who has been appointed as the fourth deputy governor of RBI on December 28?

A.Vishwavir Ahuja

B.Viral V. Acharya

C.MD Patra

D.Vimal Bhandari

Answer – **B.Viral V. Acharya**

Explanation:

Government has appointed Viral V. Acharya, a professor of economics at New York University, as one of the Reserve Bank of India's four deputy governors for a term of three years on December 28, 2016. The RBI had a vacancy for deputy governor after Urjit Patel was made RBI Governor to succeed Rajan with effect from September 4. The existing three Deputy Governors of RBI are S S Mundra, N S Vishwanathan and R Gandhi.

54. Which Indian State will host the 2022 National Games?

- A.Assam
- B.Manipur
- C.Mizoram
- D.Meghalaya

Answer – **D.Meghalaya**

Explanation:

Meghalaya CM Mukul Sangma handed over the documents to the Meghalaya State Olympic Association (MSOA) to begin the bidding process for hosting the National Games 2022.. Mr. Sangama also handed over a cheque of Rs 50 lakh on behalf of the state government and letters of support to the MSOA.. Only two states in North East have hosted the National Games, Manipur in 1999 and Assam in 2007

55. Name the winner of the 1st Elite Senior Men's National Boxing Championships under lightweight 60 Kg category held on 13 December 2016 in Guwahati.

- A.Vijender Singh
- B.Shiva Thapa
- C.Ankush Dahiya
- D.Manoj Kumar

Answer – **B.Shiva Thapa**

Explanation:

Shiva Thapa won Gold Medal in lightweight (60kg) National Boxing Championships held on 13 December 2016 in Guwahati. He defeated Ankush Dahiya. This was the 1st Elite Senior Men's Nationals Boxing Championship and was held at the Nabin Chandra Bordoloi Indoor Stadium, Sarusajai in Guwahati.

56. Which state has initiated a project to make India's first island district, Majuli, first Carbon Neutral District by 2020?

- A.Assam
- B.Bihar
- C.Odisha

D.Sikkim

Answer – **A.Assam**

Explanation:

Assam government has initiated a project on December 14, 2016, to make river island Majuli the country's first ever Carbon Neutral district by 2020. The project titled 'Sustainable Action for Climate Resilient Development in Majuli'(SACRED, Majuli) was initiated by Assam's department of Environment and Forest and was launched by Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (Biodiversity and Climate) A K Johari at Majuli.

57. The fifth edition of the Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCSS) is scheduled to be hosted in which country 2017?

A.Netherland

B.U.K

C.South Korea

D.India

Answer – **D.India**

Explanation: IT and Law Minister Ravi Shankar Prasad on December 20, 2016, informed that India has been selected to host the fifth edition of the Global Conference on Cyber Space (GCSS) in 2017. The conference is likely to be held in last quarter of 2017. Over 100 countries are expected to participate in it with ministerial level delegations. The first edition of GCCS was hosted by UK in 2011 followed by Budapest in 2012. South Korea hosted the third edition in 2013 and the Netherlands in 2015.

58. Name the former professional World No 1 tennis player who announced her retirement on December 28.

A.Serena Williams

B.Ana Ivanovic

C.Dinara Safina

D.Caroline Wozniacki

Answer – **B.Ana Ivanovic**

Explanation:

Former Serbian professional tennis player Ana Ivanovic announced her retirement from Tennis at the age of 29, on December 28. As of 2016, she has career earnings of over \$15 million. Ivanovic became the first Serbian woman to win a grand slam tournament when she beat Russian Dinara Safina in the 2008 French Open final. The victory made her World No. 1 Player for a period of Nine Weeks.

59. Who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi?

A.Banwari Lal Joshi

- B. Anil Baijal
- C. Tejendra Khanna
- D. Pradeep Kumar Singh

Answer – **B. Anil Baijal**

Explanation:

Former home secretary Anil Baijal was appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Delhi by the President Pranab Mukherjee on December 29, replacing Najeeb Jung who resigned on December 23. The new Lieutenant Governor is likely to take oath on December 3w.

60. **Nepal and China is going to hold its first ever joint military exercise on February 10, 2017 which would focus on training Nepali forces in dealing with hostage scenarios involving international terror groups. What is the name of the Nepal-China military exercise?**

- A. Pratihar-1
- B. Simbex-II
- C. Blue-Water
- D. Surya-Kiran

Answer – **A. Pratihar-1**

Explanation:

Nepal has announced to hold its first ever joint military exercise with China on February 10, 2017 to begin a new level of bilateral military engagement with China. The focus of the military exercise, named Pratihar-1, will be on training Nepali forces in dealing with hostage scenarios involving international terror groups. Nepal's Chief of Army Staff General Rajendra Chhetri visited Beijing in March when both sides had resolved to strengthen military ties.

61. **The Reserve Bank of India is issuing a new batch of Rs 500 notes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) series with which inset letter?**

- A. R
- B. S
- C. P
- D. L

Answer – **A. R**

Explanation:

The Reserve Bank of India on December 19, 2016, announced that it is issuing a new batch of Rs 500 notes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) series with the inset letter R in both the number panels bearing the signature of Dr Urjit R Patel Governor, Reserve Bank of India, with the year of printing '2016'. Earlier, the Reserve Bank had also informed to issue Rs 500 notes in Mahatma Gandhi (New) series with the inset letter E having star mark in both the number panels and Swachh Bharat logo printed on the reverse of the banknote.

62. **Which instant messaging service has launched the world's first chat operating system which allows developers to build customised apps, bots and integrations on the messenger?**

- A. Google+ Hangouts (Gtalk)
- B. Jabber
- C. Spark
- D. Flock

Answer – **D. Flock**

Explanation:

A free instant messaging service for work and business environments, Flock has launched world's first chat operating system "FlockOS" by Bhavin Turakhia, Flock CEO on December 20, 2016. Developers can build apps by using Flock OS that provide a tightly integrated experience by using widgets. This OS provides setup slash commands, providing an additional option for users to interact with the app

63. **Which country on December 13, 2016, formally announced the end of its controversial "kafala" system?**

- A. Oman
- B. UAE
- C. Qatar
- D. Iraq

Answer – **C. Qatar**

Explanation:

Labour Minister of Qatar, Issa bin Saad al-Jafali al-Nuaimi on December 13, 2016, formally announced the end of its controversial "kafala" system, which was the biggest ever labour reform in Qatar. The system requires a local sponsor -individual or company- and need their permission to switch jobs or leave the country.

64. **Name the Hollywood sensation whose biopic, Blond Ambition, was named the most admired unproduced film script of 2016 in the Hollywood system by Black List.**

- A. Nicolas Cage
- B. Madonna
- C. Bruce Willis
- D. John Travolta

Answer – **B. Madonna**

Explanation:

Madonna's biopic, titled Blond Ambition, has been named the most admired unproduced film script of 2016 in the Hollywood system by Black List. Blond Ambition, written by Elyse Hollander topped the list of 73 scripts with 48 votes. The biopic describes the struggle of

Madonna of 1980s to get her first album released.

65. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), on December 14, 2016?

- A.S K Roy
- B.Sunita Sharma
- C.D K Mehrotra
- D.V K Sharma

Answer – **D.V K Sharma**

Explanation:

Managing Director of state-owned Life Insurance Corporation (LIC), V K Sharma was on December 14, 2016, appointed as the Chairman (LIC) for five years by the Government of India. Sharma was already acting as chairman since September 16 when the then chairman S K Roy was relieved of his duties after he resigned in June, nearly two years ahead of his retirement.

66. India's first transgender school, Sahaj International School to be set up in which Indian city on December 30, 2016?

- A.Bangalore
- B.Hyderabad
- C.Kochi
- D.Chennai

Answer – **C.Kochi**

Explanation:

Sahaj International School will be the first residential transgender school in the country. The school to be inaugurated with 10 transgenders by transgender rights activist and artist Kalki Subramaniam in Kochi on December 30, 2016. The school will be led by six transgenders working with the TransIndia Foundation. It will provide education and examination equivalent to Class X and XII.

67. Who has been honored with the Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016 by ICFA on December 15, 2016?

- A.Mukesh Ambani
- B.Natarajan Chandrasekaran
- C.Ratan Tata
- D.Anil Ambani

Answer – **C.Ratan Tata**

Explanation:

The Global Agriculture Leadership Award 2016 was awarded to Tata Sons interim Chairman

Ratan Tata by pioneer of India's Green Revolution M.S. Swaminathan in Mumbai by Indian Council of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) on December 15, 2016. The award was presented for his transformational role in scaling Tata Group as the globally admired group during his stint of two decades as Chairman.

68. **India's first 2G (Second Generation) ethanol bio-refinery is being set up by Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) in which of the given states?**

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

Answer – **D. Punjab**

Explanation:

The Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), a Central Government Public Sector Undertaking, is setting up India's first 2G (Second Generation) ethanol bio-refinery at village Tarkhanwala in Bathinda, Punjab.

The purpose of the bio-refinery is to encourage production of Second Generation (2G) Ethanol from agricultural residues. The approximate investment of the project is estimated to be Rs 600 Crores.

69. **China on December 22 launched a global carbon dioxide monitoring satellite to understand the effect of climate change in the country. Name the satellite.**

A. TanSat
B. GoSat
C. OCO-2Sat
D. GHGSat

Answer – **A. TanSat**

Explanation: A global carbon dioxide monitoring satellite, TanSat, was launched by China on December 22, 2016, to understand climate change in the country. The 620-kg satellite TanSat was put into orbit by Long March-2D rocket from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gobi Desert. On a three-year mission, TanSat will thoroughly examine global carbon dioxide levels every 16 days, accurate to at least 4 ppm (parts per million). The new satellite will enable China to obtain emissions data first-hand and share it with researchers worldwide.

70. **India defeated which country to win the bronze medal at the 4th Women's U18 Asia Cup 2016 hockey tournament?**

A. Japan
B. Bangladesh
C. Brazil

D.South Korea

Answer – **D.South Korea**

Explanation:

India surpassed South Korea 3-0 to finish with the bronze medal at the 4th Women's U18 Asia Cup 2016 hockey tournament in Bangkok on December 22, 2016. The two teams played out a goalless first half, however, India finally managed to break the tie via defender Ritu, who put India ahead in the bronze medal clash by converting a penalty corner in the 45th minute while Sangita Kumari scored a couple of field goals later on.

71. Which Indian state has emerged as the first state to adopt the Mahila Police Volunteer initiative on December 14, 2016?

A.Punjab

B.Rajasthan

C.Haryana

D.Gujarat

Answer – **C.Haryana**

Explanation:

Haryana on December 14, 2016 adopted the Mahila Police Volunteer initiative which is a joint initiative with the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. It became the first state to adopt the scheme in two of its districts namely Karnal and Mahendergarh.

72. Who is the winner of Miss World Beauty Pageant 2016?

A.Priyadarshini

B.Natasha Mannuela

C.Yaritza Miguelina Reyes

D.Stephanie Del Valle

Answer – **D.Stephanie Del Valle**

Explanation:

Stephanie Del Valle from Puerto Rico was crowned the Miss World 2016 at the event's grand finale held at the MGM National Harbor near Washington DC on December 18, 2016. The first runner-up was Yaritza Miguelina Reyes Ramirez of the Dominican Republic, while Indonesia's Natasha Mannuela took third place. Kenya and the Philippines were among the top five.

73. US President Barack Obama has signed \$ ____ billion defence policy bill for 2017 in Honolulu, Hawaii, to enhance security cooperation with India.

A.\$ 515 billion

B.\$ 629 billion

C.\$ 710 billion

D.\$ 618 billion

Answer – **D.\$ 618 billion**

Explanation: US President Barack Obama has signed a \$618 billion defence policy bill for 2017 on December 23, 2016, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to enhance security cooperation with India. The National Defence Authorization Act (NDAA), which was passed by both the House and the Senate with veto-proof majorities earlier in December.

74. DRDO successfully test fired smart anti-airfield weapon SAAW from Chandipur in Odisha. What does SAAW stands for?

- A. Superior Anti Airfield Weapon
- B. Synchronous Anti Airfield Weapon
- C. Systematic Anti Airfield Weapon
- D. Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon

Answer – **D. Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon**

Explanation:

The Defence and Research Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully tested an indigenous Smart Anti-Airfield Weapon (SAAW) from an Indian Air Force aircraft on December 24, 2016. Weight: 120 kg, Range: 100km & Project Outlay: Rs.56.58 Cr

75. Government on December 17, formed an inter-ministerial task force committee to look into all the strategic aspects of Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan. Who will be the head of the committee?

- A. Rahul Shivshankar
- B. Ajit Doval
- C. Nripendra Mishra
- D. S Jaishankar

Answer – **C. Nripendra Mishra**

Explanation:

The Central Government has formed an inter-ministerial task force to look into all the strategic aspects of Indus Water Treaty (IWT) with Pakistan on December 17, 2016. The Task force will be headed by PM Narendra Modi's Principal Secretary Nripendra Mishra. Other team members included NSA Ajit Doval, Foreign Secretary S Jaishankar and Secretaries in ministries of Finance, Environment, Power and Water Resource.

76. Union Government has planned to launch a Cash Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Helpline number _____ which is a nationwide toll-free number to educate people and provide support related to cashless mode of transactions.

- A. 14444
- B. 14144

C.14441

D.11444

Answer – **A.14444**

Explanation: After launching free-to-air channel DigiShala and 'Cashless India' website, the government is now set to launch a Cash Mukta Bharat Abhiyan Helpline number to educate people about digital transactions. A nationwide toll-free helpline number '14444' will be launched soon to educate people and provide support related to cashless mode of transactions.

77. Name the newly appointed Chief of Indian Air Force.

A.S K Sinha

B.A.S Vaidya

C.P M Hariz.

D.B.S Dhanoa

Answer – **D.B.S Dhanoa**

Explanation:

Government on December 17, 2016, decided to appoint Air Marshal B.S. Dhanoa as the new chief of Air Staff. Dhanoa will replace Arup Raha both of whom are retiring on December 31. Air Marshal Birender Singh Dhanoa is Vice Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force and assumed the office on 1 June 2015.

78. Name the famous American surgeon and the inventor of Heimlich maneuver who died of massive heart attack complications at 96 in Cincinnati on December 17.

A.Edward patrick

B.Henry Heimlich

C.William Heimlich

D.George Peterson

Answer – **B.Henry Heimlich**

Explanation:

Dr Henry Heimlich, who became famous in the 1970s for creating the Heimlich maneuver, technique to save choking victims, passed away at Christ Hospital in Cincinnati on December 17, 2016. He was 96. He suffered massive heart attack in his home in Hyde Park, Cincinnati on December 12 and died of complications on December 17.

79. Defence Project worth over Rs. _____ has been approved by the Defence Ministry on December 23.

A.Rs 7100 crore

B.Rs 7000 crore

C.Rs 6200 crore

D.Rs 5500 crore

Answer – **B.Rs 7000 crore**

Explanation:

The Defence Ministry led by Manohar Parrikar approved four defence proposals worth over Rs 7,000 crore in a meeting on December 23, 2016. The Defence Acquisition Council approved purchasing six multi-mission maritime aircraft for the Indian Coast Guard to keep an eye on the 7,500 km-long coastline worth Rs 5,500 crore.

80. The 'Aadhaar Payment App' of government of India has been developed by which bank along with UIDAI and NPCI?

A.HDFC Bank

B.IDFC Bank

C.Yes Bank

D.Axis Bank

Answer – **B.IDFC Bank**

Explanation: The 'Aadhaar Payment App' is all set to launch on December 25, 2016 to eliminate the fee payments for service providers like card companies such as Mastercard, Visa etC.The app was developed by IDFC Bank along with UIDAI and National Payments Corporation of India(NPCI). With this app, people can make payments without any phone.

81. Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid down the foundation stone of the country's first ever "Indian Institute of Skills" in which of the following Indian state on December 19?

A.Madhya Pradesh

B.Uttar Pradesh

C.Bihar

D.Gujarat

Explanation:

To conform with the concept of Skill India Campaign, and make India the Skill Capital of the World, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid down the foundation stone of the first ever "Indian Institute of Skills" at Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh on December 19, 2016, which would empower the youths to be more employable and self-sustainable. The Institute will be set up by the Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship in partnership with the Institute of Technical Education, Singapore.

82. Which High Court on December 19, 2016, declared a ban on all unauthorised 'Sharia' courts functioning in the state?

A.Mumbai High Court

B.Kolkata High Court

C.Madras High Court

D.Delhi High Court

Answer – **C.Madras High Court**

Explanation: The Madras High Court on December 19, 2016 declared a ban on all unauthorised 'Sharia' courts functioning on premises of mosques in Tamil Nadu, to safeguard the interests of a large number of innocent Muslims whose fate was being decided by such illegal Sharia courts and councils in the state. A two bench of Chief Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Justice M Sundar ordered the ban of all such unauthorised courts in the state and asked for a status report from the police within four weeks.

83. **Which country has recently signed a multi-billion dollar deal with Airbus to acquire 100 jetliners?**

A.Afghanistan

B.Iran

C.Bhutan

D.Dubai

Answer – **B.Iran**

Explanation:

Iran has finalized an agreement with Airbus to acquire 100 jetliners. The timing of the first delivery of the Airbus A321 is expected to arrive before the January 20. Under the agreement, Airbus will supply four types of aircraft including both narrow-body and wide-body aircraft: its medium-haul A320 and A321 aircraft and the long-haul A330 and A350.

84. **Who has won the 2016 Sahitya Akademi Award for the Hindi novel Paarijat?**

A.Bulaki Sharma

B.Papini Svasankar

C.Gita Upadhyay

D.Nasira Sharma

Answer – **D.Nasira Sharma**

Explanation:

Nasira Sharma a Hindi Writer has won the 2016 Sahitya Akademi Award for the Hindi novel Paarijat. She has written many verses and stories in the Hindi language. She has written the female writing marks 'Khshitiijpar'. She has written many books such as Bookthan, Patthar gali. She will be given a casket containing a cheque of Rs 1 lakh, a shawl and an engraved copper plaque at a special ceremony on February 22, 2017.

85. **Which State on December 25 launched India's first Bio-Diesel Buses?**

A.Karantaka

B.Punjab

C.Haryana

D.Gujarat

Answer – **A.Karantaka**

Explanation:

The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has launched 25 bio-diesel buses on December 25, to reduce pollution level emitted by diesel buses. 25 luxury multi-axle Scania buses were flagged off by the state Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy at the KSRTC depot.

86. ICICI Bank has launched a payments collection app for merchants and retailers which will allow customers to pay any mode of payment. Name the App.

A.DigiPay

B.EazyPay

C.PayZapp

D.CitrusPay

Answer – **B.EazyPay**

Explanation:

ICICI Bank has launched a mobile application, eazypay, for merchants, which includes all modes of payments, including digital wallets, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), QR code, and credit & debit cards. The app is first of its kind that introduces an all-in-one acceptance platform for merchants. Eazypay is a one-stop solution for all merchants to collect payments from their customers.

87. President Pranab Mukherjee gave fifth assent to amend Enemy Property Ordinance. The ordinance aims to amend which act?

A.Enemy Property Act 1952

B.Enemy Property Act 1955

C.Enemy Property Act 1960

D.Enemy Property Act 1968

Answer – **D.Enemy Property Act 1968**

Explanation: President Pranab Mukherjee on December 22 approved re-promulgation of The Enemy Property (Amendment) Fifth Ordinance for the fifth time in a year. The ordinance was re-promulgated to amend the 50-year-old Enemy Property Act 1968, which guards against succession claims or transfer of properties left by people who migrated to Pakistan and China after 1965 and 1968 wars.

88. Which state launched India's first cashless bazaar in the state on December 19?

A.Maharashtra

B.Chhattisgarh

C.Telangana

D.Punjab

Answer – **B.Chhattisgarh**

Explanation:

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh launched India's first cashless bazaar in Raipur on December 19, 2016. This 'Smart' bazaar consist of nearly Over 900 shops which are providing the facilities of cashless payments using POS, UPI and other digital systems to its customers. Chhattisgarh is currently leading in the nation in training its people in digital transactions.

89. Social Networking Service Twitter has recently partnered with which bank to provide an advanced customer service in real time?

A.HDFC Bank

B.ICICI Bank

C.Yes Bank

D.RBL Bank

Answer – **B.ICICI Bank**

Explanation:

Social Networking Service Twitter and Mumbai based ICICI Bank announced a partnership to enable customers with direct online response to their queries and feedback in real-time. With this ICICI Bank become the first bank in India to implement the Twitter based customer services @ICICIBank_Care.

90. Who has been named as the Best Player of the Year at the seventh edition of the 2016 Globe Soccer Awards held in Dubai?

A.Cristiano Ronaldo

B.Franck Ribéry

C.Radamel Falcao

D.Lionel Messi

Answer – **A.Cristiano Ronaldo**

Explanation:

Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo won the Best Player of the Year along with Goodwill Award at the seventh edition of the 2016 Globe Soccer Awards held in Dubai on December 27, 2016. Besides, Club's president Florentino Pérez was named as the Best President and the coach of the club, Fernando Santos, won the Best Coach of the Year while Real Madrid Club received the Best Club of the Year.

91. Name the universe's biggest super-clusters of galaxies discovered by the Astronomers near the Milky Way.

A.Laniakea Supercluster

- B. Virgo SuperCluster
- C. Hydra Supercluster
- D. Vela supercluster

Answer – **D. Vela supercluster**

Explanation:

A research team of astronomers from Australia, South Africa, and Europe has discovered one of the universe's biggest super clusters of galaxies, Vela super cluster, near the Milky Way. It was undetected for long as it was hidden by stars and dust in the Milky Way. The Vela is massive and is at a distance of 840 million light-years from Earth. It is estimated to carry 100,000 galaxies with trillions of stars.

92. The Government of India has achieved its target of distributing _____ crore LPG connection to the BPL households in less than 8 months for the year 2016-2017 under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY).

- A. 1.5 Crore
- B. 2 Crore
- C. 2.5 Crore
- D. 5 Crore

Answer – **A. 1.5 Crore**

Explanation:

According to data released by the Ministry for Petroleum & Natural Gas on December 29, 2016, Government has achieved its target of providing 1.5 crore free LPG connections under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana (PMUY) to the BPL households in less than 8 months. The Government had made a provision of Rs 2,000 crore in the Budget for providing LPG connection free of cost to Rs. 1.5 crore poor BPL households in 2016-17.

93. Name the committee which has recommended the Union Government to set up a Financial Data Management Centre (FDMC) to help the financial sector in managing the data efficiently.

- A. Ajay Tyagi Committee
- B. Amitabh Kant Committee
- C. Ratan P Watal Committee
- D. V Shanmuganthan Committee

Answer – **A. Ajay Tyagi Committee**

Explanation:

A Committee appointed by the Government has suggested the Union Government to set up a Financial Data Management Centre (FDMC) for managing the repository of financial regulatory data to ensure stability in the economy. The head of the Committee, Ajay Tyagi (additional secretary in finance ministry), submitted the report and a draft bill titled 'The

Financial Data Management Centre Bill 2016' in this regard.

94. Name the Indian Origin British Professor who has been felicitated with Knighthood at the 2017 New Year Honours by Queen Elizabeth II .

- A.Hardip Singh Begol
- B.Ravindra Pragji Govindia
- C.Shankar Balasubramanian
- D.Kamaldeep Singh Bhui

Answer – **C.Shankar Balasubramanian**

Explanation:

An Indian-origin British professor of chemistry, Shankar Balasubramanian, received a Knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for his contribution to the field of science and medicine at the New Year Honours announced on December 30, 2016. Sir Shankar Balasubramanian is an Indian-born British chemist and Herchel Smith Professor of Medicinal Chemistry in the Department of Chemistry the University of Cambridge. 50-year-old Balasubramanian, was recognised for his work as a co-inventor of Next Generation DNA sequencing, described as the most transformational advance in biology and medicine for decades.

95. India has signed a Third Protocol DTAA amendment Bill with which country on December 30, 2016?

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

Answer – **C.Singapore**

Explanation:

India and Singapore signed a Third Protocol on December 30, 2016, for amending the Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement (DTAA) for the avoidance of double taxation and prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income. The decision follows India's treaty policy to prevent double non-taxation, curb revenue loss and check the menace of black money through automatic exchange of information.

96. Which Indian state has been declared as the Country's first Organic State in 2016 ?

- A.Assam
- B.Sikkim
- C.Arunachal Pradesh
- D.Mizoram

Answer – **B.Sikkim**

Explanation:

Sikkim has emerged as the India's first fully organic state by converting around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land into sustainable cultivation. Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally certified Fully Organic State Status to Sikkim at a sustainable agriculture conference in Gangtok earlier in 2016. Around 75,000 hectares of agricultural land has been gradually converted to certified organic land by implementing organic practices and principles as per guidelines laid down in National Programme for Organic Production.

97. Which village in Andhra Pradesh has achieved the status of first 100 per cent Smart Digital Village?

- A. Nagari
- B. Yerpedu
- C. Mori
- D. Pileru

Answer – **C. Mori**

Explanation:

Mori village under Sakshinetipalli mandal in East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh placed on India's digital map by transforming completely into a Smart Digital Village said by Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu. Mori has bagged the Swachh Village award recently at the national level.

98. Who has been appointed as the new Prime minister of Italy on December 11, 2016?

- A. Paolo Gentiloni
- B. Matteo Renzi
- C. Sergio Mattarella
- D. Romano Prodi

Answer – **A. Paolo Gentiloni**

Explanation:

Paolo Gentiloni was appointed as Prime minister of Italy on December 11, 2016. He replaces Matteo Renzi who resigned after losing a referendum on plans to reform Italy's constitution.

99. Former Planning Commission member Saumitra Chaudhuri, who passed away on December 18 at 63 was a noted?

- A. Writer
- B. Scientist
- C. Economist
- D. Journalist

Answer – **C. Economist**

Explanation:

Noted economist and former Planning Commission member Saumitra Chaudhuri passed away on December 18, 2016, at New Delhi's Sir Gangaram Hospital, following a brief illness. He was 63. Saumitra Chaudhuri was born on January 11, 1954. He was a member of the Planning Commission of India from 2009. Before that, he had been a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council from 2005 onwards.

100. **Which state launched the International Birds Festival on December 4, 2016 to promote eco-tourism in the state and declare it as an international bird-watching destination?**

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

Answer – **B. Uttar Pradesh**

Explanation:

In order to promote eco-tourism in Uttar Pradesh and to declare it as an international bird watching destination, UP Eco-tourism has organized a three-day international festival on birds from 2nd to 4th December 2016 at the National Chambal Sanctuary in the Bah tehsil , Agra.

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