

Current Affairs March Questions & Answers PDF 2017

1. **Which High court has recognized the River Ganga as the first living entity of India?**

A.Allahabad High Court
B.Kolkata High Court
C.Uttarakhand High Court
D.Delhi High Court

Answer – **C.Uttarakhand High Court**

Explanation :

A trans-boundary river of Asia Ganga along with river Yauna has recognised as the 'first living entity of India' by the Uttarakhand High Court on March 20, 2017. Now, both the rivers will have same legal rights as a human being as per the constitution. If someone pollutes river Ganga, the law will see it equal to harming a human being.

2. **The newly appointed senior IAS officer _____ took charge as the Chairman of SEBI on March 1, 2017.**

A.Vinod Rai
B.Ajay Tyagi
C.Subir Dutta
D.Vikram Limaye

Answer – **B.Ajay Tyagi**

Explanation :

Senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer Ajay Tyagi on March 1, 2017 took charge as the chairman of markets regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi). He is the ninth chairman of the Sebi and has taken over from U.K. Sinha, who completed his six-year tenure. The appointment of 58-year-old

3. **Which movie won the Audience Award at the Glasgow Film Festival 2017 on March 1, 2017?**

A.City of Joy
B.Bhakta Vidur
C.Santa Banta Pvt Ltd
D.Lipstick Under My Burkha

Answer – **D.Lipstick Under My Burkha**

Explanation :

Restricted for release by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), Indian movie, Lipstick

Under My Burkha was awarded the third annual Audience Award at the Glasgow Film Festival 2017 on March 1, 2017.

4. **The nationwide Swachhta Pakhwada has been organized by which ministry from March 1, 2017 to March 15, 2017 to raise awareness about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan?**

- A.Ministry of Women & Child Development
- B.Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- C.Ministry of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga
- D.Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

Answer – **A.Ministry of Women & Child Development**

Explanation :

The Ministry of Women & Child Development is observing the Swachhta Pakhwada from March 1, 2017 to March 15, 2017 and raise awareness about Swachh Bharat Abhiyan among women and children. Aim: The Swachhta Pakhwada is observed by various Ministries of Government of India to achieve the goal of universal sanitation, hygiene and 'open defecation free' India by 2019. During the course of the programme, various activities would be conducted throughout the country through the wide network of Anganwadi Centres (AWCs).

5. **With which BRICS nation, India signed its first ever Social Security Agreement(SSA) on March 16, 2017?**

- A.Brazil
- B.China
- C.Russia
- D.South Africa

Answer – **A.Brazil**

Explanation :

India and Brazil have finalised text of the Social Security Agreement(SSA) on March 16, 2017. It will be effective from 2018. This is the first SSA agreement between the BRICS Countries.

6. **The largest municipal waste-to-power plant of India has been inaugurated in which city on March 10, 2017?**

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

Answer – **C.New Delhi**

Explanation :

The North Delhi Municipal Corporation launched India's largest municipal waste-to-power plant at Narela-Bawana in New Delhi on March 10, 2017. The Narela-Bawana waste-to-energy

plant was inaugurated by the Union Urban Development Minister M Venkaiah Naidu at the Civic Centre.

7. **A minimum of Rs. _____ would be charged by the HDFC Bank, ICICI, and Axis Bank after four free transactions in a month.**

A.Rs.100

B.Rs.150

C.Rs.120

D.Rs.110

Answer – **B.Rs.150**

Explanation :

India's leading private banks including HDFC Bank, ICICI, and Axis they will charge a minimum of Rs 150 per transaction for cash deposits and withdrawals at bank branches beyond four free transactions in a month. The new charges aimed at reducing cash transactions at banks at the rate of Rs 5 for every Rs 1,000 transacted or Rs 150, whichever is higher

8. **Which state has emerged as the top most state to achieve maximum registration under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime when compared to other states of India?**

A.Uttar Pradesh

B.Tamil Nadu

C.Kerala

D.Assam

Answer – **C.Kerala**

Explanation :

Kerala has achieved the maximum number of enrollment and registrations under the Goods and Services Tax (GST) regime when compared to other states of India. The state has recorded nearly 60 percent registration of an estimated 2.5 lakh traders in Kerala migrating to the new platform.

9. **Where was the 2017 G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meet held?**

A.Italy

B.Indonesia

C.Germany

D.South Korea

Answer – **C.Germany**

Explanation :

The two day G20 finance ministers and central bank governors meet began in Baden-

Baden, Germany on March 17, 2017. Focus: the meeting will focus on strengthening economic resilience in finance, digitalization and promote investment in Africa.

10. Which medical hospital has been awarded the Raksha Mantri's Trophy for the best Service Hospital in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the year 2016 on March 2, 2017?

- A. INHS Kalyani, Visakhapatnam
- B. INHS Asvini, Mumbai
- C. Command Hospital (Southern Command) Pune
- D. Command Hospital (Northern Command) Udhampur

Answer – **B. INHS Asvini, Mumbai**

Explanation :

INHS Asvini, Mumbai was conferred with the Raksha Mantri's Trophy and Citation for the best Service Hospital in the Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS) for the year 2016 on March 2, 2017 by Defence Minister Shri Manohar Parrikar.

11. Who has been appointed as the new secretary general of SAARC with effect from March 1, 2017?

- A. Runa Lalia
- B. Sheel Kant Sharma
- C. Arjun Bahadur Thapa
- D. Amjad Hussain B Sial

Answer – **D. Amjad Hussain B Sial**

Explanation :

South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) has named Amjad Hussain B Sial, as secretary general with immediate effect from March 1, 2017.

12. Sarah Coyte who announced her retirement from all forms of cricket recently, belongs to which country?

- A. New Zealand
- B. Australia
- C. West Indies
- D. South Africa

Answer – **B. Australia**

Explanation :

Australian women cricketer Sarah Coyte has announced her retirement from all forms of cricket with immediate effect to combat mental health issues.

13. **What is the name of the Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) which was handed over by DRDO to Indian Army on March 2, 2017?**

- A. Suchitra
- B. Sarvekshak
- C. Swasthik
- D. Swathi

Answer – **D. Swathi**

Explanation :

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) handed over three defence products for induction into the Indian Army in a formal ceremony on March 2, 2017 in New Delhi. These included Weapon Locating Radar, NBC Recce Vehicle and a set of NBC Drugs. Weapon Locating Radar (WLR) "SWATHI" has been developed by Electronics & Radar Development Establishment (LRDE) of DRDO.

14. **Where was the 13th Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Summit held?**

- A. Islamabad
- B. Tehran
- C. Ankara
- D. Kabul

Answer – **A. Islamabad**

Explanation :

The 13th Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO) Summit, an inter-governmental regional group of 10 countries was held in Islamabad, Pakistan on March 1, 2017 under the chairmanship of Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Nawaz Sharif. The theme of the summit was "Connectivity for Regional Prosperity".

15. **Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Sudan on March 1, 2017?**

- A. Hassan Saleh
- B. Kosti Manibe Ngai
- C. Aggrey Tisa Sabuni
- D. Salva Kiir

Answer – **A. Hassan Saleh**

Explanation :

North Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir appointed his first vice president Hassan Saleh to the newly created post of prime minister on 1 March 2017.

16. The GST council has agreed to provide a composition scheme for small businesses. Now the small business with turnover upto Rs. _____ lakh will have to pay a tax of _____ percent.

- A. 25 lakh, 5 percent
- B. 50 lakh, 10 percent
- C. 50 lakh, 5 percent
- D. 75 lakh, 10 percent

Answer – **C. 50 lakh, 5 percent**

Explanation :

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council headed by Finance Minister Arun Jaitley unanimously cleared the crucial Central GST (CGST) and Integrated GST (IGST) draft bills on March 4, 2017 during its 11th meeting at Vigyan Bhavan.

17. Who is the author of the book titled Numbers Do Lie: 61 Hidden Cricket Stories?

- A. Sachin Tendulkar
- B. Akash Chopra
- C. Shoaib Akhtar
- D. Kapil Dev

Answer – **B. Akash Chopra**

Explanation :

Former Indian cricketer Akash Chopra released book titled Numbers Do Lie, 61 Hidden Cricket Stories which takes a different look at stats. The defensive opening batsman narrated about the cricket records and player performances more lucidly that reflects player's impact in the game of cricket

18. Referred to as Father of Modern Transplantation, noted American physician Dr. _____ died on March 3, 2017 at the age of 90?

- A. Paul Antony
- B. Stephen Blaylock
- C. Ben Carson
- D. Thomas Starzl

Answer – **D. Thomas Starzl**

Explanation :

The father of modern transplantation Dr. Thomas Starzl, and the key figure behind the world's first baboon to human liver transplants and research on anti-rejection drugs, has died. He was 90.

19. Which state has official status to the tribal language Kurukh on February 21, 2017?

- A.Assam
- B.West Bengal
- C.Haryana
- D.Himachal Pradesh

Answer – **B.West Bengal**

Explanation :

The West Bengal government has given an official status to Kurukh language in the state which has been listed as an endangered language by the UNESCO. The language was given the official status on February 21 on the occasion of the International Mother Language Day.

20. Which state has launched the Tirtha Darshan Scheme on March 3, 2017 to enable the senior citizens belonging to BPL to go on pilgrimage at government expenses?

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

Answer – **C.Haryana**

Explanation :

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced Tirtha Darshan Scheme on March 3, 2017 during the ongoing budget session of the Haryana Assembly. Under the scheme, senior citizens of Haryana domicile above the age of 60 years will be able to go on a Pilgrimage within the country at government expense.

21. She Leads Tech initiative has been launched by which company to support women founded or co-founded startups access to year-long program that provides tools, mentorship and resources?

- A.Google
- B.Linkedin
- C.Youtube
- D.Facebook

Answer – **D.Facebook**

Explanation :

Social networking giant Facebook has launched a new initiative named SheLeadsTech to support startups which are founded or co-founded by women population. The aim of the program is to encourage more women founders who wish to have their own startup or business.

22. **Who has been awarded the 30th Moortidevi Award on March 4, 2017 by Bharatiya Jnanpith organization?**

- A.M P Veerendra
- B.C. Radhakrishnan
- C.Vishwanath Tripathi
- D.Kolakaluri Enoch

Answer – **A.M P Veerendra**

Explanation :

Eminent Malayalam author and journalist M P Veerendra Kumar was presented the 30th Moortidevi award by Bharatiya Jnanpith organisation in Kozhikode Kerala.

23. **Indian Navy's oldest flagship aircraft carrier INS _____, also known as 'Grand Old Lady' was decommissioned on March 6, 2017 after being into service for 30 years.**

- A.INS Vikram
- B.INS Vikramaditya
- C.INS Viraat
- D.INS Vedanta

Answer – **C.INS Viraat**

Explanation :

Indian Navy's flagship aircraft carrier, INS Viraat was decommissioned on March 6, 2017 at a solemn ceremony in Mumbai after nearly 30 years of service for Indian Navy. The ship which is famously known as the 'Grand Old Lady', was with the British Royal Navy since 1959 before the Indian government bought it for Rs 6.5 crore in 1987.

24. **Rene Preval who died on March 3, 2017 at the age of 74 was the former president of which country?**

- A.Israel
- B.Haiti
- C.Mexico
- D.Cuba

Answer – **B.Haiti**

Explanation :

Eminent Haitian Former president and agronomist Rene Preval has passed away at the age of 74. He was described as "a dignified son of Haiti".

25. **The Indian Women's Hockey team defeated which country to clinch their third consecutive win in the five-test Hockey series in Bhopal on March 5, 2017?**

- A. Belarus
- B. United States of America
- C. Latvia
- D. Germany

Answer – **A. Belarus**

Explanation :

India's women's hockey team led by Ritu Rani defeated Belarus 3-1 to clinch their third consecutive win in the five-Test Series held in Bhopal. This will be warm-up tournament ahead of their Hockey World League Round 2 tournament in Canada scheduled this April.

26. **The week long Bhagoria Festival is celebrated by tribal community of which Indian state?**

- A. West Bengal
- B. Assam
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer – **C. Madhya Pradesh**

Explanation :

Bhagoria Festival, also known as Bhagoria Haat Festival, celebrated by the tribal people of the Indian state Madhya Pradesh began on March 6, 2017 in Jhabua district.

27. **The joint military training exercise AL NAGAH-II is being conducted between Indian Army and the Army troops of which country?**

- A. Bangladesh
- B. Oman
- C. Japan
- D. Myanmar

Answer – **B. Oman**

Explanation :

A 14 days long joint military training exercise AL NAGAH-II, of the Indian Army and the Royal Army of Oman kicked off on March 6, 2017 at Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh.

28. **The 2000th branch of Vijaya Bank has been opened in which city on March 4, 2017?**

- A. Tirupati
- B. Kakinada
- C. Visakhapatnam
- D. Kadapa

Answer – **A.Tirupati**

Explanation :

Bengaluru based Vijaya Bank has recently opened it's 2000th Branch in Tirupati by Sri Chadalawada Krishna Murthy, Chairman, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams. This branch is the region's 65th branch and the second in Tirupati city.

29. India's first AI based chatbot EVA has been launched by which bank on March 5, 2017?

- A.ICICI Bank
- B.Axis Bank
- C.Yes Bank
- D.HDFC Bank

Answer – **D.HDFC Bank**

Explanation :

Mumbai headquartered HDFC Bank has launched India's first AI (artificial intelligence) based banking chatbot Electronic Virtual Assistant (EVA) for customer services. EVA can answer millions of customer queries across multiple channels instantly, HDFC Bank said in a statement

30. India's first biometric-based payment system "Aadhaar Pay" has been launched by which bank on March 7, 2017

- A.Federal Bank
- B.ICICI Bank
- C.IDFC Bank
- D.HDFC Bank

Answer – **C.IDFC Bank**

Explanation :

IDFC Bank has launched India's first biometric-based payment system "Aadhaar Pay" on March 7, 2017 in New Delhi. The Aadhaar Pay app has been developed by IDFC Bank under the guidance of the Ministry of IT, NITI Aayog, Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI), and National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

31. The Trade Mark Rules 2017 which came into effect on March 6, 2017 has replaced which rule to simplify the processing of Trade Mark applications?

- A.Trade Mark Rules 2000
- B.Trade Mark Rules 2012
- C.Trade Mark Rules 1999
- D.Trade Mark Rules 2002

Answer – **D.Trade Mark Rules 2002**

Explanation :

The government notified the Trade Mark Rules, 2017 that came into force from March 6, 2017. The Rules 2017 will replace the former Trade Mark Rules 2002 and will streamline and simplify the processing of Trade Mark applications.

32. India's first smart tribal village has been inaugurated in which state on March 6, 2017?

- A. Jammu & Kashmir
- B. West Bengal
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Gujarat

Answer – **A. Jammu & Kashmir**

Explanation :

Jammu and Kashmir's first smart tribal village Habbi has inaugurated by Ch Zulfkar Ali, J & K Minister for food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Ch Zulfkar Ali on March 6 2017 in J & K. Habbi village is located in Kotranka in Rajouri District of Jammu and Kashmir.

33. As per the latest estimation of global rating agency Fitch, India's GDP is projected to grow at _____ percent for the fiscal 2016-17.

- A. 7.9 percent
- B. 7.1 percent
- C. 7.6 percent
- D. 7.5 percent

Answer – **B. 7.1 percent**

Explanation :

The US based global rating agency Fitch on March 7, 2017 estimated India's GDP to grow by 7.1 percent in the fiscal 2016-17. However, the rating agency also projected the growth to see upward trend at 7.7 percent in both 2017-18 and 2018-19

34. Which Indian airport has won the first position in the Airports Council International-ASQ survey in the 5-15 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category for the year 2016?

- A. Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport
- B. Hyderabad International Airport Limited
- C. Chhatrapati Shivaji International Airport
- D. Indira Gandhi International Airport

Answer – **B. Hyderabad International Airport Limited**

Explanation :

GMR led Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL) has secured first position in the

world in the prestigious Airports Council International (ACI)-Airport Service Quality (ASQ) survey in the 5-15 million passengers per annum (MPPA) category for the year 2016.

35. **Rabi Ray who died on March 6, 2017 was a Lok Sabha member from which state?**

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

Answer – **A.Odisha**

Explanation :

Eminent socialist politician and former Union Minister and former Speaker of Lok Sabha Rabi Ray passed away after a prolonged illness in Cuttack. He was 91.

36. **Online web platform Pratibimba has been launched by which state government on March 7, 2017 to report the performance and achievements of the government to the citizen?**

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

Answer – **B.Karnataka**

Explanation :

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched a comprehensive web-based platform Pratibimba to showcasing the government's performance and achievements to the citizens on March 7, 2017.

37. **The Mobile World Congress will be hosted for the first time by India on September 27, 2017 in which Indian city?**

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

Answer – **C.New Delhi**

Explanation :

India to host its first mobile congress with a special focus on reaching out to the South East Asian markets at Pragati Maidan on 27th September 2017. This was announced by Rajan S Mathews, COAI Director General.

38. **Who has been elected as the 76th mayor of Mumbai on March 8, 2017?**

- A. Hemangi Waralikar
- B. Vishwanath Mahadeshwar
- C. Snehal Ambekar
- D. Vithal Lokhare

Answer – **B. Vishwanath Mahadeshwar**

Explanation :

Senior Shiv Sena leader Vishwanath Mahadeshwar has been elected as 76th mayor of Mumbai and Hemangi Waralikar as deputy mayor. He replaced Snehal Ambekar.

39. **The 4 lane 'Extradosed' Cable-Stayed Bridge has been inaugurated in which city of Gujarat by PM Modi on March 7, 2017?**

- A. Jamnagar
- B. Surat
- C. Mandvi
- D. Bharuch

Answer – **D. Bharuch**

Explanation :

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on a two day visit to his native state Gujarat from March 7-8, 2017. During his visit to Gujarat, PM Modi dedicated a 4-lane 1.4-kilometre 'Extradosed' Cable-Stayed Bridge over the river Narmada in Bharuch. It is considered as the longest bridge of India.

40. **What was the theme adopted by United Nation for the 2017 International Women's Day?**

- A. Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030
- B. Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality
- C. A Promise is a Promise: Time for Action to End Violence Against Women
- D. Empowering Women, Empowering Humanity: Picture it!

Answer – **A. Women in the Changing World of Work: Planet 50-50 by 2030**

Explanation :

International Women's Day is celebrated by the Governments, NGOs and other Organizations worldwide on March 8 every year since 1900 to highlight the achievements of women in all fields ranging from political to social while calling for greater equality

41. **The 2017 21-nation Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Summit was held in which country?**

- A. Jakarta, Indonesia
- B. Dubai, UAE

- C.New Delhi, India
- D.Canberra, Australia

Answer – **A.Jakarta, Indonesia**

Explanation :

Vice President Hamid Ansari was on a two-day visit to Indonesia to attend the 21-nation Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) Summit in Jakarta, Indonesia from March 6-7, 2017. Theme: 'Strengthening Maritime Cooperation for a Peaceful, Stable and Prosperous Indian Ocean'

42. **According to the Quality of Living Survey 2017 by Mercer, which Indian city has been ranked as the best city in terms of living standards?**

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

Answer – **D.Hyderabad**

Explanation :

In India, Hyderabad emerged as the best city in terms of living standards among Indian cities for the third year in a row. Hyderabad fell by five places to 144 in this year's rankings from 139th rank last year due to decreased power supply and water availability.

43. **The ESAF Microfinance Company issued A1 rated Commercial Papers (CP) worth Rs. _____ crore to meet the short term funding needs of the organization.**

- A.Rs.290 crore
- B.Rs.330 crore
- C.Rs.175 crore
- D.Rs. 410 crore

Answer – **B.Rs.330 crore**

Explanation :

ESAF Microfinance Company has issued Commercial Papers (CP) worth Rs.330 crore. Private Sector Banks and NBFCs can subscribe for the CP.. The papers are rated A1 by CARE ratings. The proceeds from CP will be used for short term funding needs of the organization.

44. **The recently announced penalty by SBI for non-maintenance of Minimum Average Balance (MAB) in saving accounts will be effective from which date?**

- A.March 31, 2017
- B.April 1, 2017
- C.May 1, 2017

D.April 30, 2017

Answer – **B.April 1, 2017**

Explanation :

SBI recently announced that penalty for non-maintenance of Minimum Average Balance (MAB) from April 1, 2017. Government asked SBI to reconsider charges. Arundhati Bhattacharya, SBI chief clarify that the condition of maintaining minimum balance will not be applicable to the Jan Dhan accounts.

45. Who has been conferred with the 2016 Saraswati Samman?

A.K Aiyappa Panickar

B.Padma Sachdev

C.Vijay Tendulkar

D.Mahabaleshwar Sail

Answer – **D.Mahabaleshwar Sail**

Explanation :

Noted Konkani author Mahabaleshwar Sail has been honored with the 2016 Saraswati Samman for his novel 'Hawthan'. The 74-year-old Sail's novel Hawthth was published in 2009 and was shortlisted from 22 books written in various languages.

46. ICEGOV 2018 scheduled to be held in which country ?

A.India

B.China

C.Ireland

D.England

Answer – **C.Ireland**

Explanation :

The ICEGOV 2018 will be held in Galway, Ireland.

47. India's lost lunar spacecraft _____ was found orbiting the moon by NASA scientists through interplanetary radar technique.

A.Lunar Orbiter 2

B.Chandrayaan-2

C.Lunar Orbiter 1

D.Chandrayaan-1

Answer – **D.Chandrayaan-1**

Explanation :

Chandrayaan-1, India's first unmanned lunar spacecraft, which was generally considered lost, has been discovered by the NASA scientists still orbiting the Moon. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched its first lunar mission Chandrayaan-1 on October 22, 2008 and

lost communication with the spacecraft on August 29, 2009.

48. **Who has been roped in as the ambassador of Women's Cricket World Cup 2017?**

- A.Saurav Ganguly
- B.MS Dhoni
- C.Sachin Tendulkar
- D.Kapil Dev

Answer – **C.Sachin Tendulkar**

Explanation :

Former Indian cricketer and captain Sachin Tendulkar has roped as an ambassador of Women's Cricket World Cup 2017 which will begin from 24th June, 2017 in England and Wales said by International Cricket Council (ICC).

49. **The RBI has amended the provision for cash loan against gold by NBFC from Rs. 1 lakh to Rs. _____**

- A.Rs.25,000
- B.Rs.75,000
- C.Rs.50,000
- D.Rs.70,000

Answer – **A.Rs.25,000**

Explanation :

The Reserve Bank of India has amended the provision for disbursement of loan by NBFC against the gold on March 9, 2017 in line with the provisions of the Income Tax Act. As per the new provision, the Non-banking Financial Company (NBFC) cannot lend more than Rs 25,000 in cash against gold as against the earlier Rs 1 lakh.

50. **Who has been sworn in as the President of European Council on March 9, 2017?**

- A.Mária Bieliková
- B.Endre Spaller
- C.Donald Tusk
- D.Hervé Bernard

Answer – **C.Donald Tusk**

Explanation :

Former Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk was re-elected as the president of the European Council for the second time. He won the 27 votes out of 28 EU's governments.

51. **The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 seeks to increase the maternity leave to _____ weeks from the earlier 12 weeks.**

- A.26 weeks

- B.24 weeks
- C.15 weeks
- D.20 weeks

Answer – **A.26 weeks**

Explanation :

The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Bill, 2016 was passed by the Lok Sabha by voice vote on March 10, 2017 that will benefit about 1.8 million women working in organized sector. The bill seeks to increase the maternity leaves to 26 weeks by amending the Maternity Benefits Act, 1961 that provides for 12 weeks of maternity leave.

52. The Bhartiya Janta Party (BJP) won the 2017 Assembly election with majority win in which states?

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

Answer – **D.Uttar Pradesh & Uttarakhand**

Explanation :

The Assembly Elections in the five states- Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Punjab, Goa and Manipur were considered the first big test for the BJP after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's demonetisation drive, which wiped out 86 per cent of currency from the nation's economy.

53. India's largest floating Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Plant has been installed in which state on March 10, 2017?

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

Answer – **C.Kerala**

Explanation :

State-run National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) has installed India's largest floating Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Plant at Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Plant (RGCCPP) at Kayamkulam in Kerala on March 10, 2017. The 100 kWp floating solar generation plant has been indigenously developed as a part of 'Make in India' initiative

54. Who has been appointed as the new deputy governor of the Reserve Bank of India to take charge on or after April 3, 2017?

- A.Sadhna Verma
- B.B P Kanungo
- C.Neeraj Nigam

D.B M Mishra

Answer – **B.B P Kanungo**

Explanation :

B P Kanungo was appointed as deputy governor of Reserve Bank of India (RBI) for three years. He will take charge on or after April 3, 2017. He will replace R Gandhi.

55. The world's largest coral reef system 'Great Barrier Reef' is located in which country?

A.Mauritius

B.New Zealand

C.South Africa

D.Australia

Answer – **D.Australia**

Explanation :

The Great Barrier Reef, off the coast of Queensland in northeastern Australia, is the largest living thing on Earth, and even visible from outer space. The 2,300km-long ecosystem comprises thousands of reefs and hundreds of islands made of over 600 types of hard and soft coral.

56. Who has been crowned Miss International Queen 2016 on March 10, 2017 in the beauty pageant event in Thailand?

A.Nathalie Oliveira

B.Tanyarat Jirapatpakon

C.Jiratchaya Sirimongkolnawin

D.Andrea Collazo

Answer – **C.Jiratchaya Sirimongkolnawin**

Explanation :

Thailand's Model, Jiratchaya Sirimongkolnawin was crowned Miss International Queen 2016 on March 10, 2017 in the 12th edition of the beauty pageant event in Pattaya City, Thailand.

57. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Water Commission (CWC) on March 9, 2017?

A.Ashwin K Mehta

B.Narendra Kumar

C.Harpreet Singh

D.S.C. Mudgerikar

Answer – **B.Narendra Kumar**

Explanation :

Narendra Kumar has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Water Commission

(CWC), with effect from March 9, 2017 upon the superannuation of former Chairman GS Jha.

58. What is the name of the wholly owned subsidiary incorporated by the State Bank of India on March 11, 2017 to manage its premises and estate related matters?

- A.SBI IT Infrastructure Management Services
- B.SBI ESM Technologies Pvt Ltd
- C.Macquarie SBI Infrastructure Management Pvt. Ltd.
- D.SBI Infra Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd

Answer – **D.SBI Infra Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd**

Explanation :

The State Bank of India on March 11, 2017 has legally incorporated SBI Infra Management Solutions Pvt. Ltd. (SBIIMS Pvt. Ltd.) as a wholly owned subsidiary of SBI. SBIIMS Pvt. Ltd.

59. Who is the winner of the 2017 Hero Indian Golf Open Tournament?

- A.Gaganjeet Bhullar
- B.SSP Chawrasia
- C.Anirban Lahiri
- D.Arjun Atwal

Answer – **B.SSP Chawrasia**

Explanation :

SSP Chawrasia became the only Indian Golfer to retain his Hero Indian Open title for the second year in a row with a remarkable seven-stroke win in New Delhi on March 12, 2017.

60. Which country is set to conduct its first national census in 19 years beginning from March 15, 2017?

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

Answer – **D.Pakistan**

Explanation :

The Pakistan government is set to conduct its first national census in 19 years from March 15, 2017 for proper allocation of funds and resources. The census will be done in two phase.

61. Who has been roped in by the Chinese Smartphone company OnePlus as its brand ambassador for Indian operation on March 6, 2017?

- A.Ranveer Singh
- B.Shahrukh Khan
- C.Amitabh Bachchan

D.Akshay Kumar

Answer – **C.Amitabh Bachchan**

Explanation :

Chinese smartphone company OnePlus has roped in Bollywood star Amitabh Bachchan as its new brand ambassador for India on March 6, 2017. Mr Bachchan is the first major face that OnePlus India is associating with for its latest flagship smartphone, OnePlus 3T.

62. Which city has ranked as the world's top most city offering the highest quality of life as per the Mercer's Quality of Living Survey 2017?

A.Zurich

B.Auckland

C.Vienna

D.London

Answer – **C.Vienna**

Explanation :

According to the Mercer's 19th annual Quality of Living survey released on March 14, 2017, Vienna, the capital of Austria has topped the list of cities offering the highest quality of life for the eighth year in a row.

63. Which country has been ranked first in the 2017 World Happiness Report?

A.Denmark

B.Australia

C.Norway

D.Switzerland

Answer – **C.Norway**

Explanation :

According to the 2017 World Happiness Report, released on March 20, 2017 by the Sustainable Development Solutions Network, Norway has been ranked as the most happiest country of the world among 155 nations.

64. Who has been named to take oath as the new Chief Minister of Manipur on March 15, 2017?

A.Indra Jeet Singh

B.Mohindro Singh

C.Susindro Meitei

D.Biren Singh

Answer – **D. Biren Singh**

Explanation :

The BJP's Nongthombam Biren Singh will take oath as Manipur's next chief minister on March

15, 2017 along with his council of ministers in the presence of BJP president Amit Shah and Union Minister Jitendra Singh.

65. Name the committee constituted by the center for strengthening border protection on Indo-Pakistan Border.

- A.Madhukar Gupta Committee
- B.Yogesh Mohan Committee
- C.Susheel Kumar Committee
- D.Rajiv Mehrishi Committee

Answer – **A.Madhukar Gupta Committee**

Explanation :

The Ministry of Home Affairs had constituted a Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri Madhukar Gupta, Retd Home Secretary in April, 2016, for strengthening border protection and addressing the issue of gaps and vulnerability in border fencing along Indo-Pakistan Border.

66. Which state has launched KCR Kit scheme for the welfare of pregnant women and new born babies in the state?

- A.Telangana
- B.Kerala
- C.Haryana
- D.Assam

Answer – **A.Telangana**

Explanation :

The state government of Telangana has proposed a new scheme named as KCR Kit focusing on women welfare and new born. The chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao has come out with a Rs. 605 Crore innovative scheme "KCR Kit" for the pregnant women and new born.

67. A new Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) was launched by the government on March 15, 2017 for developing export linked infrastructure. What is the total cost allocated for the scheme?

- A.Rs. 600 crore
- B.Rs. 820 crore
- C.Rs. 750 crore
- D.Rs. 615 crore

Answer – **A.Rs. 600 crore**

Explanation :

The Commerce and Industry Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched a new scheme named Trade Infrastructure for Export Scheme (TIES) on March 15, 2017 for developing export linked infrastructure and boost the competitiveness of India's shipments.

68. **The Nand Niketan township which became India's first private sector township to go fully cashless is located in which state?**

- A. Bihar
- B. Gujarat
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Madhya Pradesh

Answer – **B. Gujarat**

Explanation :

Essar Steel's Nand Niketan township at Hazira, Gujarat has become the first private township to go cashless with the help of Mumbai-based financial technology company, The Mobile Wallet (TMW). TMW will provide smartphone based application for mastercard-enabled mobile wallets and the wallet is powered by RBL Bank Ltd

69. **India and other South East Asian Region signed a WHO's Call for Action on March 16, 2017 to end tuberculosis (TB) by which year?**

- A. 2030
- B. 2020
- C. 2019
- D. 2023

Answer – **A. 2030**

Explanation :

India along with other South East Asian Region countries signed a 'Call for Action' on March 16, 2017 to end tuberculosis (TB) and pledged to take efforts to end the disease by 2030.

70. **According to the THE's Asia University Rankings 2017 released on March 16, 2017, which Indian University has emerged as the top ranked among other Indian Universities?**

- A. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Delhi
- B. Veltech University, Tamil Nadu
- C. Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Bombay
- D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru

Answer – **D. Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru**

Explanation :

The Times Higher Education (THE) released its Asia University Rankings 2017 on March 16, 2017. The top rank in the Asia University Rankings was attained by the National University of Singapore (NUS) for the second consecutive year. According to the 2017 ranking, Indian Institute of Science (IISc) in Bengaluru has been ranked best Indian University and has been placed at 27th position among the universities in Asia.

71. Which bank has launched India's first digital Loan against Securities services on March 15, 2017?

- A. ICICI Bank
- B. Axis Bank
- C. Yes Bank
- D. HDFC Bank

Answer – **D. HDFC Bank**

Explanation :

HDFC Bank in collaboration with National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) has launched an instant Digital Loan against Securities (LAS) product on March 15, 2017. LAS will reduce the time to disburse the overdraft facility in just 3 minutes rather than several days previously.

72. Which Bank has signed an MoU with the real estate developers' body CREDAI on March 15, 2017 for the development of the realty sector?

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

Answer – **A. State Bank of India**

Explanation :

India's public sector banking and financial services company State Bank of India (SBI) and real estate developers' body CREDAI have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) which is valid for a period of 3 years to jointly conduct various initiatives towards development of the realty sector and promote housing for all.

73. Which Airport has won the 2017 Skytrax World Airport Awards on March 14, 2017?

- A. Hong Kong International Airport
- B. Incheon International Airport
- C. Changi Airport, Singapore
- D. Tokyo International Airport

Answer – **C. Changi Airport, Singapore**

Explanation :

Singapore based Changi Airport was named as the World's Best Airport for the fifth consecutive year at the 2017 Skytrax World Airport Awards on March 14, 2017 held at the Passenger Terminal EXPO in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The award was received by Mr Lee Seow Hiang, CEO of Changi Airport Group from Mr Edward Plaisted, CEO of Skytrax.

74. **Who has been sworn in as the new Chief Minister of Punjab on March 16, 2017?**

- A. Aruna Chaudhary
- B. Amarinder Singh
- C. Rana Gurjit Singh
- D. Manpreet Singh Badal

Answer – **B. Amarinder Singh**

Explanation :

Captain Amarinder Singh took oath as the 26th chief minister of Punjab on March 16, 2017 at the Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh thus paving way for the return of the Congress to power in the state after a gap of ten years.

75. **The SpaceX's Falcon 9 Rocket successfully launched a communications satellite _____ on March 16, 2017.**

- A. AsiaSat 8
- B. EchoStar 23
- C. Orbcomm OG1
- D. Iridium-1

Answer – **B. EchoStar 23**

Explanation :

SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket conducted its third flight of the year on March 16, 2017 to launch a commercial communications satellite in the geosynchronous transfer orbit.

76. **Who has been honored with the first prize for Regeneron Science Talent Search Award by United States on March 16, 2017?**

- A. Vrinda Madan
- B. Arjun Ramani
- C. Archana Verma
- D. Indrani Das

Answer – **D. Indrani Das**

Explanation :

An Indian-American teen Indrani Das(17) won the US's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition Regeneron Science Talent Search Awards Gala on March 16, 2017.

77. **The Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) has been launched by which state on March 15, 2017 to link all its police posts to a single system?**

- A. Haryana
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. Maharashtra

Answer – **C.Himachal Pradesh**

Explanation :

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh inaugurated a Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS) in Shimla on March 15, 2017 to connect all the police posts in the state with each other. Thus Himachal Pradesh has become the first state in India to link its police posts in various districts with CCTNS.

78. According to the Women in Politics 2017 Map' released on March 16, 2017, what is the rank of India among 193 UN member nations in terms of representation of women in government and parliament?

A.110

B.91

C.89

D.148

Answer – **D.148**

Explanation :

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and UN Women launched the 'Women in Politics 2017 Map' on March 16, 2017 in New York. The Women in Politics 2017 Map is the visual representation of women's political empowerment in executive government and parliament as on January 1, 2017.

79. Asia's first Airbus India Training Centre will be set up in which city?

A.Kolkata

B.Bangaluru

C.New Delhi

D.Hyderabad

Answer – **C.New Delhi**

Explanation :

France based Aircraft maker Airbus will set up Asia's first training facility for pilots and maintenance engineers in New Delhi. Union Civil Aviation Minister Ashok Gajapathi Raju performed the ground-breaking ceremony for the training centre on March 17, 2017.

80. My Story is an autobiography of which cricket player?

A.Brett Lee

B.Michael Clarke

C.Shane Lee

D.Chris Adams

Answer – **B.Michael Clarke**

Explanation :

Former Australia captain Michael Clarke has launched his autobiography named 'My Story' in Kolkata in the presence of former Indian cricketer Saurav Ganguly.

81. Kerala's first private sector bank, ESAF Small Finance Bank was inaugurated in which city on March 17, 2017?

- A.Trivandrum
- B.Kochi
- C.Kannur
- D.Thrissur

Answer – **D.Thrissur**

Explanation :

Kerala's first private sector bank ESAF Small Finance Bank was launched by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan in Thrissur, Kerala on March 17, 2017. This bank is promoted by ESAF Microfinance and Investments (P) Ltd and it is targeted to open 85 branches in unbanked rural centres in first year.

82. The Whanganui River, which recently got the legal status and rights of a human being, is a major ancestral river of which country?

- A.Sri Lanka
- B.Malaysia
- C.New Zealand
- D.Australia

Answer – **C.New Zealand**

Explanation :

New Zealand's Whanganui River on March 15, 2017 became the first river in the World to get the legal rights as possessed by a human being. The third largest river of the country has gained its own identity with all the corresponding rights, duties and liabilities of a legal person after a 170-year battle.

83. Radar-5, a new spy satellite has been launched by which space agency on March 17, 2017?

- A.Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- B.Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- C.National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- D.China National Space Administration (CNSA)

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

Explanation :

Japan space agency JAXA launched a new spy satellite Radar 5 from a launch site in the

country's southwest on March 17, 2017. The information-gathering satellite Radar 5 is lifted off with H-2A rocket.

84. The two day 2017 Global Millennium Summit was organized in which country?

- A.Canberra, Australia
- B.Kathmandu,Nepal
- C.Moscow,Russia
- D.Dubai, UAE

Answer – **D.Dubai, UAE**

Explanation :

The Minister of State (I/C) for Youth Affairs and Sports Shri Vijay Goel was invited as the Chief Guest at the two-day Global Millennium Summit in Dubai on March 18, 2017. The Summit has been organized by the Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), University of Delhi in association with the Office of International Programmes, SRCC and IIM-Ahmedabad.

85. Who has been sworn in as the New Chief Minister of Uttarakhand on March 18, 2017?

- A.Madan Kaushik
- B.Dhan Singh Rawat
- C.Trivendra Singh Rawat
- D.Harak Singh Rawat

Answer – **C.Trivendra Singh Rawat**

Explanation :

Former Uttarakhand BJP chief Trivendra Singh Rawat was sworn in as the new Chief Minister of the state on March 18, 2017 at the Parade Grounds in state capital Dehradun.Uttarakhand Governor K K Paul administered the oath of office and secrecy to 56-year-old Rawat and nine ministers at a ceremony.

86. India and Russia has inked two pacts on March 17, 2017 for long-term maintenance support for Sukhoi-30MKI jets at an estimated cost of \$ _____ million.

- A.\$ 510 million
- B.\$ 300 million
- C.\$ 290 million
- D.\$ 405 million

Answer – **B.\$ 300 million**

Explanation :

India and Russia have inked two pacts for long-term maintenance support for Sukhoi-30MKI jets on March 17, 2017 during the India-Russia Military Industrial Conference in New Delhi. The agreement was signed by UAC President Yuri Slyusar, UEC Director General

Alexander Artyukhov and HAL Chairman Suvarna Raju in presence of Finance-Cum-Defence Minister Arun Jaitley and Russian Industry and Trade Minister Denis Manturov.

87. The first Made-in-India train named _____ was flagged off from the Dadar station to Borivali at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus on March 18, 2017.

- A. Medha
- B. Bharti
- C. Vani
- D. Mahasweta

Answer – **A. Medha**

Explanation :

India's first home made train for Western Railway Fleet, Medha was flagged off for its maiden run by the Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu, via videoconferencing from Dadar to Borivali at Lokmanya Tilak Terminus on March 18, 2017. The 12-coach, made-in-India train, halted at Bandra and Andheri stations during the transit.

88. In which state was the three days International Buddhist Conference 2017 held?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Jharkhand
- D. Uttarakhand

Answer – **B. Bihar**

Explanation :

The three days International Buddhist Conference was held at the Rajgir International Convention Center (RICC) of Nav Nalanda Mahavira Deemed University, Rajgir, Bihar from March 17-19, 2017. The conference was inaugurated by His Holiness, The Dalai Lama jointly with the Minister of Culture and Tourism, Dr. Mahesh Sharma by lighting a ceremonial lamp.

89. State owned PSU, NTPC commissioned the second unit of 660 MW of Mouda Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II on March 19, 2017. Mouda Super Thermal Power Station is located in which state?

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

Answer – **C. Maharashtra**

Explanation :

A Maharatna Company, National Thermal Power Corporation Limited (NTPC) commissioned the second unit of 660 MW of Mouda Super Thermal Power Station Stage-II on March 19,

2017.

90. **Amitabh Bachchan launched World's first mobile app for spreading awareness about breast health on March 15, 2017. Name the App.**

- A.All About Breast Care
- B.Breast Health App
- C.Breast Care
- D.ABC of Breast Health

Answer – **D. ABC of Breast Health**

Explanation :

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan launched the World's first mobile Application named 'ABC of Breast Health' during an event organized by the Ushalakshmi Breast Cancer Foundation at Mumbai's JW Marriott Hotel on March 15, 2017.

91. **Which country has been ranked as the World's most healthiest country according to the 2017 Bloomberg Global Health Index ?**

- A.Iran
- B.Italy
- C.Iceland
- D.Germany

Answer – **B.Italy**

Explanation :

According to the 2017 Bloomberg Global Health Index of 163 countries released on March 20, 2017, Italy has been ranked as the healthiest country on Earth with a health score of 97.44 out of 100.

92. **Name the India's longest road tunnel built in Jammu & Kashmir to reduce the travel time from Jammu to Srinagar.**

- A.Awantipra-Bishnah Tunnel
- B.Chenani-Nashiri Tunnel
- C.Gulmarg-Leh Tunnel
- D.Kishtwar-Nashiri Tunnel

Answer – **B.Chenani-Nashiri Tunnel**

Explanation :

The longest road tunnel of India built at Chenani in Jammu's Udhampur district has successfully completed its trial run and is ready for public opening. The longest tunnel connecting Chenani and Nashiri town was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi .

93. **What is the rank of India in the 2017 World Happiness Report?**

- A.115
- B.122
- C.145
- D.100

Answer – **B.122**

Explanation :

India ranked at 122 out of 155 countries in the World Happiness Report 2017, released on March 20, 2017 at an event celebrating International Day of Happiness. It fell 4 places from 2016 ranking where it was placed at 118.

94. **Who has won the 2017 BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament?**

- A.Rajeev Ram
- B.Rafael Nadar
- C.Roger Federer
- D.Stan Wawrinka

Answer – **C.Roger Federer**

Explanation :

Swiss Professional Tennis Player Roger Federer won his fifth BNP Paribas Open Tennis Tournament crown on March 19, 2017 at the Indian Wells Tennis Garden, California by defeating his fellowmate Stan Wawrinka 6-4, 7-5. Earlier, Federer won the title in 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2012.

95. **India's Idea Cellular Ltd has signed a merger deal with which telecom company to create India's largest telecom company?**

- A.BSNL
- B.Bharti Airtel
- C.Vodafone India
- D.Tata Docomo

Answer – **C.Vodafone India**

Explanation :

India's Idea Cellular Ltd approved its merger operation with Vodafone India Limited (VIL) excluding Vodafone's 42% stake in Indus Towers Ltd on March 20, 2017. It will create India's largest telecom company with a total revenue of over Rs80,000 crore.

96. **Four GST legislations was approved by Union Cabinet on March 20, 2017. The 4 GST legislation would be introduced in the parliament for final approval as**

-
- A.Ordinary Bill

- B. Financial Bills
- C. Money bills
- D. Constitutional Amendment bills

Answer – **C. Money bills**

Explanation :

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has approved the four supporting GST legislations on March 20, 2017. The four supporting legislations are the Compensation Law, the Central-GST (C-GST), Integrated-GST (I-GST) and Union Territory-GST (UT-GST).

97. Which bank has launched the 'Mera iMobile' mobile App to provide agricultural information in 11 Indian languages for rural people without internet connection?

- A. Axis Bank
- B. Yes Bank
- C. ICICI Bank
- D. HDFC Bank

Answer – **C. ICICI Bank**

Explanation :

Mumbai based ICICI Bank launched first banking mobile application 'Mera iMobile' to provide agricultural information in 11 Indian languages for rural people without internet connection.

98. Pyari Mohan Mohapatra who died on March 19, 2017 was an MP representing which state in the Rajya Sabha?

- A. Odisha
- B. Kerala
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Haryana

Answer – **A. Odisha**

Explanation :

Former Rajya Sabha MP and president of Odisha Janamorchha party Pyari Mohan Mohapatra passed away in Mumbai on March 19, 2017. He was 77. Mohapatra is known as 'Chankya of Odisha politics'.

99. Name the first Indian batsman to face 500 balls in Test Innings.

- A. Karun Nair
- B. Cheteshwar Pujara
- C. Ajinkya Rahane
- D. Shikhar Dhawan

Answer – **B. Cheteshwar Pujara**

Explanation :

Indian Cricketer Cheteshwar Pujara(29) became the first Indian batsman to face 500 balls in the second innings of the 3rd Test against Australia at Ranchi. Pujara has played 525 balls in his 202 run innings.

100. Who among the given has become the first women belonging to private sector to be appointed as the Full-Time Member of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on March 21, 2017?

- A.Sara Blakely
- B.Kalpana Morparia
- C.Madhabi Puri Buch
- D.Kiran Mazumdar Shaw

Answer – **C. Madhabi Puri Buch**

Explanation :

Madhabi Puri Buch has been appointed as a Full-Time Member of Mumbai based Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for a period of three years by the Personnel Ministry on March 21, 2017

101. Who has been honored with the Kirti Chakra by President Pranab Mukherjee on March 20, 2017?

- A.Major Rohit Suri
- B.Vijay Kumar
- C.Gursevak Singh
- D.Ramesh Pratap Singh

Answer – **A.Major Rohit Suri**

Explanation :

Major Rohit Suri, the leader of the army team that carried out surgical strike in PoK in 2016, was presented the Kirti Chakra by President Pranab Mukherjee during the military investiture ceremony held in the Durbar Hall of the Rashtrapati Bhavan on March 20, 2017.

102. When is the International Day of Forests observed?

- A.March 21
- B.March 22
- C.March 20
- D.March 23

Answer – **A.March 21**

Explanation :

Every year on 21st March is observed as International Day of Forests proclaimed by United Nations(UN) across the world to promotes the importance of forests and trees in our

lives. 2017 Theme: Forests and energy.

103. **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to fix the upper limit for the for Pre-paid Payment Instruments at Rs. _____**

- A.Rs.50,000
- B.Rs.1,00,000
- C.Rs.1,50,000
- D.Rs.2,00,00

Answer – **B.Rs.1,00,000**

Explanation :

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to cap the upper limit for Pre-paid Payment Instruments at Rs 1 lakh on March 20, 2017 due to the growing usage of PPIs for purchase of goods and services as well as funds transfer.

104. **In which city of Jharkhand, was the first Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) inaugurated on March 19, 2017?**

- A.Hazaribagh
- B.Dhanbad
- C.Ranchi
- D.Jamshedpur

Answer – **D.Jamshedpur**

Explanation :

State's first Post Office Passport Seva Kendra (POPSK) under Jharkhand postal circle was inaugurated at Jamshedpur head post office in Bistupur on March 19, 2017. The new facility was inaugurated in the presence of State food and civil supplies minister Saryu Roy and MP Bidhyut Baran Mahto.

105. **Which city has been rated as the most expensive global city as per the 2017 Worldwide Cost of Living Index?**

- A.Zurich
- B.Hong Kong
- C.Singapore
- D.Tokyo

Answer – **C.Singapore**

Explanation :

According to the 2017 Worldwide Cost of Living Index released by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) on March 21, 2017, Singapore was the most expensive city to live among 133 for the fourth consecutive year while Hong Kong remained second, followed by Zurich at the 3rd place.

106. **Who has won the 2017 Global Teacher Prize?**

- A. Ben Glickman
- B. Eoin Bolger
- C. Maggie MacDonnell
- D. Amy Woodbridge

Answer – **C. Maggie MacDonnell**

Explanation :

Maggie MacDonnell, a Canadian school teacher was awarded the 2017 Global Teacher Prize worth \$1 million on March 19, 2017 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates. The award was given away by His Highness Shaikh Mohammad Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the UAE and Ruler of Dubai

107. **What is the theme of the 2017 World Water Day?**

- A. Water and Sustainable Development
- B. Water and Jobs
- C. Why Waste Water ?
- D. Better Water, Better Jobs

Answer – **C. Why Waste Water ?**

Explanation :

UN designated World water day is observed on March 22, 2017 in various country to raise awareness of the importance of conserving and managing water resources. 2017 Theme: Why Waste water?.

108. **At which of the given Institutes, India's first supercomputing facility of 1 Peta flop power will be set up under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)?**

- A. Indian Institute of Technology Mumbai
- B. Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
- C. Indian Institute of Technology Madras
- D. Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Answer – **B. Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur**

Explanation :

Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur is set to become the first academic institutions in India to receive a supercomputing facility of 1 Peta-flop computing power under the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)

109. **Who has been appointed as the Interim Director General (IDG) of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on a full time basis on March 21, 2017?**

- A. Ramesh Verma
- B. Girish Chowdhary

C.Nripendra Puri

D.Upendra Tripathy

Answer – **D.Upendra Tripathy**

Explanation :

Upendra Tripathy has been appointed as the Interim Director General (IDG) of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) on a full time basis on March 21, 2017.

110. **The government has set a target to achieve _____ MW of nuclear power generation capacity by _____ year.**

A.15,000 MW; 2024

B.20,000 MW; 2023

C.15,000 MW; 2020

D.12,000 MW; 2024

Answer – **A.15,000 MW;2024**

Explanation :

The Government of India is set to increase the nuclear power generation capacity in India to nearly 15,000 MW by 2024.The information regarding the same was delivered by Minister of State for PMO Jitendra Singh in the Lok Sabha on March 22, 2017.

111. **In order to tighten the cash transaction, government has lowered the limit of cash transaction from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. _____ lakh per month w.e.f from April 1, 2017.**

A.Rs.1 Lakh

B.Rs. 50,000

C.Rs. 2 Lakh

D.Rs. 2.5 Lakh

Answer – **C.Rs. 2 Lakh**

Explanation :

The Government of India has proposed to lower the limit of cash transaction from Rs. 3 lakh to Rs. 2 lakh per month to further tighten and discourage payments by cash as well as curb black money..The Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley proposed 40 amendments to the Finance Bill 2017 which was cleared by the Lok Sabha on March 21, 2017.

112. **What is the rank of India in the 2016 Human Development Index?**

A.127

B.131

C.145

D.111

Answer – **B.131**

Explanation :

According to the UN Development Programme's Human Development for Everyone' Report 2016, released on March 21, 2017 in Stockholm, India has been ranked at 131 out of 188 countries in the 2016 Human Development Index (HDI).

113. Assam government has set a target to transform Majuli into India's first Carbon Neutral district by which year?

- A.2021
- B.2019
- C.2020
- D.2023

Answer – **C.2020**

Explanation :

Assam Chief Minister, Sarbananda Sonowal launched initiative to develop the World's largest river island, Majuli into country's first ever Carbon Neutral district by 2020 as well as a biodiversity heritage site to preserve its rich heritage and legacy.

114. The Ninth Gorkhas regiment of the Indian Army celebrated its _____ raising day on March 16, 2017.

- A.150
- B.200
- C.250
- D.300

Answer – **B.200**

Explanation :

The Ninth Gorkhas celebrated 200-years of its raising in Secunderabad, Telangana on March 16, 2017. The first battalion of the Ninth Gorkhas was raised by the British government in 1817 as the 'Fatehgarh Levy'.

115. Name the Aadhar-based UPI mobile application launched by the South Indian Bank on March 23, 2017.

- A.SIB Aadhaar M-Pay
- B.SIB Aadhaar Pay
- C.SIB M-Pay
- D.Aadhaar Pay

Answer – **C.SIB M-Pay**

Explanation :

Kerala based South Indian Bank has introduced Aadhar-based UPI mobile application SIB M-Pay on March 23, 2017 to promote cashless digital transactions. SIB M-Pay will enables all bank account holders to send and receive money from their Smartphone without bank account

information simply through Aadhaar number.

116. **Who has been awarded the 2017 Abel Prize?**

- A.Yves Meyer
- B.Yakov Sinai
- C.Louis Nirenberg
- D.Andrew J. Wiles

Answer – **A.Yves Meyer**

Explanation :

Yves Meyer, a French mathematician, was honored with the 2017 Abel Prize, given by Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, on March 21, 2017 in a ceremony in Oslo, Norway for his contribution in the development of the mathematical theory of wavelets.

117. **Name the Indian journalist who has been conferred with the inaugural Kuldip Nayar Journalism Award on March 19, 2017?**

- A.Sudhir Choudhary
- B.Ravish Kumar
- C.Barkha Dutt
- D.Rohit Sardana

Answer – **B.Ravish Kumar**

Explanation :

Ravish Kumar, the senior executive editor of NDTV India, was awarded the inaugural Kuldip Nayar Journalism Award at New Delhi's India International Centre on March 19, 2017 in recognition of his outstanding contribution in the world of Journalism.

118. **The Union Cabinet has approved to amend the NABARD Act 1981 to increase the authorized capital of NABARD from Rs. 5,000 crore to Rs. _____ crore**

- A.Rs. 25000 crore
- B.Rs. 30000 crore
- C.Rs. 50000 crore
- D.Rs. 35000 crore

Answer – **B.Rs. 30000 crore**

Explanation :

The Union Cabinet approved the proposals to amend the NABARD Act, 1981 during the cabinet meeting that aims to amend the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development Act, 1981 to enable the Central Government to increase the authorized capital of NABARD from Rs. 5,000 crore to Rs. 30,000 crore.

119. **Who is the winner of the 2017 International Shooting Sport Federation Shotgun World Cup, Mexico, in men's double trap event?**

- A.Subhankar Pramanick
- B.Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore
- C.Gagan Narang
- D.Ankur Mittal

Answer – **D.Ankur Mittal**

Explanation :

Indian shooter Ankur Mittal won the gold medal at the International Shooting Sport Federation Shotgun World Cup in the men's double trap event at Acapulco, Mexico on March 23, 2017. Mittal beat Australia's James Willet with a score of 75 out of 80 while Willet managed 73.

120. **The 23rd Conference of Auditors General (CAG) of Commonwealth Countries and British Overseas Territories was held in which country?**

- A.India
- B.China
- C.United States
- D.Germany

Answer – **A.India**

Explanation :

For the first time India host the three day Conference of Auditors General(CAG) of Commonwealth Countries and British Overseas Territories from March 21-23, 2017 in New Delhi. Theme: "Fostering Partnerships for Capacity Development in Public Audit".

121. **Which financial services company has launched the mobile application "myLoan" on March 23, 2017 to offer personal loans to young and mobile savvy audience?**

- A.Tata Capital Limited
- B.Birla Global Finance Limited
- C.Bajaj Capital Limited
- D.SBI Capital Markets Limited

Answer – **A.Tata Capital Limited**

Explanation :

The Financial services company Tata Capital has launched a mobile application 'myLoan' to offer personal loans to young and mobile savvy audience. The maximum limit of the loan is Rs.13 lakh. The app is a social profile like Facebook and LinkedIn based personal loan mobile application

122. Who has been appointed as the part time Chairman of the Catholic Syrian Bank by RBI on March 23, 2017?

- A.Suresh Patel
- B.Salim Gangadharan
- C.V.G Mathew
- D.T S Anantharaman

Answer – **D.T S Anantharaman**

Explanation :

T S Anantharaman can hold the position of part-time Chairman of Catholic Syrian Bank said by Reserve Bank of India(RBI)on March 23, 2017. Anantharaman has been working as the position of Non-Executive Director of Catholic Syrian Bank since August, 2009.

123. The scientists of which country have set up the World's Largest Artificial Sun called Synlight to produce hydrogen fuel in carbon neutral way?

- A.Norway
- B.Germany
- C.Switzerland
- D.China

Answer – **B.Germany**

Explanation :

Scientists at the German Aerospace Center (DLR) have designed Synlight which they call as the "world's largest artificial sun" at Julich, a town located 30 kilometers (19 miles) west of Cologne in Germany to produce hydrogen in a carbon-neutral way so as to use them as fuel in cars and airplanes.

124. Who has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement Award at 6th National Photography Awards on March 22, 2017?

- A.Dipayan Bhar
- B.Ravinder Kumar
- C.Raghu Rai
- D.Atul Choubey

Answer – **C.Raghu Rai**

Explanation :

Indian photographer and photojournalist Raghu Rai has conferred with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting M. Venkaiah Naidu at 6th National Photography Awards for his remarkable contribution in the field of photography.

125. **The first Vertical garden of India has been set up in which city?**

- A.Shimla
- B.Bhopal
- C.New Delhi
- D.Bengaluru

Answer – **D.Bengaluru**

Explanation :

First vertical garden of India has setup at the Hosur Road Electronics City Flyover in Bengaluru to control the pollution level of the city. It will also act as a sound proofing barrier. The garden is an initiative of SayTrees which is an NGO having ordinary citizens as its members who are determined to protect nature. The world's first vertical gardens were setup in China .

126. **Bakshi Stadium is located in which state?**

- A.Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- B.Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
- C.New Delhi
- D.Pune, Maharashtra

Answer – **B.Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir**

Explanation :

The Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar will soon be transformed into modern football stadium as per the norms of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) within 12 months.

127. **When is the World Tuberculosis Day observed?**

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

Answer – **C.March 24**

Explanation :

Every year World Tuberculosis Day is observed on March 24 across the world to commemorate the day in 1882 when Dr Robert Koch astounded the scientific community by announcing that he had discovered the cause of tuberculosis, the TB bacillus. The aim of the day is to create awareness and support world-wide efforts to eliminate tuberculosis (TB). 2017. Theme: Unite to End TB

128. As per a government report, post demonetization, which state has witnessed the highest number of Aadhaar linking with Jan Dhan Accounts?

- A.Andhra Pradesh
- B.Tripura
- C.Telangana
- D.Tamil Nadu

Answer – **A.Andhra Pradesh**

Explanation :

On the event of demonetization, more number of Jan Dhan accounts came into existence and it is seeded through Aadhaar card numbers. Out of this, Andhra Pradesh tops the list with most number of aadhaar cards linked with Jan dhan accounts. 73% of its accounts are seeded by aadhaar numbers and this was followed by Tripura at 87.08 per cent and Telangana 83.56 per cent.

129. Which bank has launched the Money Plant TM RuPay International Platinum Debit Card for its premium and high net worth customers as a part of digital banking initiative?

- A.ICICI Bank
- B.United bank of India
- C.Karnataka Bank
- D.Bank of Maharashtra

Answer – **C.Karnataka Bank**

Explanation :

Mangaluru based Karnataka Bank has launched a new card option for its premium and HNI (high net worth individual) customers in line with the bank's digital banking initiative.

130. How many Indian cities have been recently included in the UNESCO's list of World Heritage Sites?

- A.Seven
- B.Five
- C.Four
- D.Three

Answer – **B.Five**

Explanation :

UNESCO (UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL SCIENTIFIC and CULTURAL ORGANISATION) has added five Indian cities in its list of tentative world heritage site. These cities include, Historic City of Ahmedabad, Delhi – A Heritage City, Jaipur City, Rajasthan, Ekamra Kshetra- The Temple City, Bhubaneswar and The Victorian & Art Deco Ensemble of Mumbai.

131. Name the first woman combat officer of BSF who was inducted on March 25, 2017 for the first time in its 51-year history?

- A. Priya Ajith Kumar
- B. Mitali Madhumita
- C. Padmavati Bandopadhyay
- D. Tanushree Pareek

Answer – **D. Tanushree Pareek**

Explanation :

Border Security Force (BSF) gets its woman field officer after an long waiting 5 decades which is a welcome move by it. Tanushree Pareek commissioned by BSF, the country's largest border guarding force at the age of 25

132. Who is the winner of the 2017 Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix?

- A. Max Verstappen
- B. Valtteri Bottas
- C. Sebastian Vettel
- D. Lewis Hamilton

Answer – **C. Sebastian Vettel**

Explanation :

Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel beat Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton to win the 2017 Formula 1 Rolex Australian Grand Prix on 26 March 2017 at Albert Park in Melbourne. Besides, Mercedes's Valtteri Bottas completed the podium at third position.

133. How many medals have been won by Indian team at the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games held from March 18-24, 2017?

- A. 70
- B. 65
- C. 81
- D. 73

Answer – **D. 73**

Explanation :

Indian team finished in a high note in the 2017 Special Olympics World Winter Games with a triumphing 73 medals held between March 18 and March 24. These games are meant for the specially-able person and India finished as a special team with 89 participants. India finished the games with an overall medal tally of 37 gold, 10 silver and 26 bronze with total tally of 73 medals.

134. **Which e-commerce firm is set to acquire eBay India's operations as part of its latest funding round?**

- A. Amazon
- B. Snapdeal
- C. Flipkart
- D. Jabong

Answer – **C. Flipkart**

Explanation :

India's largest online retailer Flipkart is planning to acquire eBay India's operations as part of its latest capital raising programme of \$2 billion. The move is an effort of the e-commerce firm to strengthen its position against the rising threat from the global competitors such as Amazon and China's Alibaba

135. **Based on the report by Centre for Asia Pacific Aviation for the year 2016, what is the rank on India in terms of domestic passengers traffic?**

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

Answer – **B. Third**

Explanation :

India which is rising high in the field of aviation now attained a still higher position by pushing Japan back, achieving a 3rd spot in domestic air traffic behind USA and China. USA topped the list with 719 million passengers in 2016, which is followed by China with 436 million passengers.

136. **Which private sector bank achieved a landmark installation of 10,000 Point of Sales (PoS) terminals on March 27, 2017?**

- A. Yes Bank
- B. Karnataka Bank
- C. Federal Bank
- D. Karur Vysya Bank

Answer – **B. Karnataka Bank**

Explanation :

The 10,000th POS terminal was handed over by Karnataka Bank's Managing Director and CEO, P Jayarama Bhat to Dr. Ravichandar, Chairman and Managing Director of Nandana Group of Hotels, Bengaluru, one of its valued customers at the function held at Bank's Bengaluru Regional Office.

137. Shaun Tait, who announced his retirement from all forms of cricket on March 27, 2017, is a fast-bowler from:

- A. South Africa
- B. New Zealand
- C. Australia
- D. England

Answer – C. Australia

Explanation :

Shaun Tait, the 34 year old Adelaide-born cricketer has played a total of 3 Tests, 35 ODIs and 21 T20Is for Australia. Shaun Tait's made his final international appearance for Australia in 2016 against India in a T20 international at the Sydney Cricket Ground. Recently, Shaun Tait became an Overseas Citizen of India (OCI).

138. Which Canadian city will host 9th edition of the World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC) scheduled to be held from September 9-15, 2017?

- A. Toronto
- B. Montreal
- C. Vancouver
- D. Ottawa

Answer – C. Vancouver

Explanation :

The World Environmental Education Congress (WEEC) is an international congress that provides a platform for anyone working for education for environment and sustainable future or who has an interest in the field. 'Culture Environment: Weaving New Connections' will be the theme of 9th edition WEEC.

139. Which among the following became the first Indian state to extend banking facilities to masses in unbanked areas through Self- Help Groups (SHGs)?

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

Answer – A. Odisha

Explanation :

To implement this initiative, Odisha State Government has signed an agreement with State Bank of India (SBI) the largest public sector bank of India. Odisha Govt.'s Odisha Livelihoods Mission (OLM) is the main party (corporate agent) in this agreement with SBI. Around three lakh SHGs, currently operating under OLM will take up the role of Banking Correspondents (BCs).

140. Which private sector bank has partnered with Truecaller to Launch UPI-based 'Truecaller Pay'?

- A.HDFC Bank
- B.Yes Bank
- C.ICICI Bank
- D.Axis Bank

Answer – **C.ICICI Bank**

Explanation :

Truecaller Pay will allow users of the Truecaller app to instantly create a UPI id, send money to any UPI id or a mobile number registered with the BHIM app. It will also allow users to recharge their mobile number using the app.

141. Recently, India has renewed Fuel Supply Pact for Five Years with which neighbouring country?

- A.Bangladesh
- B.Bhutan
- C.Myanmar
- D.Nepal

Answer – **D.Nepal**

Explanation :

India has signed a renewed Petroleum Trade Agreement with Nepal on March 27, 2017 to supply petroleum products to Nepal with prompt service. The supply agreement was signed between State-owned Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Nepal Oil Corporation (NOC) for a period of five years. The agreement will be effective from April 2017 to March 2022.

142. I & B Minister M Venkaiah Naidu recently launched Online Film Certification System, which has been named as:

- A.E-Cinema
- B.E-Censor
- C.E-Cinepramaan
- D.E-CineCensor

Answer – **C.E-Cinepramaan**

Explanation :

The online film certification system named 'E-Cinepramaan' will come into effect from 1st April 2017 replacing the earlier system of physical submission. This development is in line with Modi Govt's commitment to promote 'Digital India' and 'Ease of Doing Business'.

143. **Name the 14 year old Udaipur girl who became the first to swim across Bandra Worli Sea Link to the Gateway of India route in Arabian Sea in a record time of 6 hours and 30 minutes.**

- A. Vidisha Gupta
- B. Gaurvi Singhvi
- C. Pinky Agarwal
- D. Rani Maheshwari

Answer – **B. Gaurvi Singhvi**

Explanation :

To achieve this milestone, Gaurvi swam a similar route to practice from the Governor's House to the Gateway of India in a record time of 3 hours 58 minutes and 12 seconds, breaking the previous record of 4 hours and 12 minutes.

144. **Which High Court has ordered its State Government to Ban mining for 4 Months?**

- A. Chhattisgarh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Gujarat

Answer – **B. Uttarakhand**

Explanation :

Uttarakhand High Court's order by a bench of Justices Rajiv Sharma and Sudhanshu Dhulia was based on an incident where a forest guard was allegedly killed by illegal miners near Corbett National Park when he had tried to stop them and a tiger was crushed by an earthmovers used by miners in the region.

145. **Which Balkan country, is set to become the 29th member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) soon after US senate ratifies its pending membership?**

- A. Croatia
- B. Romania
- C. Albania
- D. Montenegro

Answer – **D. Montenegro**

Explanation :

For Montenegro to become NATO's member all 28 NATO members must ratify Montenegro's entry and only US is left among them to do so. For US to approve the treaty, a two-third vote is required in the Senate. On March 28, 2017, US Senators voted 97-2 favoring Montenegro's entry into the alliance.

146. Which public sector bank has recently launched 'Unnati' credit card?

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

Answer – : **A.State Bank of India**

Explanation :

India's largest Public Sector Lender State Bank of India has launched a unique credit card 'SBI Card Unnati' on March 28, 2017. This new brand credit card targets at all SBI customers, including Jan Dhan account-holders across the country

147. Name the Indian-origin British Cabinet Minister, who received Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA) on 28th March 2017

- A.Smita Shah
- B.Priti Patel
- C.Vibha Parikh
- D.Neela Joshi

Answer – **B.Priti Patel**

Explanation :

The PBSA was conferred on Priti Patel by Indian President Pranab Mukherjee in January 2017 during the 14th edition of Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention held in Bengaluru. This award was given to Priti Patel for her outstanding contribution to national and international politics, her role in strengthening relation between United Kingdom (UK) and India, and for her support to Indian Diaspora in the UK.

148. Name the cyclone which affected New South Wales and Queensland states of Australia in the end of March 2017

- A.Cyclone Lucy
- B.Cyclone Paula
- C.Cyclone Jenny
- D.Cyclone Debbie

Answer – **D.Cyclone Debbie**

Explanation :

The Coastal areas in northeast Australia were severely damaged by high winds and heavy rainfall on March 28, 2017, as Tropical Cyclone Debbie entered through the far north of Queensland damaging homes and leaving thousands houses without power supply.

149. **Finance Bill 2017, which was laid as Money Bill in Lok Sabha has been passed by Parliament on 30th March 2017. Which article of Indian Constitution defines Money Bill?**

- A. Article 110
- B. Article 160
- C. Article 210
- D. Article 260

Answer – **A. Article 110**

Explanation :

On 30th March 2017, during the debate on amendments in Lok Sabha, Union Finance Minister Mr. Arun Jaitley said that amendments made to Finance Bill 2017 by Rajya Sabha are not acceptable to Govt. Thereafter Lok Sabha passed the Finance Bill 2017 through voice vote, rejecting all five amendments made by Rajya Sabha.

150. **Which institute has signed MoU with Indian Army to enhance Critical Technological Areas?**

- A. IIT – Kharagpur
- B. IIT – Madras
- C. IIT – Kanpur
- D. IIT – Guwahati

Answer – **B. IIT – Madras**

Explanation :

The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IITM) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Army on March 28, 2017 to address the technological gap in the armed forces. The MoU was signed between IITM Director Bhaskar Ramamurthi and Deputy Chief of Army Staff (P&S) Lt. Gen. Subrata Saha.

151. **Which private sector bank has launched an innovative account opening system on March 29, 2017 under the name 8-11 which can be used from anywhere and anytime?**

- A. Kotak Mahindra Bank
- B. Bandhan Bank
- C. Karur Vysya Bank
- D. IDFC Bank

Answer – **A. Kotak Mahindra Bank**

Explanation :

The app 8-11 was launched by bank's Vice-President Uday Kotak in New Delhi. The name 8-11 is inspired from the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's November 8 demonetization move. The aim of launching the 8-11 app is to increase the customer base of the bank within 18 months

from existing 8 million.

152. Suresh Prabhu, the Minister of Railways has launched a high speed free Wi-Fi service for the visitors at National Rail Museum located in:

- A. Varanasi
- B. Vadoadara
- C. Kolkata
- D. New Delhi

Answer – **D. New Delhi**

Explanation :

The free Wi-Fi service at the National Rail Museum has been commissioned by the RailTel through 'RailWire' platform, the retail Broadband distribution model of RailTel to make available ICT (Information and Communications Technology) to general public.

153. Name the 23-year-old Chess player from Chennai, who is all set to become India's 46th Grandmaster in Chess

- A. Karthik Krishnan
- B. Srinath Narayanan
- C. Rajesh Iyer
- D. Venkatesh Swamy

Answer – **B. Srinath Narayanan**

Explanation :

Srinath achieved this milestone after defeating GM David Anton Guijarro from Spain at the Sharjah Masters 2017 chess tournament held on March 29, 2017. The 45th Grandmaster title was held by Aryan Chopra from New Delhi. He is currently the grandmaster in the world.

154. India, the world's third-largest oil consumer has joined International Energy Agency (IEA) as an associate member. Secretariat of IEA is located in:

- A. New York, US
- B. London, UK
- C. Paris, France
- D. Geneva, Switzerland

Answer – **C. Paris, France**

Explanation :

India's entry into this elite energy group was jointly announced by IEA executive director Mr. Fatih Birol, Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Mr. Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State with Independent Charge for Power, Coal, New and Renewable Energy and Mines, Mr. Piyush Goyal. With India's inclusion, IEA now has 70% of world's energy consumption under its ambit.

155. **Name the American astronaut who broke Sunita Williams's record of most spacewalks by a woman ?**

- A.Emma Cooper
- B.Peggy Whitson
- C.Laura Smith
- D.Jenny Harper

Answer – **B.Peggy Whitson**

Explanation :

American Astronaut Peggy Whitson floated outside the International Space Station (ISS), which marks the eighth career Space-Walk by her on March 31, 2017. By this walk, Peggy Whitson broke the record of seven Space-Walks which was previously held by American Astronaut Sunita Williams.

156. **S.V. Sunil and Harmanpreet Singh are associated with which sport?**

- A.Badminton
- B.Hockey
- C.Wrestling
- D.Tennis

Answer – **B.Hockey**

Explanation :

Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) on March 30, 2017 named SV Sunil as the Asian Player of the Year 2016 and Harmanpreet Singh as Asian Promising Player of the Year 2016 (Junior team).

157. **Name the senior bureaucrat who has been appointed as New Chairman of Central Board of Excise and Customs?**

- A.Vishesh K Vaghela
- B.Sheetal P Rathod
- C.Jaspreet S Ahluwalia
- D.Vanaja N Sarna

Answer – **D. Vanaj N Sarna**

Explanation :

Senior bureaucrat, Vanaja N. Sarna, has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Central Board of Excise and Customs (CBEC) with effect from March 31, 2017. She is taking over from Shri Najib Shah upon his superannuation on March 31.

158. **Which among the following has become the first tiger reserve in India to get the official mascot named 'Bhoorsingh the Barasingha'?**

- A.Buxa Tiger Reserve
- B.Bandipur Tiger Reserve

C. Manas Tiger Reserve

D. Kanha Tiger Reserve

Answer – **D. Kanha Tiger Reserve**

Explanation :

The Kanha Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh is the first tiger reserve in India to get the official mascot named 'Bhoorsingh the Barasingha'. Barasingha was made the mascot after the idea given by the award-winning cartoonist Rohan Chakravarty from Nagpur, who makes cartoons and illustrations on wildlife.

159. **22nd Asian Athletics Championships, which is going to be conducted from July 6, 2017 will be hosted by which Indian city?**

A. Jaipur, Rajasthan

B. Kochi, Kerala

C. Bhubaneswar, Odisha

D. Nagpur, Maharashtra

Answer – **C. Bhubaneswar, Odisha**

Explanation :

This information was announced by Asian Athletics Association (AAA). The venue was decided after the 86th Council Meeting of AAA. Asian Athletics Championships was hosted by India on earlier two occasions – New Delhi in 1989 and Pune in 2013.

160. **Name the Pakistani American who has become the 1st Muslim to join in New York City Police Department (NYPD) Emergency Service Unit?**

A. Sergeant Ali Javed

B. Sergeant Mohsin Khan

C. Sergeant Mirza Sohail

D. Sergeant Umar Kadri

Answer – **A. Sergeant Ali Javed**

Explanation :

Sergeant Ali Javed, from Pakistani Origin became the 1st Muslim to join in New York City Police Department (NYPD) Emergency Service Unit. The information was confirmed by NYPD Muslim Officers Society, an organization representing Muslim American Law Enforcement Members.