

## Winmeen Current Affairs

## 1. Who has been conferred the Genome Valley Excellence Award at the BioAsia 2019?

- A. Jayesh Ranjan
  - B. Krishnamurthy Subramaniam
  - C. Don Cleveland**
  - D. Peter Lee
- ✓ The 16th edition of BioAsia was held at Hyderabad International Convention Centre at Madhapur from February 25 to 27 2019. It is the annual flagship event of the Government of Telangana and is focused on healthcare being re-imagined as a result of technological disruption.
  - ✓ Over 1,500 delegates from more than 50 countries participated in the Asia's largest Biotechnology and Life-sciences forum, which was organized with the theme "Life Sciences 4.0 – Disrupt the Disruption". In it, the Genome Valley Excellence Award 2019 was presented to Dr. Don W Cleveland of the University of California for his work in cancer genetics.

## 2. Which state government has launched 'Banglar Shiksha' portal to provide real-time data on schools?

- A. West Bengal**
  - B. Karnataka
  - C. Tripura
  - D. Nagaland
- ✓ The West Bengal government has launched 'Banglar Shiksha' portal to provide real-time data on state-run and aided schools. The portal, "Banglar Shiksha" (banglarshiksha.gov.in), will store real-time data of 1.5 crore students, 5 lakh teachers and 1 lakh schools.
  - ✓ It will be operated on a trial basis for two months to remove glitches, if any and will be fully functional by 1st May 2019. The system will enable the headmaster and class teacher to access the academic performance of a student. Parents, too, can access the information by downloading the Banglar Shiksha app.

## 3. What is the theme of the News18 Rising India Summit 2019?

- A. Beyond Politics: Fight for Right
  - B. Beyond Politics: Defining National Priorities**
  - C. Beyond Politics: Stand up Against Terrorism
  - D. Beyond Politics: Define Your Goal
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently addressed the Network-18 Rising India Summit 2019 in New Delhi and laid out his vision for a 'New India'. The theme of the summit was, 'Beyond Politics: Defining National Priorities'.
  - ✓ The summit is a News18 Network enterprise where newsmakers from the world of politics, governance, economics, sports and entertainment, and above all well-wishers of India, gather to discuss the country's rising global stature. It is a showcase of India's unbounded potential as well as a celebration of its significant achievements.

## 4. Which state has become the first state in India to introduce Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) in the government sector?

- A. Odisha
  - B. Uttar Pradesh
  - C. Tamil Nadu**
  - D. Kerala
- ✓ Tamil Nadu has become the first State in India to introduce Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI) in the government sector to spread awareness on newer heart valve treatments without open surgery. TAVI was launched at the Tamil Nadu Government Multi Super Speciality Hospital (TNGMSSH), Omandurar Estate, in November 2018.
  - ✓ With the help of TAVI, two persons have undergone the procedure free of cost. Conventionally, an open heart surgery is performed for replacing the aortic valve for treating aortic stenosis. But not all patients such as the elderly are fit to undergo open heart surgery.
  - ✓ This is where TAVI helps as in this procedure the valve is replaced through a keyhole procedure from

the groin. The procedure costs Rs 20 lakh to Rs 25 lakh in the private sector, while it is done free in the government sector.

5. Southern Coast Railway (SCoR), which is in news recently, will be headquartered at which of the following cities?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Visakhapatnam
- C. Amravati
- D. Kochi

✓ Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal has recently announced a new railway zone of the Indian Railways, named as Southern Coast Railway (SCoR). This new 18th railway zone of the country will be headquartered at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.

- ✓ The new zone will comprise the existing Guntakal, Guntur and Vijayawada divisions that currently fall under the South Central Railway (SCR).
- ✓ The cost of creating infrastructure for a new zone is more than Rs. 205 crore. The Indian Railways' operations are currently divided into 17 zones, which are further sub-divided into divisions, each having a divisional headquarter. There are a total of 73 divisions at present.

6. Which state government has launched a major water conservation scheme "Jalamrutha"?

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

✓ Karnataka has launched a major water conservation scheme titled 'Jalamrutha', which focusses on drought-proofing measures, including protection and rejuvenation of water bodies. The state the largest swathe of drought-prone land in the country next only to Rajasthan.

- ✓ 'Jalamrutha' will deploy scientific approaches to water budgeting, water harvesting and water conservation through the use of geospatial data,

satellite imagery, topographical and geological data.

- ✓ It will be a community driven movement, which will be implemented by key line departments of the government, Panchayat Raj Institutions (PRIs), non-governmental organisations (NGOs), and private sector institutions. Water conservation strategy under this scheme comprises four components of water literacy, rejuvenation of waterbodies, creation of new waterbodies as well as development of watersheds and afforestation activities.
- ✓ It will operate on a four-tier institutional structure with planning and execution committees being set up at village, taluk, district and State levels.

7. Which state government has declared 2019 as the 'Year of Water'?

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

✓ In Bengaluru, the Government of Karnataka has declared 2019 as the 'Year of Water (or Jalavarsha)' to emphasise the importance of water becoming a scarce commodity and the need to conserve it. The declaration will apply to all government departments.

- ✓ This initiative is expected to spread water literacy, focus on conservation, promotion of smart water usage and encourage green initiatives. A sum of Rs 500 crore and an additional `100 crore has been granted to implement the initiative, under which, over 14,000 water bodies across the state will be rejuvenated over the next two years.
- ✓ Under this movement, various activities and campaigns related to water conservation, protection and rejuvenation of waterbodies will be taken up through government departments; educational institutions and NGOs.

8. The Centre for Disability Sports will come up in which of the following cities?

- A. Bikaner
- B. Dehradun
- C. Pune

**D. Gwalior**

- ✓ The Union cabinet has recently approved a proposal for setting up the Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh to benefit para-sports in the country. The centre will be built at an estimated cost of Rs 170.99 crore over a period of five years & will be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- ✓ The centre will have a Governing Body comprising a maximum of 12 members, some of them experts from "National Level Sports Federations apart from experts in para games".
- ✓ The Section 30 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016, requires the government to take measures to ensure "effective participation of Persons with Disabilities in sports activities which includes the provision of infrastructural facilities for sports activities for them".
- ✓ The upcoming centre was proposed in the budget of 2014-15. At present, no specialized sports training facilities for Divyangjan are available in the Country. Hence, this void is proposed to be filled up by setting up sports infrastructure so that persons with disabilities (Divyangjan) can undergo rigorous and specialized training in this Centre.

**9. Which country is the venue of the 7th RCEP Inter-Sessional Ministerial Meeting?**

- A. India
- B. Singapore
- C. Cambodia**
- D. Indonesia

- ✓ The 7th Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership Intersessional Ministerial Meeting (7th RCEP ISSL MM) will be held in Siem Reap, Cambodia on 2nd March 2019.
- ✓ The aim of the 16-member RCEP is to cover issues related to goods, services, investments, economic

and technical cooperation, competition and intellectual property rights. From India, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry and Civil Aviation, Suresh Prabhu will attend the meeting.

- ✓ The RCEP is a proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between 16 countries namely 10 countries of ASEAN (Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam) and their six FTA partners (also known as AFP's or ASEAN FTA Partners) namely Australia, China, India, Japan, Korea and New Zealand.

**10. The Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019 has recently conducted between India and which country?**

- A. Myanmar
- B. Bangladesh**
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. China

- ✓ In Tripura, the joint border guarding exercise "Mainamati Maitree Exercise 2019" was held between the Border Security Force (BSF) and Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB) as a part of 'Confidence Building Measures' between the two border guards.
- ✓ The exercise was named after the Mainamati hill range situated 8 km west of Comilla township in Bangladesh, which is home to an ancient Buddhist archaeological site in the region. The main purpose of this exercise was to plan and conduct anti-smuggling and anti-criminal activity related operations with an aim of achieving better joint operational efficiency and border management in the area.