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1. Which Indian personality has been honored with the 2018 Seoul Peace Prize recently?

- A. Sushma Swaraj
 - B. Narendra Modi**
 - C. Manmohan Singh
 - D. Manohar Parrikar
- ✓ On 22nd February, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been honored with the prestigious Seoul Peace Prize - 2018 for his contribution to international cooperation and fostering global economic growth. The award credited 'Modinomics' for reducing social and economic disparity between the rich and the poor. The Peace Prize committee also credited him for his contribution toward regional and global peace through a proactive policy with countries around the world.
- ✓ The award was presented to him by the Seoul Peace Prize Foundation at a grand ceremony in Seoul. A short film on the life and achievements of Prime Minister Modi was also screened at the event. He dedicated the \$200,000 prize money to 'Namami Gange Programme', which is flagship programme of his government to accomplish the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution, conservation and rejuvenation of River Ganga. Modi is the 14th recipient of the award and the past laureates included former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and renowned international relief organizations like Doctors Without Borders and Oxfam.

2. Which city is the venue of the 12th edition of Aero India show 2019?

- A. Bengaluru**
 - B. Kolkata
 - C. Chennai
 - D. Kochi
- ✓ The 12th edition of the country's biennial air show and aviation exhibition - Aero India 2019 – has been launched by Union Defence Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman at the Air Force Station Yelahanka in Bengaluru on 20th Feb. The chiefs of the three Armed Forces —Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa, Admiral Sunil Lanba and General Bipin Rawat — were in attendance at the show organised by the Ministry of Defence.

- ✓ The 5-day aero show is themed 'The Runway to a Billion Opportunities', to communicate India's value proposition in addressing the immense opportunities in the aerospace and aviation sectors in the country today. This year, there are 403 registered exhibitors, of which 238 are Indian companies and 165 foreign companies. Around 60 aircraft are on display, including Rafale jet, Boeing planes, Airbus A330, Super Hercules and HAL'S Light weight helicopter. The logo for Aero India 2019 is inspired by the Tejas Light Combat Aircraft (LCA).

3. The 16th Russia-India-China (RIC) Foreign Ministerial Meeting is scheduled to be held in which of the following cities?

- A. Shanghai
 - B. Moscow
 - C. Wuzhen**
 - D. New Delhi
- ✓ The 16th meeting of the Russia-India-China (RIC) Foreign Ministers would be held at the Chinese city of Wuzhen in the eastern Zhejiang province on February 27. External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj will participate in the meeting together with the host Foreign Minister Wang Yi and the Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov.
- ✓ The Ministers are expected to exchange views on the global situation, regional developments of common concern, address global challenges such as terrorism and discuss trilateral exchanges and activities. The meeting assumes significance as it will be the first high-level interaction between India and China after the Pulwama terror attack carried out by Pakistan-based Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) in which 40 CRPF soldiers were killed on February 14.

- ✓ China has expressed shock over the incident, but reiterated its stand to block moves to list JeM chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist by the UN's 1267 Sanctions Committee. The last RIC Foreign Ministerial Meeting had been held in New Delhi on 11 December in 2017.

4. Who has been appointed as the first court-appointed ombudsman for the BCCI?

A. DK Jain

B. Anil Singh

C. Jitendra Kumar

D. Raveesh Gupta

- ✓ The Supreme Court has appointed former apex court judge Justice DK Jain as the first court-appointed ombudsman for the BCCI under the terms of newly approved constitution of the cricket board. The role of the ombudsman would be to resolve the disputes relating to the players within the state cricket associations as also financial issues.
- ✓ The ombudsman will have to hold hearings at the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) headquarters in Mumbai. It must be noted that Article 40, chapter nine of the BCCI constitution deals with the issue of appointment of ombudsman for the purpose of providing an independent dispute resolution mechanism. The types of disputes that come under the ambit of ombudsman pertain to members, associations and IPL franchisee.

5. Which Indian personality has been elected as the new Vice-President of the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF)?

A. Mariamma Koshy

B. Asima Ali

C. Rajinder Singh

D. Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad

- ✓ Mohd Mushtaque Ahmad from India has been elected as the new Vice-President of the Asian Hockey Federation (AHF) for a four-year term at the AHF Congress in Gifu, Japan. Beside him, Ms. Asima Ali has been elected unopposed as one of the executive board members of the AHF.

- ✓ Mushtaque Ahmad is currently serving as the President of Hockey India, while Ali of Hockey Jammu & Kashmir is the Vice-President of the national federation. The AHF Executive Board manages the affairs of the continental federation, implements the decisions of the AHF Congress, supervises over the AHF CEO and professional staff, as well as appoints the AHF Committees.

6. Which state government has rolled out its flagship 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' ?

A. Jharkhand

B. Rajasthan

C. Chhattisgarh

D. Madhya Pradesh

- ✓ The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Kamal Nath government has rolled out its flagship 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Swabhiman Yojana' that guarantees 100 days of employment every year to urban youths from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS).
- ✓ Apart from this, they will also be given skill development training by the government. The purpose of the scheme is to empower the unemployed youth candidates. Only those youths, whose family's annual income is less than Rs 2 lakh and who are in the age group of 21-30 years, are eligible for the scheme.

7. The 2019 edition of Medical Fair India (MFI) has kick started in which of the following cities?

A. New Delhi

B. Bhubaneswar

C. Ranchi

D. Pune

- ✓ On 21 Feb, the 2019 edition of Medical Fair India (MFI) was kick started in New Delhi in which global medical device manufacturers, healthcare experts industry bodies, think tanks and policy makers from over 25 countries are participating. The 3-day medical trade show 'MFI' is organised by Messe Dusseldorf India, a fully owned subsidiary of Messe

D sseldorf GmbH, the world's leading trade fair organiser and exhibitions service provider.

- ✓ The MFI is well known for its ability to detect trends and respond to new innovations. Therefore, each edition is unique as it explores new sub-segments and opportunities for diversification. It will act as a platform for healthcare experts and stakeholders to share and discuss tangible solutions to diverse healthcare bottlenecks, challenges and issues of concerns.

8. Param Shivay, sometimes seen in news, is associated with which field?

- A. Missile
- B. Satellite
- C. Super computer
- D. Rocket

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has recently launched the supercomputer 'Param of 833 teraflop capacity built at the IIT-BHU. It is built at the cost of Rs 32.5 crore under the National Super Computing Mission. About 40% of the total computer power will be used by the students of Navodaya Vidyalaya. The institute claims that relevant social issues faced by common people like irrigation schemes, traffic management, health, an affordable drug will also be taken care of with the help of this supercomputer centre.
- ✓ The 'Param Shivay' will include 1 peta byte secondary storage and appropriate open source system and application software suite using 223 processor nodes, 384 GB per node DDR4 RAM, parallel file system, including CPU and GPU. India's first supercomputer called PARAM 8000 was launched in 1991. At present, Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) has Pratyush, National Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF) has Mihir and IISc has SERC-Cray as supercomputers in India.

9. The Integrated Large Scale Eri Farming has been launched in which north-eastern state of India under NERTPS?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. Nagaland
- C. Assam
- D. Tripura
- ✓ Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani has recently launched the Integrated Large Scale Eri Farming under North East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS) in Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh. It's the centrally funded Scheme for Eri silk Farming that will initially cover five districts of the state, which are: Papumpare, East Kameng, Siang, East Siang and West Siang.
- ✓ The skill training will be imparted to eri silk farmers and weavers under the Samarth Scheme. Beside this, Government of India (GoI) will also provide financial assistance to 4000 beneficiaries under NERTPS. The purpose of the Samarth (Scheme For Capacity Building In Textile Sector) scheme is to skill the youth for gainful and sustainable employment in the textile sector.

10. Which Defence PSU has launched Atmospheric Water Generator at Aero India 2019?

- A. BDL
- B. BEML
- C. HAL
- D. BEL
- ✓ At Aero India show 2019, Navratna Defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL) has launched its new product "Atmospheric Water Generator (AWG)" to meet the ever-increasing need for drinking water worldwide. The AWG employs a novel technology to extract water from the humidity present in the atmosphere and purify it. It uses heat exchange for condensing the atmospheric moisture to produce pure, safe and clean potable water.
- ✓ The AWG comes with a Mineralisation Unit, which is used to add minerals which are required to make the water potable. The AWG is configurable in static and mobile (vehicular) versions and is available in 30 litres/day, 100 litres/day, 500 litres/day and 1,000 litres/day capacities The Atmospheric Water

Generator can be used to provide drinking water in community centres and public places like health care centres, schools, colleges, offices, railway stations, bus stands, airports, sea ports, off-shore oil rigs, military establishments, remote field areas and remote establishments and residential complexes. It is manufactured by BEL in collaboration with CSIR-IICT and MAITHRI, a start-up company based in Hyderabad

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