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1. 'Sampriti 2019' is the joint military exercise of India and which country?

- A. Bhutan
- B. Myanmar
- C. Iran
- D. **Bangladesh**

✓ The Indo-Bangladesh joint military exercise 'Sampriti-2019' is scheduled to be held at Tangail in Bangladesh from 02 March to 15 March 2019. It will be the 8th edition of the exercise which is hosted alternately by both countries. The 14-day exercise is aimed to strengthen and broaden the aspects of inter-operability and co-operation between the Armies of both countries. The exercise will involve tactical-level operations in a counter-insurgency and counter-terrorism environment under the UN mandate.

2. Who has been elected as the new President of Nigeria?

- A. Goodluck Jonathan
- B. Yemi Osinbajo
- C. **Muhammadu Buhari**
- D. Ibrahim Babangida

✓ Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari, a member of the governing All Progressives Congress (APC) party, has been re-elected for a second four year term. The 76-year-old Buhari defeated his main rival, former Vice President Atiku Abubakar with a margin of around 4 million votes. Buhari has been lauded for his progress against the insurgent group Boko Haram, which has killed more than 10,000 and displaced millions.

3. Which state government has launched the PRANAM Commission to protect parents of government employees?

- A. Odisha
- B. **Assam**
- C. Nagaland

D. Goa

- ✓ Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has recently launched the PRANAM Commission for protection of parents of state government employees. The Commission will look after the issues concerning a PRANAM (Parents Responsibility and Norms for Accountability and Monitoring) Bill to protect elderly parents of government employees in their times of need.
- ✓ PRANAM Bill, which was approved by the state cabinet in 2018, makes it mandatory for state government employees to look after their parents and unmarried Divyang siblings who do not have their own sources of income. As per the Bill, if the PRANAM Commission gets a complaint that parents of a state government employee is being ignored, and then 10 or 15% of the employee's salary will be deducted by the government and paid to the parents or differently-abled siblings.

4. Who has become the first-ever bowler in T20I history to pick 4 wickets in 4 balls?

- A. Lasith Malinga
- B. **Rashid Khan**
- C. Jasprit Bumrah
- D. Kuldeep Yadav

- ✓ Leg-spinner Rashid Khan claimed a hat-trick and became the first-ever bowler to bag four wickets in four deliveries in Twenty20 Internationals (T20I) on February 17, 2019. Rashid's impressive bowling performance in the third and final T20I also helped Afghanistan sweep the T20I series by a margin of 3-0 against Ireland in Dehradun.
- ✓ With this feat, Rashid also became the 7th bowler in the T20I history to bag a hat-trick and in the process also completed his second five-wicket haul in the format. Overall, Khan became the 2nd bowler in the history of the sport to do so in international cricket after Sri Lankan veteran Lasith Malinga pick up 4 wickets in 4 balls. Malinga achieved the milestone during the 2007 Cricket World Cup against South Africa.

5. Which state government has recently declared Monkeys as vermin?

- A. Tripura
- B. Arunachal Pradesh
- C. Himachal Pradesh
- D. West Bengal

- ✓ The Himachal Pradesh government has again declared Monkeys as vermin for the next one year in 11 districts' 91 tehsils and sub-tehsils of state. Monkeys were declared as a vermin species because have been adversely affecting crops and causing harm to humans. Hence, this allows state forest authorities and people to carry out extermination (hunting/poaching) of monkeys on a large scale.
- ✓ Vermin are wild mammals and birds that are harmful to crops, farm animals or that carry disease. As per Section 62 of the Wildlife Protection Act (WPA) 1972, States can send a list of wild animals to the Centre requesting it to declare them vermin for selective slaughter.
- ✓ The Central Government may by notification, declare any wild animal other than those specified in Schedule I and part 11 of Schedule H of the law to be vermin for any area for a given period of time. As long as the notification is in force such wild animal shall be included in Schedule V of the law, depriving them of any protection under that law.

6. Who acquired 1st position in the national level competition at the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF-2019)?

- A. Shweta Umre
- B. M S Anjanakshi
- C. Mamta Kumari
- D. Neha Arusia

- ✓ On 27th Feb, Prime Minister Narendra Modi conferred the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF-2019) awards to the winners at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The winners from the national level competition were Shweta Umre from Maharashtra (1st Position), Anjanakshi M.S from

Karnataka (IInd position) and Mamta Kumari from Bihar (IIIrd position).

- ✓ The 2019 fest was jointly organized by National Service Scheme (NSS) and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS), under the aegis of Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports. Youth in the age bracket of 18-25 years were invited to participate in the District, State and National level Youth Parliaments. The fest was based on the theme of 'Be the Voice of New India' and 'Find solutions and Contribute to Policy'. It provided a chance to the youth to brainstorm about new India and to find ways and chalk out plans to realize our resolves before 2022.

7. Titanwala Museum, sometimes seen in news, is located in which of the following states?

- A. Haryana
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Rajasthan

- ✓ In Rajasthan, Union Textiles Minister Smriti Irani has recently inaugurated the 'Titanwala Museum' in Bagru that showcases the Chhipa community's hand-block printing. The museum will be open from Monday to Sunday between 9 am and 6 pm.
- ✓ The Bagru hand-block printing is one of the traditional techniques of printing with natural colour followed by the chippas of a remote place of Rajasthan. It uses vegetable dye colors such as indigo/dabu (a mixture of mud resist dabu and indigo dip dyeing techniques) and harda (which is a yellow base color). The art of block printing is a labor intensive process which requires lot of skillfulness, time and tolerance power of artisan.
- ✓ The wooden blocks of teak-wood are used for printing the design which are soaked in oil overnight and then washed before put to use. These collections of block are considered to be the wealth of Chhipa's that they have collected over a period of time. The cloth to be printed is soaked in the solution of clay and other chemicals to make the fabric

soften and then dried before used for printing. Neat stamping is foremost to get the appealing prints. After printing, cloth is left for drying in sun for final touch-up. Different types of motifs used in Bagru printing are Aath Kaliya, Chopad, and Kamal.

8. What is the theme of 2019 World Day of Social Justice?

- A. Preventing conflict and sustaining peace through decent work
 - B. Promote global justice & poverty eradication
 - C. **If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice**
 - D. A Just Transition – environmentally sustainable economies and societies
- ✓ The World Day of Social Justice is observed every year on February 20 to recognize the need to promote efforts to tackle issues such as poverty, exclusion and unemployment. The day focuses on the plight of social injustice throughout the world and presses for improvements and solutions. The 2019 theme is “If You Want Peace & Development, Work for Social Justice”.

9. Which semiconductor company has launched India's first indigenous semiconductor chips for 4G/LTE and 5G NR modems?

- A. **Signal Chip**
 - B. Ineda Systems
 - C. Saankhya Labs
 - D. Terminus Circuits
- ✓ Bengaluru-based Semiconductor Company “SignalChip” has launched India's first indigenous semiconductor chips for 4G /LTE and 5G NR modems in New Delhi. The SCBM34XX and SCRF34XX/45XX series of chips, code-named ‘Agumbe’, are the result of over 8 years of relentless and deep R&D by Signalchip engineers. The RF sections cover all LTE/5G-NR bands upto 6GHz.
- ✓ These chips also support positioning using India's own satellite navigation system, NAVIC. The Agumbe series builds up on SCRF1401: India's first RF transceiver chip for high performance wireless

standards like 3G/4G and WiFi, created by Signalchip in 2015. The combined multi-standard system-on-chip (SoC) can serve as a base station chipset for a wide range of form factors from low-cost indoor small cells to high performance base stations.

- ✓ These are optimally designed to support evolving network architectures like Open RAN/CRAN with flexible interface configurations. Through the IPs created for this device, the company now has the potential to design products for multiple related fields and is currently forging ahead with additional chipsets for advanced 5G NR features.

10. Which country has scored highest-ever T20 International Score?

- A. **Afghanistan**
 - B. India
 - C. Australia
 - D. England
- ✓ The Afghanistan cricket team has created history by posting the highest-ever T20 international score at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Dehradun, Uttarakhand on 23rd Feb 2019. They posted 278 runs from their 20 overs in the second T20I against Ireland.
- ✓ Here, Afghan batsman Hazratullah Zazai scored the 2nd highest individual score (162 runs off 62 balls) in T20Is, behind Australian cricketer Aaron Finch's 172. His innings also included a record 16 sixes and his first-wicket partnership with Usman Ghani was also a record for any wicket in a T20I, with 236 runs scored. With this feat, Afghanistan broke Australia's record score of 263/3 which they achieved back in 2016 against Sri Lanka.