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1. Rishi Kumar Shukla, who has been appointed the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), is from which state?

[A] Rajasthan

[B] Madhya Pradesh

[C] Uttar Pradesh

[D] Jharkhand

- ✓ Rishi Kumar Shukla, a 1983-batch IPS officer of Madhya Pradesh Cadre, has been appointed the new Director of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).
- ✓ He will serve in the post for a period of two years. The High-Level Committee chaired by Prime Minister approved the appointment of Mr Shukla to the post. He succeeded M. Nageshwara Rao, who was working as Interim Chief of the Agency.
- ✓ The post of CBI Chief has been lying vacant since 10th of January 2019 after the exit of Alok Kumar Verma following accusations of corruption against him by former CBI Special Director Rakesh Asthana who is also allegedly accused of corruption charges.
- ✓ Prior to being appointed as the director of the CBI, Mr. Shukla has served as Madhya Pradesh DGP in 2016 and was presently the chairman of the Madhya Pradesh Police Housing Corporation (PHC) in Bhopal.

2. Who has been appointed as the new Nepalese ambassador to India?

[A] Nilambar Acharya

[B] Deep Kumar Upadhyay

[C] Arjun Karki

[D] Shankar Prasad Sharma

- ✓ Nilambar Acharya, Nepal's former law minister, has been appointed as the country's ambassador to

India. The position of the Nepalese ambassador to India was vacant for more than a year after Deep Kumar Upadhyay resigned to join politics in October 2017.

- ✓ President Bidya Devi Bhandari has recently administered oath of office to Acharya at Rastrapati Bhawan at Sheetal Niwas. Acharya is the first Nepalese ambassador to take oath of office and secrecy from the president under a new provision. Earlier, ambassadors were administered oath of office by Supreme Court chief justice.

3. Who is the recipient of K.Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2018?

[A] P S Krishnan

[B] Nitish Kumar

[C] S T Moorthy

[D] Veera Munusam

- ✓ P.S. Krishnan, former Secretary to Government of India (GoI), has been conferred prestigious K. Veeramani Award for Social Justice 2018 for his works in the field of social justice for SCs, STs, BCs for the last more than six-and-half decades. The Periyar International Inc., a Chicago-based voluntary organisation, gives an annual award for outstanding contributions to Social Justice at a function in New Delhi. The award carries a plaque and a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh.

4. Behrouz Boochani, who won the Australia's richest literary prize, is from which country?

[A] Palestine

[B] Saudi Arabia

[C] Iran

[D] Oman

- ✓ The Kurdish Iranian journalist, filmmaker and detained refugee, Behrouz Boochani has won the

Victorian Prize for Literature for a book he reportedly wrote using the online messaging service WhatsApp. He was awarded the Aus\$100,000 (US\$72,600) prize for his book "No Friend But the Mountains: Writing from Manus Prison". He will receive an additional Aus\$25,000 after it also won the non-fiction category.

- ✓ The award was accepted by the book's translator Omid Tofighian, who worked with Boochani over five years to bring the stories to life. It is the most valuable literary prize of Australia. Boochani is an Iranian asylum-seeker, who detained in Papua New Guinea (PNG)'s Manus Island since 2013 under Australian asylum laws when he was found attempting to enter mainland Australia without a valid visa.
- ✓ He is among 600 refugees who remain in camps on the island despite Australia having closed its "regional processing center" there in 2017. Under Australia's hardline immigration policy, asylum seekers who try to reach the country by boat to Manus Island or Nauru in the Pacific for processing, with those found to be refugees barred from resettling in Australia.
- ✓ The harsh policy is meant to deter people embarking on treacherous sea journeys, but the United Nations and other rights groups have criticised the camps' conditions and long detention periods.

5. Who has become the first Asian woman cricketer to play hundred T20Is?

[A] Sana Mir

[B] Bismah Maroo

[C] Harmanpreet Kaur

[D] Daendra Dottin

- ✓ Sana Mir, the former Pakistan captain, has become the first Asian woman cricketer to play hundred T20 Internationals (T20Is).

- ✓ She achieved the feat when she took the field against West Indies during the third T20I in Karachi on February 3, 2019. Overall, Mir is the only sixth woman from around the world to play 100 T20Is. Daendra Dottin of West Indies tops the list with a total of 109 T20's to her name. In the Asian list, Sana is followed by fellow Pakistan cricketer Bismah Maroo (94 T20Is) and India's Harmanpreet Kaur on third position (93 T20Is).

6. Which of the following states has recently declared Indus river dolphin as the state's aquatic animal?

[A] Haryana

[B] Himachal Pradesh

[C] Punjab

[D] Jammu & Kashmir

- ✓ Punjab has recently declared the endangered Indus river dolphin as the state's aquatic animal. The decision was recently taken at a meeting of the state board for wildlife chaired by chief minister Captain Amarinder Singh.
- ✓ Indus Dolphin is an endangered freshwater aquatic mammal found only in Indian and Pakistan in the Beas river. These are brown/grey in colour, but blind and live for at least for 30 years.
- ✓ The Chief Minister also gave approval to declare Kanjli Wetland and holy Kali Bein River as a wildlife conservation reserve to mark the historic 550th Parkash Purb of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. The sacred Kali Bein River was associated with the life of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji, who got enlightenment while taking a dip in the holy river.

7. Which state government has launched the 2nd phase of Pasupu-Kumkuma scheme?

[A] West Bengal

[B] Telangana

[C] Odisha

[D] Andhra Pradesh

- ✓ On February 2, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu launched the 2nd phase of Pasupu-Kumkuma (Turmeric-Kumkum) scheme and welfare pensions. Under the scheme, women who are a part of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) will be given Rs 10,000 in three instalments. Approx Rs 9400 crore have been granted for the scheme.
- ✓ The welfare pensions for senior citizens, widows, handloom workers, toddy tappers, fishermen, single women, dappu (one kind of drum) artists, cobblers and AIDS patients have been increased from Rs 1000 to Rs 2000, while pension for divyangs and eunuchs have been increased from Rs 1500 to Rs 3000. Furthermore, kidney disease victims will be given a pension of Rs 3500.

8. What is the theme of the 2019 World Cancer Day (WCD)?

[A] Not Beyond Us

[B] Debunk the Myths

[C] I Am and I Will

[D] Cancer Myths – Get the Facts

- ✓ The World Cancer Day (WCD) is observed every year on 4th of February to spread awareness about cancer, its treatment and to encourage methods of its prevention.
- ✓ The aim of the day is to save millions of preventable deaths each year through education, raising awareness and by pressing governments and individuals across the world to take action against the deadly disease. This year, in 2019, Union for International Cancer Control, which organizes WCD, has launched a new 3-year campaign with the theme: "I Am and I Will".
- ✓ The campaign is an empowering call-to-action urging for personal commitment and represents the power of individual action taken now to impact the

future. Over 9.6 million People die each year from cancer which is more than HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

- ✓ India has around 2.25 million cases with over 1 lakh new cases being registered every year. In 2018, the disease led to nearly 7 lakh deaths. The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) estimates that the country is likely to register over 17 lakh new cases and report over 8 lakh deaths by 2020.

9. Alaa Mashzoub, who was recently shot dead, was the renowned novelist of which country?**[A] Iraq**

[B] Afghanistan

[C] Pakistan

[D] Bangladesh

- ✓ In Iraq, a renowned novelist & critic Alaa Mashzoub (51) was shot dead by unknown assailants on 2nd of February in the city of Karbala. He was known as a bold writer who was not afraid to broach political and religious taboos in his writings.
- ✓ His research into the history of his hometown was published in two parts as 'A Summary of Karbala Cultural History'. Mashzoub spoke out against sectarianism and militias. He was known as an outspoken writer who published in a variety of newspapers and wrote several novels, including The Chaos of the Nation (2014) Crime on Facebook (2015), and The Jewish Baths (2017).
- ✓ Mashzoub has 20 published books and has written extensively about Karbala's history and culture. He has also written about Iraq's once-thriving Jewish minority. He had been recognized by a number of filmmaking and writing prizes, including a Katara Prize for Arabic Fiction and a prize for his documentary film 'Doors and Windows'.
- ✓ In recent times, Iraq has seen a number of political assassinations, particularly of outspoken activists. Karbala is about 100 kilometers southwest of Baghdad.

10. The World Heritage Centre (WHC) would be set up at which of the following states?

[A] Chennai

[B] Dehradun

[C] New Delhi

[D] Kolkata

- ✓ The World Heritage Centre (WHC) housing 'spiritual camps' of 45 countries would be set up at Mayapur in Nadia district, Kolkata. The camp of each country would reflect its culture, dress, lifestyle, food and ambiance.
- ✓ The process for setting up the centre got momentum after West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee inquired about the project at a recent administrative meeting in Nadia district.
- ✓ The proposed project would also showcase traditional Bengali handloom and craft as suggested by the chief minister.
- ✓ The estimated project cost of the proposed centre has been fixed at Rs. 3,000 crore. Mayapur is the global headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).