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1. Which city is the venue of the 2nd National Conference of Micro Missions of National Police Mission (NPM)?

- [A] Pune [B] Hyderabad
[C] Bangaluru [D] New Delhi

- ✓ The 2nd National Conference of Micro Missions of National Police Mission (NPM) has started in New Delhi on 7th of February 2019, which is organized by Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D).
- ✓ The two day Conference will discuss the issues of Skills and Competence at the grass-root level, Attitudinal Changes in Police, Gender Sensitization, harnessing technology and Community Policing. A mega-d version of NPM Compendium on the projects developed by the Mission will also be released.
- ✓ The NPM awards will be given to 09 officers for their contribution in Micro Missions and successful preparation of the implementable projects.
- ✓ NPM Division of BPRD strives to transform the Police Forces of the country into an effective instrument for the maintenance of Internal Security. To achieve the mandate of NPM, 8 micro missions are working under BPRD. BPRD organizes Conference on National Police Mission annually.

2. The Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) would be set up for ___?

- [A] Conservation of Cows
[B] Protection of Cows
[C] Progeny of Cows
[D] All of the above

- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for the establishment of Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog (RKA) for conservation, protection and development of cows and their progeny. It will lead to the development of the cattle population in the country

including the development and conservation of indigenous breeds.

- ✓ It will result in the growth of the livestock sector which is more inclusive, benefit women, and small and marginal farmers. The Aayog will work in collaboration with Veterinary, Animal Sciences or Agriculture University or departments or organizations of the Central or State Government engaged in the task of research in the field of breeding and rearing of the cow, organic manure, biogas, etc.
- ✓ Rashtriya Kamdhenu Aayog was announced in the Union Budget 2019-20 on the 1st of this month.

3. Which project has been launched by Union Government to study Apparel Consumption in India?

- [A] India Apparel [B] India Size
[C] India Attire [D] India Outfit

- ✓ In Mumbai, the India Size project has recently launched by the Union Minister of Textiles Smriti Irani. It's a first-of-its-kind project in the history of the country, which aims to arrive at a standard Indian Size for the ready-to-wear clothing industry, on the lines of the standardized sizes available in countries such as the USA, the UK and Mexican.
- ✓ A size chart that is specific to Indian consumers' measurements will be developed. The project is being undertaken by the Ministry of Textiles, in collaboration with The Clothing Manufacturers Association of India (CMAI). The Minister also launched a Study of Apparel Consumption in India. The report of this study would be ready for release by July 2019.
- ✓ Under India Size, an all-India anthropometric study of measurements of the average Indian apparel consumer will be undertaken. The study will include an analysis of close to 25,000 consumers spread over various age groups, and covering the cities of Mumbai, Delhi, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and Shillong. This will enable the study to cover all important regions of the country.

4. Which country has recently signed NATO accession agreement?

[A] Romania [B] Croatia

[C] Macedonia [D] Kosovo

- ✓ On 6th February, Macedonia signed an accord to join NATO to become the 30th member of the US-led alliance. The admittance of a new member highlighted that all European nations who meet the entrance criteria could join the regional alliance. However, Moscow has continually rejected NATO's position, saying that by taking in Balkan members, the alliance is undermining security in the region. The Macedonia-NATO accord follows a deal with Greece ending a 27-year-old dispute over Macedonia's name.
- ✓ The accord must now be ratified by allied governments. The move followed a deal between Macedonia and NATO-member Greece under which Macedonia agreed to change its name to the Republic of North Macedonia. North Macedonia will formally join the alliance in 2020.

5. The 462nd Kandoori festival 2019 has celebrated in which of the following states?

[A] Tamil Nadu [B] Andhra Pradesh

[C] Kerala [D] Karnataka

- ✓ In Tamil Nadu, the 462nd annual Kandoori festival 2019 has started at nearby Nagore Dargah, a famous Muslim pilgrim centre in Nagore.
- ✓ The 14-day long festival began on 6th February after the holy flag was brought in a procession and hoisted. The Kandoori festival is held to commemorate the death anniversary of 16th century saint Hazrath Syed Shahul Hameed Quadir Wali, who migrated from his native Manickapur near Allahabad in Uttar Pradesh and lived in Nagore till his death. As per tradition, one of the five flags was brought from Singapore.

- ✓ The main event of the festival- 'Sandankoodu'(sandal pot) procession- will be held on February 15. The Dargah of Saint Hazrath Syed Shahul Hameed in Nagore is more than 500 years old.
- ✓ Saint Hazrath Syed Shahul Hameed came to Thanjavur on a pilgrimage during the 16th century AD when he cured the illness of the then King of Thanjavur Achuthappa Naicken. The King gifted the saint lands in Nagore where the latter lived for the rest of his life serving the people, irrespective of religion, caste or creed.

6. What is the current repo rate, as per RBI's 6th bi-monthly monetary policy statement for 2018-19?

[A] 6.0% [B] 6.75%

[C] 6.50% [D] 6.25%

- ✓ The six-member Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, announced the sixth bi-monthly monetary policy statement for 2018-19. In it, the RBI has cut the key policy rate under the liquidity adjustment facility (LAF) by 25 basis points to 6.25% from 6.5% with immediate effect.
- ✓ Consequently, the reverse repo rate stands adjusted to 6.0%, and the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate to 6.5%. The MPC also decided to change the monetary policy stance from calibrated tightening to neutral. These decisions are in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4 per cent within a band of +/- 2 per cent, while supporting growth. The bank also projected an economic growth rate of 7.4% for FY20, up from 7.2% estimated for the current fiscal by Central Statistics Office (CSO).
- ✓ This is the first policy review, post the appointment of RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das and also the first post the interim budget. The next meeting of the MPC is scheduled from April 2 to 4, 2019.

7. Which city was the venue of the 'Parmanu Tech 2019'?

[A] Kanpur [B] New Delhi

[C] Udaipur [D] Dehradun

- ✓ The "Parmanu Tech 2019" Conference was organised by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) at New Delhi on February 6.
- ✓ The conference discussed issues related to Nuclear Energy and Radiation Technologies. Dr Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of State for Atomic Energy and Space, delivered the keynote address at the conference. During the conference sector specific sessions were held with Panel discussions on the following topics:
 - ✓ 1) Health care: Nuclear Medicine and Radiation therapy – Care to cure,
 - ✓ 2) Food Preservation, Agricultural & Industrial Applications: From farms to factories – Serving the National Cause and
 - ✓ 3) Showcasing India's capabilities in Nuclear Energy: Energy Security with environmental responsibility – the Onward March.

8. Which state government has launched the Zero Fatality Corridor (ZFC)?

[A] Punjab [B] Assam

[C] Delhi [D] Odisha

- ✓ The Arvind Kejriwal-led Delhi government has recently launched the 'Zero Fatality Corridor' (ZFC) to examine the cause for accidents and crashes on the stretch between Burari Chowk and Bhalswa chowk, located on the outer ring road.
- ✓ The aim of the pilot project is to reduce deaths to near zero levels on this particular stretch. The project will entail a scientific study to reduce the conflict involving pedestrians and cyclists on one hand and the cars and heavy vehicles on the other.

- ✓ The initiative is to be run in partnership with SaveLIFE Foundation, a leading road safety non-profit organization.

9. Which country has official declared Siamese fighting fish as its national aquatic animal?

[A] Thailand [B] Indonesia

[C] Vietnam [D] Malaysia

- ✓ Thailand has official declared the Siamese fighting fish as its national aquatic animal to boost conservation efforts and commercial breeding in the country.
- ✓ Known in the West as a betta fish, the underwater brawler is popular in home aquariums for its iridescent body and many-hued tail. It brings up feelings of nostalgia for older generations in Thailand – which changed its name from Siam in 1939.
- ✓ They remember a time when the fish were traded and sparred in childhood games. The Siamese fighting fish is listed as Vulnerable by the IUCN. Thailand's official national animal is the elephant.

10. The 52nd Boori Boot Yollo festival 2019 is celebrated by which tribe of Arunachal Pradesh?

[A] Singhpo [B] Mishmi

[C] Nyishi [D] Apatani

- ✓ The 52nd Boori Boot Yollo festival 2019 has recently celebrated by the Nyishi tribe of Arunachal Pradesh. The fest is observed in the month of February every year to welcome spring and a successful harvest. During this festival, the consecrated soul is summoned to sanctify the people.
- ✓ Apart from it, it is an occasion of mass prayer for prosperity eliminating the possibility of any fatal ailments. The striking feature here is the giant assemblage of people cutting across the barriers of cast, creed, age and sex. The young ones take the

lead to be guided by the elders where Nibu (Priest) would perform the rituals.

- ✓ The festival has an anthem which speaks of the sun rising, planets, mighty rivers, flora and fauna. A portion of the lyric deals with the earth which keeps on rotating around the sun along with other heavenly bodies.

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