

Winmeen Current Affairs

1. Who is the head of the tribunal to review ban imposed on Jamaat-e-Islami & JKLF?

- [A] Puja Mehra
 [B] **Chander Shekhar**
 [C] Rohan Sharma
 [D] Mihir Sen

- ✓ The Government of India (GoI) has constituted a tribunal to adjudicate if there exists sufficient cause to ban the Jamaat-e-Islami Jammu and Kashmir (JeI) and the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front-Yasin Malik (JKLF-Y) faction.
- ✓ The tribunal will be headed by Justice Chander Shekhar of the Delhi High Court. The decision has been taken by the Union Home Ministry exercising the powers conferred under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act of 1967.
- ✓ The JeI and the JKLF-Y were declared as unlawful associations on February 28 and March 22 respectively.

2. Which Indian artist has been chosen as the Glenfiddich's Emerging Artist of the Year 2019?

- [A] **Raju Baraiya**
 [B] Subodh Gupta
 [C] Bharti Kher
 [D] Shilpa Gupta

- ✓ Vadodra-based artist Raju Baraiya has been chosen as the Glenfiddich's Emerging Artist of the Year 2019. He will represent India at the Glenfiddich Artists in Residence (AiR) programme where he will spend three months at the Glenfiddich Distillery in Scotland with artists from around the world.
- ✓ Baraiya will also be awarded Rs 10 lakh, which includes an international allowance of Rs 1,20,000 per month and a work allowance of Rs 5,00,000; besides being given a solo show at Art District XIII Gallery in New Delhi. Baraiya's work takes inspiration from observing and diagnosing the rural in relation to the urban and vice-versa.
- ✓ His practice springs out of this shift from a strong rural background to an urban one. The artist has been deriving imagery from these seemingly

ambiguous notions of the urban and the rural, and the complexities between the two spaces create a common meeting ground for him to explore through an impression he holds of them. With his art, he aims to translate the ever evolving image of this convergence.

3. J Mahendra, who passed away recently, was the veteran filmmaker of which regional cinema?

- [A] **Tamil**
 [B] Telugu
 [C] Malayalam
 [D] Kannada

- ✓ J Mahendra (79), the veteran filmmaker, screenwriter and actor, has passed away in Chennai, Tamil Nadu on 2nd April 2019. He was known for infusing realism in Tamil cinema and for giving superstar Rajinikanth his career breakthrough with "Mullum Malarum".
- ✓ He started his journey in the movies as a screenplay writer and made his directorial debut with 1978 film "Mullum Malarum".
- ✓ The director's popularity peaked with his movies "Uthiri Pookkal" (1979) and "Nenjathai Killathey" (1980). In the past few years, Mahendran had switched to acting. He played pivotal parts in "Kamaraj" (2004), "Petta" opposite Rajinikanth and Vijay's "Theri".
- ✓ He was last seen in Tamil film "Boomerang", which released on March 8. Mahendran was also the founding member of Blue Ocean Film and Television Academy here.

4. Which IIT has tied up with Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy to develop training module?

- [A] IIT Bombay
 [B] **IIT Kharagpur**
 [C] IIT Delhi
 [D] IIT Madras

- ✓ IIT Kharagpur has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pullela Gopichand Badminton Academy (PGBA) to develop research and training module for the trainees of the Hyderabad-based sports facility.

- ✓ The thrust area of the collaboration is to promote health and wellbeing of sportspersons and coaches for enhancing the quality of performance and resilience. Players and coaches from PGBA will benefit from these programs. Further, the coaches will also be trained on how to use that knowledge while training players.
- ✓ Under the collaboration, IIT-KGP will also set up a sports academy in collaboration with Gopichand. The academy would promote collaborative research related to happiness in sports in general and badminton in particular, and science and technology in sports training.
- ✓ The scope would also include joint monitoring and use of materials used in general and badminton in particular by IIT Kharagpur and PGBA. A sum of Rs10 crore has been allocated to develop modern sports facilities at IIT-Kgp.

5. Who has won the men's singles title at the 2019 Yonex-Sunrise India Open badminton tournament?

- [A] Manu Attri
- [B] B Sumeeth Reddy
- [C] Kidambi Srikanth
- [D] **Viktor Axelsen**

- ✓ Former world champion, Viktor Axelsen of Denmark has won the men's singles title at the 2019 Yonex-Sunrise India Open badminton tournament on March 31. In the final, he defeated Kidambi Srikanth by 7-21, 20-22 in New Delhi.
- ✓ This was Srikanth's fourth defeat to Axelsen in five encounters since March 2017. And also, it was Srikanth's first final in a BWF world tour event in 17 months. He had last won a title at the 2017 French Open.

6. Which country has successfully launched second generation data relay Tianlian II-01 satellite?

- [A] **China**
- [B] Japan
- [C] South Korea
- [D] India

- ✓ China has successfully launched the first of its new-generation 'Tianlian II-01' data relay satellite into orbit by a Long March-3B carrier rocket from the

Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest Sichuan Province.

- ✓ This is the first of China's second-generation data-tracking and relay satellites. It will provide services like data relay, measurement and control, and transmission to manned spacecraft, satellites, carrier rockets and non-spacecraft users.
- ✓ The Tianlian II network will be markedly more advanced in mission planning, system management and operations than the first-generation network composed of Tianlian I satellites. The satellite is developed by the China Academy of Space Technology under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

7. What is the theme of the 2019 World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD)?

- [A] Toward Autonomy and Self-Determination
- [B] **Assistive Technologies, Active Participation**
- [C] Employment: The Autism Advantage
- [D] Opening Doors to Inclusive Education

- ✓ The World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) is observed every year to raise public awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism is a brain disorder that typically affects a person's ability to communicate with others.
- ✓ It generally begins in childhood and last through adulthood. The day highlights the need to help and improve the quality of life of those with autism so that they can lead full and meaningful lives as an integral part of society.
- ✓ The 2019 theme "Assistive Technologies, Active Participation" , underscores the importance of affordable assistive technologies to support people with autism to live independent lives and, indeed, to exercise their basic human rights.

8. Which fictional superhero will be the first entrant into Comic-Con Museum's Character Hall of Fame?

- [A] Superman
- [B] Spider-man
- [C] **Batman**
- [D] Iron Man

- ✓ Batman will be first inductee into the Comic-Con Museum's Character Hall of Fame. The honor was

announced during the "Happy Birthday Batman!" panel at WonderCon on March 30, when Batman turned 80.

- ✓ The ceremony will take place at the Federal Building in San Diego's Balboa Park — which is the future site of the Comic-Con Museum, on 17th July 2019.
- ✓ The ceremony will be accompanied by an exhibit of Batman-themed memorabilia and related props and will feature appearances by celebrities and creators whose careers have interacted with the Dark Knight across the years.
- ✓ Batman first appeared in the 'Detective Comics No. 27' published on March 30, 1939, created by Bob Kane and Bill Finger.

9. Who has won the 2019 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix tournament?

- [A] Valtteri Bottas
- [B] Sebastian Vettel
- [C] Charles Leclerc
- [D] Lewis Hamilton

- ✓ Lewis Hamilton, a British racing driver, has won the 2019 Formula 1 Bahrain Grand Prix tournament after an engine problem hit runaway leader Charles Leclerc's Ferrari late in the race.

10. Kandhamal Haldi, which recently got GI tag, is produce in which of the following states?

- [A] Odisha
- [B] West Bengal
- [C] Jharkhand
- [D] Assam

- ✓ Kandhamal Haldi, a variety of turmeric indigenous to southern Odisha, has finally got the Geographical indication (GI) tag from Intellectual Property India. The recognition coincided with the state's Foundation Day (Utkal Divas).
- ✓ Odisha, on April 1 1936, was carved out as a separate state in the then British India on a linguistic identity. The golden yellow spice is named after the district where it is produced & has been cultivated since time immemorial and is known for its medicinal value.
- ✓ Turmeric is the main cash crop of tribal people in Kandhamal. More than 60,000 families (nearly 50%

of Kandhamal population) are engaged in growing the variety.

- ✓ Apart from domestic use, turmeric is also used for cosmetic and medicinal purposes. A GI is a sign used on products that have a specific geographical origin and possess qualities or a reputation that are due to that origin.