

Winmeen Current Affairs

1. Who has become the 1st Indian to be elected as member of FIFA Executive Council?

- [A] Bhaichung Bhutia
- [B] Subrata Pal
- [C] Anirudh Thapa
- [D] Praful Patel

- ✓ Praful Patel, the president of All India Football Federation (AIFF), has become the first Indian to be elected as a member of the FIFA Executive Council.
- ✓ He got 38 out of 46 votes. Mr Patel was one of the eight candidates vying for the spot in the election which was held during the 29th Asian Football Confederations Congress in Kuala Lumpur yesterday. The membership in the council will be for four years, from 2019 to 2023.

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

- [A] David Malpass
- [B] Christopher Kilby
- [C] Christine Lagarde
- [D] Mauricio Macri

- ✓ David Malpass, a top US Treasury official in Trump administration, was unanimously selected as the new President of the World Bank for a period of five-years.
- ✓ The World Bank President is Chair of Boards of Directors of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and International Development Association (IDA). The President is also ex officio Chair of Boards of Directors of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), and the Administrative Council of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID).
- ✓ Malpass has served on the boards of the Council of the Americas, Economic Club of New York, and the National Committee on US-China Relations.

3. The festival 'Jashn-e-Ittihaad' has recently held in which of the following cities?

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

- ✓ A music and poetry festival titled 'Jashn-e-Ittihaad' was held at the Jamia Milia Islamia central university in New Delhi on April 6, 2019. The fest is one of a kind event where people will get to enjoy soulful Hindi and Urdu poetry, music and performances that will not only make them feel good but will also spread awareness about unity and integrity.
- ✓ The musical evening opened with the national anthem and a dance performance by young artistes Yuvraaj Katiyal and Mahira Katyal, followed by a performance by Irshad Kamil and his band -- The Ink Band.
- ✓ Mushaira by noted poets like Munawwar Rana, Waseem Bareilvi, Shakeel Jamali, Iqbal Ashhar, and Madan Mohan Danish among others brought the evening to an end. The day-long was organised by Delhi-based entertainment company Question Associates Pvt Ltd.

4. C R Anandavally, who passed away recently, was the well-known dubbing artist of which regional cinema?

- [A] Odia
- [B] Malayalam
- [C] Tamil
- [D] Telugu

- ✓ C R Anandavally (67), the well-known dubbing artist in the Malayalam film industry, has passed away on April 5, 2019. She began her film career doing small roles in various Malayalam films beginning with "Eanippadikkal" in 1973 and lent her voice to actress Rajasri in the film "Devi Kanyakumari" in 1974.
- ✓ The 1980 movie 'Manjil Virinja Pookkal' in which she dubbed for actress Poornima Jayaram became a turning point in her career and she was flooded with offers and had been active since then. Among the leading heroines she has lent her voice are Geetha, 'Silk' Smitha, Sumalatha, Madhavi, Menaka, Ambika, Urvashi, Jayapradha, Karthika, Parvathy, Gauthami, Suhasini, Sobhana, Revathi, Nanditha Bose and Khushboo.

- ✓ Anandavally won a Kerala State Award for the Malayalam film 'Aadharam' in which she dubbed for actress Geetha. Hailing from Kollam, Anandavally had also acted in Kerala Peoples Arts Club (KPAC) dramas.

5. Project-75 India, sometimes seen in news, is associated with which Indian armed force?

- [A] Indian Air Force
- [B] Indian Army
- [C] Indian Navy
- [D] Indian Coast Guard

- ✓ To counter growing Chinese footprint in Indian ocean region, the Indian Navy has initiated the process to acquire six lethal submarines under the ambitious Project-75 India (I).
- ✓ The project would cost Rs 50,000 crore. Under Project 75-India, the Navy wants to build six conventional diesel-electric submarines which would be almost 50% bigger than the under-construction Scorpene class submarines being built at the Mazagon Dockyards Limited in Mumbai.
- ✓ As per the requirements stated by the maritime force, it wants the submarines to be equipped with heavy-duty firepower as it wants the boats to have at least 12 Land Attack Cruise Missiles (LACM) along with Anti-Ship cruise missiles (ASCM).

6. Which Indian personality has been conferred an honorary doctorate in Philanthropy by The University of Law, London?

- [A] Shah Rukh Khan
- [B] Narendra Modi
- [C] Sushma Swaraj
- [D] Ratan Tata

- ✓ The Badshah of Bollywood, Shah Rukh Khan has been conferred with Honorary Doctorate from University of Law, London. Earlier, he received two honorary doctorates from The University of Edinburgh and The University of Bedfordshire. Over the years, he has established himself as a successful actor, film producer, television host, philanthropist and an entrepreneur.
- ✓ He has lent support to the Indian government's campaigns, including Pulse Polio and National Aids

Control Organization. He has worked closely with several charitable foundations, including the Make-a-Wish Foundation.

- ✓ Besides being an entrepreneur, Shahrukh has forayed into the field of sports with his IPL team Kolkata Knight Riders, aids acid attack survivors through his non-profit organisation Meer Foundation. At the World Economic Forum 2018 held in Davos, he was honoured with the Crystal Award.

7. Who is the new President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)?

- [A] Pradeep Mathur
- [B] Vikram Kirloskar
- [C] V. Ramgopal Rao
- [D] Monica Katiyar

- ✓ Vikram Kirloskar, the CMD of Kirloskar Systems Ltd, has taken charge as the new President of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII).
- ✓ He succeeded Rakesh Bharti Mittal, Vice Chairman of Bharti Enterprises. Uday Kotak, the founder and MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank, is the President-Designate and T.V. Narendran, the CEO & MD of Tata Steel, is the Vice President for 2019-20.

8. Exercise Western Shield, which is in news recently, will be conducted by which of the following countries?

- [A] Malaysia
- [B] Australia
- [C] Sri Lanka
- [D] China

- ✓ The Sri Lankan army has decided to conduct its largest ever military exercise titled 'Exercise Western Shield' in July 2019 to provide an opportunity for army trainees to march through areas that are not usually accessible to others, except forest conservation authorities.
- ✓ It will see participation of over 5,000 soldiers and will extend from Mannar to Puttalam, including Kalpitiya, Wilpattu National Park, Mavillu and Thabowwa Forest Reserves and the Western coastal belt. The exercise is coincided with 10 years since the end of the island's 30-year civil conflict between government troops and Tamil Tiger rebels.

9. Who is the author of the book "Saffron Swords: Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders"?

- [A] Pankaj Mishra
- [B] Ravi Subramanian
- [C] Anand Neelakantan
- [D] **Manoshi Sinha Rawal**

- ✓ The book titled "Saffron Swords- Centuries of Indic Resistance to Invaders" has been authored by Manoshi Sinha Rawal. It has been launched by India's homegrown startup publishing houses - Garuda Prakashan Private Limited.
- ✓ It is a book on 52 unsung warriors of India from the last 1300 years. It celebrates the glory of our ancestors who offered stiff resistance, won battles and fought till their last breath against Islamic invaders and British.

10. Kartik Chandra Rath, who passed away recently, was the noted theatre personality of which state?

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

- ✓ Kartik Chandra Rath (70), an eminent theatre organiser and playwright, has passed away in Cuttack , Odisha on April 1, 2019. He wrote a play called "Aie Desa, Aie mati" at the young age of 15 and then never looked back in his artistic journey.
- ✓ His play "Bhagwan Jane Manisha" staged at the National Theatre festival in Allahabad way back in 1980s gave him an opening as a dramatist from where he scripted a passionate career as a dramatist. Recipient of Kendra Sangeet Natak Akademi award and Odishi Sangeet Natak Akademi award, Rath has penned over hundred plays and directed over 500 plays in his career as a dramatist.
- ✓ He is known for organising the international theatre festival in Cuttack for more than 20 years. He won the prestigious literary award for his One Act Play 'Nisang Bisarga'.
- ✓ "Mansara Phula" is his another widely acclaimed play, which was staged at various theatre festivals across the country.