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1. Who has been officially named as the world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records?

A. Kane Tanaka

- B. Nabi Tajima
- C. Violet Brown
- D. Chiyo Miyako
- A 116-year-old Japanese woman, Kane Tanaka has been honoured as the world's oldest living person by Guinness World Records.
- The global authority on records officially recognised Kane Tanaka in a ceremony at the nursing home where she lives in Fukuoka, in southwest Japan.
- ✓ Born in January 1903, Tanaka loves playing the board game 'Othello' and enjoys studying mathematics. The previous oldest living person was another Japanese woman, Chiyo Miyako, who passed away July 2018, aged 117.
- 2. Who is the head of the committee to formulate insurance cover for advocates?

A. Alok Srivastava

- B. Tushar Mehta
- C. Snehlata Shrivastava
- D. Pramod Kumar Misra
- ✓ The Government of India (GoI) has constituted a 5member committee to examine the issues related to
 framing of a proper, structured scheme for
 providing insurance cover to advocates and suggest
 modalities for its implementation.
- The committee, under the chairmanship of Legal Affairs Secretary Alok Srivastava, will recommend a comprehensive insurance scheme for the welfare of advocates all over the country to address concerns relating to untimely death and medical insurance. The committee will submit its reports within 3 months.
- 3. Who led the Indian delegation at the first-ever India-Japan Space Dialogue in New Delhi?

A. Indra Mani Pandey

- B. Desh Deepak Verma
- C. Vinod Kumar Yadav
- D. K. Vijay Raghavan
- On 8th March 2019, the first-ever India-Japan Space Dialogue was held in New Delhi that brought together outer space related ministries and agencies in two countries.
- ✓ The dialogue provided an opportunity to exchange information on the space policy of each country and to hold discussions on space security, bilateral cooperation between JAXA-ISRO.
- ✓ The space agencies Indian Space Research
 Organisation (ISRO) and Japan Aerospace
 Exploration Agency (JAXA) focused on Surveillance
 and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA) of the
 waters in the East China Sea, the South China Sea
 and the Indian Ocean.
- The space industries of both the countries also focused on global navigation satellite system, space situational awareness (SSA), space security and space-related norms. The Indian delegation was led by Additional Secretary for Disarmament and International Security Affairs in Ministry of External Affairs, Indra Mani Pandey.
- ✓ The Japanese delegation was co-led by Deputy
 Assistant Minister in Foreign Policy Bureau of
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador Policy
 Planning and International Security Policy,
 Kansuke Nagaoka and Director General of National
 Space Policy Secretariat in Cabinet Office Shuzo
 Takada.
- 4. Who has become the first-ever Thari Hindu woman to be elected to the Senate of Pakistan?
- A. Taniya Bhatia
- B. Krishna Kumari Kohli
- C. Ravi Kalpana
- D. Ekta Bisht
- ✓ Krishna Kumari Kohli has become the first-ever Thari Hindu woman to be elected to the Senate of Pakistan in March 2018 and chaired the session of

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- the Upper House of Parliament on the occasion of the International Women's Day (IWD-2019).
- ✓ She is known for her campaigns for women's rights, against bonded labour, and against sexual harassment in the workplace. Her election to Senate represented a major milestone for women and minority rights in Pakistan.
- ✓ Krishna belongs to the Kohli community from the remote village of Dhana Gam in Nagarparkar area of Sindh province where a sizeable number of Hindus live. Hence, Krishna became the first Hindu Dalit woman and the 2nd Hindu woman elected to the Senate after Ratna Bhagwandas Chawla.
- 5. The Centre of Excellence for European Union Studies in India (CEEUSI) has been inaugurated in which of the following universities?
- A. IGNOU
- B. Jamia Millia Islamia
- C. Dr. Hari Singh Gour University
- D. JNU
- ✓ On March 8, the European Union and the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) inaugurated the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for European Union Studies in India at the varsity.
- ✓ The Centre of Excellence for European Union Studies in India (CEEUSI) at JNU will provide greater visibility to EU studies in India and South Asia.
- ✓ After Manipal Academy for Higher Education, JNU is one of only two Centers of Excellence awarded EU funds in India. The new Centre of Excellence at JNU will provide additional opportunities to students and researchers to work on EU studies in India.
- 6. Who has been designated as the new Finance Secretary (FS) of India?
- A. Atanu Chakraborty
- B. Ajay Bhushan Pandey
- C. Subhash Chandra Garg
- D. Rajiv Kumar

- ✓ Subhash Chandra Garg , a 1983 batch IAS officer of Rajasthan cadre, has been designated as the new Finance Secretary (FS) of India.
- ✓ He is also the current Union Economic Affairs Secretary. He succeeded Ajay Narayan Jha. As per the convention, the senior-most among the five secretaries in the Finance Ministry is designated as the Finance Secretary.
- ✓ Here, Ajay Bhushan Pandey is the Revenue Secretary, Rajiv Kumar is Secretary in Department of Financial Services, Atanu Chakraborty is Secretary in Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM) and Girish Chandra Murmu is the Expenditure Secretary.
- Pandey and Kumar are 1984 batch IAS officers of Maharshtra and Jharkhand cadre respectively. Chakraborty and Murmu are 1985 batch IAS officers of Gujarat cadre.
- 7. The Principal Bench of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) is located in which of the following cities?
- A. Hyderabad
- B. New Delhi
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Pune
- ✓ The National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has been set up under the Companies Act of 2013. It has provided an effective and time bound adjudication mechanism to deal with matters related to the Companies Act of 2013, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) of 2016 and the LLP Act of 2008.
- It is in news recently because the Government of India (GoI) has recently approved establishment of two new benches of NCLT, one at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and the other at Indore in Madhya Pradesh. This step has been taken keeping in view the increasing case load, especially under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016.
- ✓ The jurisdiction of the Bench at Amaravati will be the state of Andhra Pradesh and that of Indore will

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be the state of Madhya Pradesh. At present Andhra Pradesh comes under the Jurisdiction of NCLT Bench at Hyderabad and Madhya Pradesh comes under the jurisdiction of NCLT Bench, Ahmedabad.

- ✓ It is expected that creation of new benches will enable faster disposal of cases. Presently, 14 numbers of NCLT Benches have been established, including the Principal Bench in New Delhi.
- 8. Which of the following sports federation has recently recognized as India's national sport federation?
- A. Golf
- B. Carrom
- C. Equestrian
- D. Futsal
- ✓ Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has granted provisional recognition to All India Carrom Federation (AICF) as National Sport Federation with immediate effect till up to 31st March 2019 or decision of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi in the matter, whichever is earlier.
- ✓ It is to facilitate participation of Indian Athletes in the forthcoming National/International competitions. The recognition means granting a major role to AICF for development of the Carrom sport in India.
- ✓ The recognition can be reviewed by the government in case Memorandum of Association (MoA) of the AICF or its practices come into conflict with the government guidelines as amended from time to time. The Carrom sport is placed in the 'Others' category.
- 9. Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana?
- A. Jharkhand
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. West Bengal
- D. Odisha
- ✓ Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat has recently launched the free milk scheme

- "Mukhyamantri Anchal Amrit Yojana" for anganwadi children .
- Under the Amrit Yojana, flavored, sweet, skimmed milk powder will be made available to the 20,000 Anganwadi kendras across the state. Nearly 2.5 lakh children at 20,000 Anganwadi kendras in the state will be given 100 ml milk twice a week for free. This scheme has been launched as part of state government drive to fight against malnutrition in the state. Approx 18,000 children suffer from malnutrition in Uttarakhand.

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