

## Winmeen Current Affairs

1. Meena Kumari Maisnam has clinched gold in which category at the Cologne Boxing World Cup 2019?

- [A] 64kg
- [B] 60kg
- [C] 51kg
- [D] 54kg

- ✓ Meena Kumari Maisnam from Manipur clinched gold in the 54 kg category at the 2019 Boxing World Cup in Cologne, Germany.
- ✓ Reigning youth world champion Sakshi (57 kg) and India Open champion Pwilao Basumatary (64 kg) lost their final bouts and finished with silver medals.
- ✓ Hence, India completed a haul of five medals from this prestigious European tournament following Pinki Rani (51kg) and Parveen (60kg)'s bronze medal wins on 13th April 2019.

2. Which country to host the world's foremost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit?

- [A] China
- [B] India
- [C] UAE
- [D] Japan

- ✓ The world's foremost Artificial Intelligence (AI) Summit will be held at the Dubai World Trade Centre in UAE from April 30 to 1st May, 2019. The aim of the inaugural 'AI Everything (AIE)' is to empower global dialogue on the future of government, business and society.
- ✓ The two-day event will bring together world leaders to define the underlying pillars of governance, business and society - augmenting the world's happiness. It will be hosted by the UAE National Programme for Artificial Intelligence, with the support of International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and in strategic partnership with Smart Dubai.
- ✓ The AIE will unravel real-world use cases across industries, and forge collaborations and partnerships, hosting over 130 influential speakers.

3. Gelete Burka, who won the women's race at the Paris Marathon 2019, is from which country?

- [A] Ethiopia
- [B] Jamaica
- [C] Israel
- [D] Norway

- ✓ Ethiopian athletes Gelete Burka (women's race) and Abrha Milaw (men's race) won the 43rd edition of the Paris Marathon on 14th April 2019. They led a record 60,000 participants to the finish line through the French capital.
- ✓ Milaw won the men's race with a time of 2 hours :07 minutes and :50 seconds. Burka was the fastest woman with 2 hours :22 minutes and :48 seconds. In the wheelchair race, Julien Casoli won for a third time.
- ✓ The fastest disabled racer put up a time of 1 hour:36 minutes and :57 seconds. The Paris marathon is one of the world's most popular running events.

4. The people of which state has recently celebrated "Vishu" as their new year?

- [A] Karnataka
- [B] Kerala
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Telangana

- ✓ In Kerala, people are celebrating the Malayalam New Year "Vishu" with traditional gaiety and fervor on 15th April 2019.
- ✓ The word Vishu means 'equal' in Sanskrit, and it marks the sun's transit to the Mesha rashi (the first astrological sign in the zodiac).
- ✓ The day begins with people taking Kani darshanam (or Vishu kani) soon after waking up. The elders or women in the family prepare the Vishu Kani a day before by using edible stuff like rice grains, cucumber, pumpkin, coconut, mangoes, betel leaves, flowers, coins and fruits and a metal vessel called "urali" in front of a mirror that reflects the image of their deity.
- ✓ A special yellow flower named Konna is a must in the Kani. Elders gift money ( kaineettam ) to younger members.

- ✓ They also exchange gifts with their loved ones and wear new clothes. On this day, devotees visit temples and offer their prayer to Lord Krishna, who is worshipped on this day. People also visit Sabarimala Ayyappan Temple, Guruvayur Sree Krishna temple or the Kulathupuzha Sree BaalaShastha Temple to have a 'Vishukkani Kazhcha' viewing in the early hours of the day.
- ✓ And like all other festivals, Vishu is incomplete without an elaborate meal. There will a delicious meal -the Sadya which consists of different varieties of preparations.

**5. Who has become the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee?**

- [A] S V Sunil
- [B] P R Sreejesh
- [C] Dilip Tirkey
- [D] **Bibhu Kalyan Nayak**

- ✓ Bibhu Kalyan Nayak from Bhubaneswar has become the first Indian to be appointed Chair of International Hockey Federation (FIH) Health and Safety Committee by the world governing body. He will serve a two-year term lasting till the first executive board meeting after Congress 2020.
- ✓ He has extensively trained in Sports Traumatology and Sports and Exercise Physiology from National Institute of Sports Medicine at Havana, Cuba & National Sports Centre at Madrid, Spain. Nayak also served as a medical officer for the 2018 Men's World Cup.
- ✓ He was commissioned in the Army Medical Corps of the Indian Army in 1995 and has worked in the Army Sports Institute, Pune for six years.

**6. Who has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award-2019 at the 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave?**

- [A] Mamta Kharab
- [B] Arjun Halappa
- [C] **A K Singh**
- [D] Amit Rohidas

- ✓ Director General at Life Sciences – DRDO, Dr A K Singh has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement

Award-2019 during 4th APJ Abdul Kalam Innovation Conclave at Chandigarh University, Mohali.

- ✓ He is recognized for his rich contribution in the field of life sciences, aerospace and aeronautics. The DST scientist has more than 18 patents and has contributed in more than 57 research publications at an international and national level.
- ✓ The conclave was organised by the university to mark World Creativity and Innovation Day (WCID).

**7. Who of the following has been chosen for 2019 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize?**

- [A] Mazen Darwish
- [B] Mahmoud Abu Zeid
- [C] **Kyaw Soe Oo**
- [D] Dawit Isaak

- ✓ Journalists Kyaw Soe Oo and Wa Lone (Myanmar) has been chosen for 2019 UNESCO/Guillermo Cano Press Freedom Prize. Both laureates are serving 7-year prison sentences.
- ✓ At the time of their arrest in Yangon on 12 December 2017, they were working for the Reuters news agency, reporting on alleged human rights violations in Myanmar's state of Rakhine. The prize will be awarded on 2 May as part of the celebration of 2019 World Press Freedom Day (3 May) which is taking place in Ethiopia.
- ✓ The Prize recognizes outstanding contributions to the defence or promotion of press freedom especially in the face of danger. It is named after Guillermo Cano Isaza, the Colombian journalist who was assassinated in front of the offices of his newspaper El Espectador in Bogotá, Colombia, on 17 December 1986.
- ✓ The \$25,000 Prize is funded by the Guillermo Cano Isaza Foundation (Colombia), the Helsingin Sanomat Foundation (Finland), and The Namibia Media Trust.

**8. Which of the following banks has topped Forbes' list of Indian banks 2019?**

- [A] **HDFC Bank**
- [B] ICICI Bank
- [C] IDFC Bank
- [D] SBI

- ✓ Forbes has recently compiled a first-ever list of the World's Best Bank 2019 in terms of customer services and technological advancements. The private lender, HDFC Bank, was ranked at the top of the Forbes list of Indian banks, followed by ICICI Bank, DBS, Kotak Mahindra Bank and IDFC Bank.
- ✓ However, India's largest public sector bank, the State Bank of India (SBI), did not even make it to top 10 of the list and was ranked 11th by the customers. Forbes had partnered with Statista, a market research company, to measure the best banks in 23 countries.
- ✓ Interestingly, this survey ignored any financial performances like P&L statements and balance sheets in favour of a customer's opinion.
- ✓ The survey compiled data from around 40,000 customers around the world for their opinions on their banking relationships. The banks were rated on the basis of 5 key attributes - trust, digital services, financial advice and fees.

#### 9. Who has been sworn-in as the new prime minister of Palestine?

- [A] Salim Zanoun
- [B] Mahmoud Abbas
- [C] **Mohammad Shtayyeh**
- [D] Ahmed Qurei

- ✓ Dr. Mohammad Shtayyeh has been sworn-in as the new prime minister of the State of Palestine by President Mahmoud Abbas at his headquarters in the West Bank city of Ramallah.
- ✓ The 18th Palestinian government since the establishment of the Palestinian Authority in 1995 was sworn in according to a presidential decree issued by Abbas.
- ✓ The State of Palestine is a de jure sovereign state in Western Asia claiming the West Bank and Gaza Strip with Jerusalem as the designated capital, although its administrative center is currently located in Ramallah.
- ✓ It is recognized by 136 UN members and since 2012 has a status of a non-member observer state in the United Nations – which implies recognition of statehood. It is a member of the Arab League, Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, G77, and the

International Olympic Committee (IOC) and other international bodies.

#### 10. The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has tied up with which scientific institute to protect coastal wetlands?

- [A] **ISRO**
- [B] BARC
- [C] DRDO
- [D] VSSC

- ✓ In a major attempt to build resilience against the impact of climate change, the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) and the Space Applications Centre (SAC) of ISRO have joined together to map, validate and protect smaller wetlands in the coastal region aimed at restoring them through coastal livelihood programmes.
- ✓ Both the organizations will develop a mobile app and a centralised web portal with a complete database of wetlands that are smaller than 2.25 hectares in the country. Such smaller wetlands cover an area of more than five lakh hectares across the country, while Kerala having as many as 2,592 smaller wetlands.
- ✓ As per the MoU, the two scientific institutes aim to identify and demarcate wetlands and restore the degraded wetlands through suitable livelihood options like coastal aquaculture. The app will be used for real-time monitoring of the wetlands and giving advisories to stakeholders and coastal people.
- ✓ The collaborative move is part of a national framework for fisheries and wetlands recently developed by the National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) project of CMFRI.